

Grass Roots



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project HOPE

(Help Our People Eat)

First Presbyterian Church

400 East Carroll, Macomb, IL

4PM-6PM

June 26, 2011

For a ride call 309-333-7747

The Crossing will now have a food pantry open the 3rd Saturday of every month!

Housing Authority Emergency

Maintenance number for

After hours, weekends &

holidays

309-313-1116



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Housing Authority of McDonough County will hold a public hearing to discuss the FY 2011 Annual Plan for the Capital Grant Program in addition to the proposed changes to the Admission and Continuing Occupancy Policy (ACOP) and the Public Housing Lease. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Eisenhower Tower, 322 W. Piper Street, Macomb, Illinois.

LEASE HIGHLIGHTS

TENANT SHALL NOTIFY THE PHA PROMPTLY OF NEED FOR REPAIRS TO HIS/HER DWELLING UNIT, and of unsafe or unsanitary conditions in the dwelling unit or in common areas and grounds of the Project. Tenant's failure to report the need for repairs in a timely manner shall be considered to contribute to any damage that occurs.

To keep the dwelling unit and other such areas as may be assigned to Tenant for exclusive use in a clean and safe condition. This includes keeping front and rear entrances and walkways for the exclusive use of Tenant, free from hazards and trash, and keeping the yard free of debris and litter. Yard and other outside areas cannot be used to store items that are not appropriate for outdoor usage by the household. Exceptions to this requirement may be made for Tenants who have no household members able to perform such tasks because of age or disability.

Serious violation of a material term shall include but not be limited to:

- The failure to pay rent or other payments when due;
- Failure to pay utility bills when Tenant is responsible for paying such bills directly to the supplier of utilities;
- Misrepresentation of family income, assets, or composition;
- Failure to supply, in a timely fashion, any certification, release, information, or documentation on Family income or composition needed to process annual re-examinations or interim re-determinations.
- Damage to the dwelling unit, creation of physical hazards in the unit, common areas, grounds, or parking areas of any project site;
- Criminal activity or alcohol abuse by Tenant, household member, guest, or other person under Tenant's control, including criminal activity that threatens the health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of PHA's public housing premises by other residents, or any violent or drug-related criminal activity by Tenant, household member, guest or other person under Tenant's control.

FITCH MANOR NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

July 5, 6-Annual inspection. If you want a copy of the inspection checklist, please stop by the office. Resident council meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the Month at Greenbrier Community Center at 3:00 p.m. All Fitch Residents are encouraged to attend and get involved. If there are ideas you have for Fitch Manor, contact Clydeena Hiatt. **Join us in the Garden every Wednesday @ 9:30 a.m.**

EISENHOWER TOWER UPCOMING EVENTS

Garden meetings will be Monday's at 6:30 p.m. at the Gardens. Join us!

June 11, 2011 @ 5:00 p.m. is the monthly potluck and resident meeting. This month's theme is Patriotic. Come dressed in military or patriotic attire.

June 18, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. is Bingo in the Community Room.

Be on the lookout for information about a presentation by Beth Chatterton from University of Illinois Extension Center. She will be making something delicious.

PRAIRIEVIEW TOWN HOMES

June 6, 7, 8-Annual Inspections for Prairieview. If you want a copy of the inspection checklist, please stop by the office.

Family Fun Night is over for the summer, but consider getting involved with the Community Garden at Prairieview.

The Housing Authority will have an intern this summer who will focus on working with the Community Garden. **Join us in the Garden every Monday @ 9:00 a.m.**

GREENBRIER TOWN HOMES

July 5, 6-Annual Inspections. If you want a copy of the inspection checklist, please stop by the office. The Housing Authority has received a complaint from a neighbor at Greenbrier regarding trash in her vacant field. Please properly dispose of all trash.

Join us in the Garden every Wednesday @ 10:30 a.m.

Eisenhower Tower residents attended Barb Ferguson's performance at WIU. Big Brothers Big Sisters plant sale raised money for the organization. Plants that weren't purchased by the community were donated to Fitch Manor residents.



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FAMILY FUN NIGHT PICTURES



This was the final Family Fun Night. It was celebrated with Pizza and lots of fun!

GO DIRECT!

If you receive Social Security, SSI or SSDI you need to act now!

The US Department of the Treasury has announced that all federal benefit and non-traditional payments will soon be paid electronically. By March 1, 2013, you will no longer be able to receive a paper check. People who apply for benefits on or after May 1, 2011 will not have the option of receiving a check for payments. Recipients will be required to have a checking account or may choose to get their benefits on a Direct Express Debit MasterCard. Please go to www.GoDirect.org or call 1-952-346-6055 for assistance.



Congrats to Darla Wagy!

Darla received a second place medal for Special Olympics Bocce Ball on April 30, 2011.

Darla received First Place medals for Shot Put and 800 Meter Walk on May 7th at the Special Olympics Track & Field in Monmouth, Illinois.

Jeff Turner received Fourth Place for Shot Put.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Changes in Income If you have a change in income and want your rent reduced, you must let the office know immediately. Krista needs at least 10 days to verify the changes in order to reduce your rent amount.

Driving on Sidewalks Driving on sidewalks is **NOT** allowed without specific permission from the Office. The Housing Authority will be posting new signs to remind residents. Contractors working on apartments **DO** have permission to drive on the sidewalks.

Mowing Remember that mowing has started. Keep toys, bikes, plants, swimming pools up and out of the way. Plants will get mowed over if they are not close to your apartment.

Grilling Safety Please remember to pull grills away from your apartment prior to using them and to make sure charcoal is completely cool before throwing it in the dumpsters to avoid a fire.

Fish Rock Please remember that fish rock will clog plumbing and you will be charged for repairs.

Tornado Warnings In case of a tornado, please take cover in an interior room in your apartment, most likely the bathroom. Get in the bathtub and pull a mattress over your family for protection if possible. Residents of Eisenhower Tower should come to the first floor bathrooms or an inner hallway on the first floor and stay until an all clear warning is given.

IN THE GOOD OLE SUMMERTIME!

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