

Grass Roots



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project HOPE

(Help Our People Eat)

First Presbyterian Church

400 East Carroll

Macomb, IL 61455

4PM-6PM

March 27, 2011

Get a free sack of groceries!

For a ride call 309-333-7747

Housing Authority Emergency

After hours

Maintenance number:

309-313-1116



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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 recipients 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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REMINDER

Community Service is required for all Adult members of a household (ages 18 to 62) residing in public housing unless:

- you are 62 years of age or older;
- you have a disability which prevents you from working;
- you are working;
- you are participating in a Welfare to Work Program;
- you are receiving TANF and are participating in a required economic self-sufficiency program or work activity;
- you are a full-time student;
- you are providing childcare services to an individual who is participating in a community service program.

Tenants that are not exempt based on at least one of the above listed exceptions must complete the Community Service Form provided by the Housing Authority and return it to Krista Knowles in person at 322 W. Piper or by mail at the same address.

Volunteer Now will help you find a place to volunteer. The phone number to contact them is 309-836-3754. Tenants may also find their own volunteer opportunities but the volunteer hours must be completed at a Not-for-Profit organization. Other ideas for service are Salvation Army, Western Illinois Regional Council, Loaves and Fishes, your place of worship, or your child's school.

If you have questions, feel free to call the office 309-837-2363.

FITCH MANOR NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Play: Caught in the Net on Wednesday Mar 2 at 6pm at MCT

International Bazaar on Friday, Mar 4 at 9am at Union

Next Meeting on Thursday, March 17 at 3pm (St. Pat's Day - Wear green!)

Beth Chatterton for Healthy Eating Habits on Thursday, March 17 at 3pm

Amanda from Alternatives about Lifeline and other services on Thursday March 17 at 3pm

Play: Ruthless on Tuesday, March 29 at 6pm

EISENHOWER TOWER NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Play: Caught in the Net on Wednesday Mar 2 at 6pm at MCT

Yoga Classes with Dawn Piper: Wednesdays March 2, 9, 16 at 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Yoga Classes with Dawn Piper: Saturdays March 5, 12, 19 at 9am to 10 am

FREE Colorectal Cancer Test Kits will be available March 7, 2011 from 8 am to 9:30 am in the Community Room. Representatives from McDonough District Hospital will be on hand to disperse the kits. You may pick kits up for friends or neighbors who are not able to attend. MDH will also be conducting FREE Blood Sugar Testing. For a blood sugar test, it works best if you are FASTING-NO FOOD/DRINK 8 HOURS BEFORE having the finger stick done. That means NO EATING OR DRINKING AFTER 11:59 PM on Sunday, March 6, 2011!

Play: Ruthless on Tuesday, March 29 at 6pm

EISENHOWER TOWER HELP GROUP

The Eisenhower Tower Help Group was established by the residents to help meet the needs of the residents, and to promote community involvement with activities, informational meetings, potlucks, and educational presentations.



PHOTOS FROM THE VALENTINE'S DAY TACO PARTY

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT PRAIRIEVIEW

New time for Family Fun Night is 6:30-8pm. It is still on Thursday night!

March 3 Icebreaker games and goal setting, making cards: What Home Means to Me

March 10 Friendship building/anti-bullying, Movie Night?

March 17 Spring Break for WIU students, St. Pat's Day activities

March 24 Healthy Eating Habits with Beth Chatterton



LET THE OFFICE KNOW

Hazardous Items

The Housing Authority wants to know about potentially hazardous issues. If you see broken glass, trash, etc. please contact the office so that we can ask maintenance to take care of the issue. The Housing

Authority wants to provide a safe and clean property.

Vehicle Registration

The Housing Authority requires each person residing at any property to register vehicles. Residents must bring a copy of the vehicle's

registration to the office and get a sticker for said vehicle. If the office does not know to whom the vehicle belongs, the vehicle may get towed at the resident's expense. It is also required in the lease that vehicles be drivable. The first person to call the office telling us they read this will get a prize.

WE NEED APPLICANTS, OUR WAITING LIST IS GETTING SHORT FOR:

AFFORDABLE 3, 4 & 5 Bedroom Apartments at PRAIRIEVIEW TOWNHOMES, Macomb. Electricity & water included PLUS help with your gas bill. Amenities: Off street parking, washer/dryer hook ups, playground on site, close to schools & shopping, public transportation comes directly to complex.

~OR~

AFFORDABLE 2, 3 & 4 Bedroom Apartments at GREENBRIER APARTMENTS, Bushnell. ALL UTILITIES INCLUDED! Amenities: Off street parking, washer/dryer hook ups, playground on site., close to schools, McDonough County Public Transportation comes directly to complex.

~OR~

ELDERLY/DISABLED OPPORTUNITIES

AFFORDABLE 1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments at FITCH MANOR APARTMENTS, Bushnell. Water included PLUS help with your gas/electric bill. Amenities: Off street parking, on site laundry, central air, McDonough County Public Transportation comes directly to complex.

Call today for an application 309-837-2363 or logon www.mcdonoughhome.org. Equal Housing Opportunity

