

# Grass Roots



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Project HOPE*

*(Help Our People Eat)*

*First Presbyterian Church*

*400 East Carroll, Macomb, IL*

*4PM-6PM*

*October 23, 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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## H.O.P.E. COMMUNITY THRIFT

Project H.O.P.E. announced that they now have a Community Thrift Store. The purpose of the store is help offset costs for the H.O.P.E. meal provided once per month at the First Presbyterian Church in Macomb. The Thrift Store is located at 119 W. Carroll in Macomb. The store is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Thursday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.

## SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET

McDonough County does not have a discounted vaccine and spay/neuter service. Fulton County Humane Society (309) 647-5077 does. A pet owner needs to call them to set up the service. They are ok with it being out of county. Fulton County requires that the animal be brought to them on a Monday between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m. The animal must be in a plastic crate provided by pet owner. The animal is transported to Springfield by the FCHS. Animals are to be picked up in Fulton County by pet owners the next day, Tuesday by 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$50 for spay/neuter and \$9.00 per vaccine. Pit bull or Pit mixes are free to spay or neuter. The Quincy Humane Society, 1-217-223-8786 also has discounted services.

As part of the pet policy at the Housing Authority, residents are required to have their pet spay or neutered. We hope this helps individual's who may

## TRASH

The Housing Authority regularly has a problem with resident's trash. Please keep in mind that children under the age of 12 should not be asked to take trash to the dumpster. Maintenance finds trash bags left outside of the dumpsters on a regular basis. This draws animals that rip open the bags and leave a mess. Everyone wants to live in a clean and safe place. This does not promote that. Another problem is children dragging the garbage bags to the dumpster. Bags get ripped and leak all the way to the dumpster. Residents are held responsible. Cigarette butts are also trash. Get a coffee can to put your butts in. Residents with cigarette butts in their yards are required to clean them up.

## IT'S FALL Y'ALL

It's time to put away summer items that you may no longer be using. Residents should be sure to dump all pools and properly store them away for the winter. Halloween will be here before we know it. Let's keep our kids safe. It is best to trick or treat in groups, with a parent and with flashlights. Teach your children to wait until they are home before eating their treats and to watch for cars. Talk with your children about Halloween safety prior to Trick or Treating.

## FITCH MANOR NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 20, 2011 Fitch Manor Residents are invited to a Weiner Roast outside 31B. If the weather is bad, we will meet inside 31B. Come in costume if you want. Bring your own drink and lawn chair.**

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.

**A FLU CLINIC will be offered at Fitch Manor, October 19, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Non-residents are welcome so invite a friend!**

## EISENHOWER TOWER UPCOMING EVENTS

**Garden meetings are held every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Gardens. Join us!** There are still a few fall vegetables so please sign up if you want some.

**October 15, 2011 @ 5:00 p.m.** is the monthly potluck and resident meeting.

**October 29, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.** is Bingo in the Community Room.

**A FLU CLINIC will be offered at Fitch Manor October 12, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Open to Non-resident's so invite a friend!**

## PRAIRIEVIEW TOWN HOMES

Garden meetings are held every Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Gardens. **FAMILY FUN NIGHT** is Thursday's 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Children are divided into two groups: Grade school and younger; Junior High and High School. Junior High and High School students are currently writing, directing and starring in their own movie.

## GREENBRIER TOWN HOMES

Family Fun Night is being offered on Tuesday's 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Come join the fun!

On October 18, 2011, Western Illinois Regional Council will join us for a talk on Stranger Danger. Parents are welcome and encouraged to come!

If you want to get involved in the community garden, it's not too late! **Monday's @ 3:30 p.m.** The picture on the right is Erin Harper with the kid's who helped make garden signs for the vegetables.



## **IMPORTANT LEASE CHANGE REMINDER**

Effective October 1, 2011 “chronic, repeated late rent payments” of six late payments in 12 months will result in an eviction for Material Non-compliance. This eviction is different than the basic “14 day rent eviction”. Once the Material Non-compliance notice is issued, rent will not be accepted, and the eviction is sought in court. You are in violation of your lease if you allow someone who is not on your lease to use your address as their address.

## **EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS CENTER**

Spoon River College Employability Skills Center is offering job-building skills opportunities for those seeking employment or wanting to advance in their current fields. The Center programs include: Basic Work and Life Skills; Interest/Skills Surveys and Job/Career Information; Career-specific classes and “certificates”; One-on-One counseling services; and National Career Readiness Certificate. Employers today are looking for workers who possess technology skills as well as the “soft skills” necessary to be successful in today’s fast-paced work world. The Spoon River College Employability Skills Center can help you reach your goals! Anyone seeking to start in a new career or to “move up the ladder” is eligible for Employability Skills Center services. Most services are offered at NO CHARGE to participants.

Contact Andrea (Freitag) Barbknecht, Technology Coordinator at 309-647-5886 or email her at [andrea.barbknecht@src.edu](mailto:andrea.barbknecht@src.edu).

## **MEDICARE INFORMATION CHANGES**

Citizens Bank, 127 S. Side Square, Macomb is offering a seminar on Medicare changes for 2011 presented by Bryan Padget from the Illinois Department of Insurance. The seminar will be held October 6, 2011. If you would like to attend, please call 309-837-0643. The session begins at 11:00 a.m. and will last one hour. Reservations are requested.

## **MACOMB YOUTH FOR CHRIST**

Looking for positive activities for your Junior High or High School student? Youth For Christ offers a variety of programs. The Youth For Christ house is the first house by the high school tennis courts. They offer snacks, games and homework help every Tuesday, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Every Friday, high school students can come eat pizza for \$2.00. Are Late Start Wednesday’s at the high school a problem for you? Lauren offers a place for kids to come and hang out so you can get to work on time and your student doesn’t have to go to school so early. There are many other activities for your student to get involved in. Contact Lauren Surprenant (pronounced Supernot) at 309-252-0404 or [Laurensurp@yahoo.com](mailto:Laurensurp@yahoo.com) for information on activities.

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## *IN OUR COMMUNITIES!*



Pauline Oye and Bob Wetzel are pictured here eating their first S'more ever!

Bob Wetzel and Inez Havens

Brenda Green, Pauline Oye and Bob Wetzel



EISENHOWER TOWER RESIDENTS HELP MAKE AND CAN PICKLES WITH CUCUMBERS FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN!



GREENBRIER KIDS WORK IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN PULLING WEEDS AND MAKING SIGNS FOR PRODUCE



FAMILY FUN NIGHT IS BACK IN FULL SWING! THE OLDER KIDS ARE MAKING A MOVIE WITH THE HELP OF JASON SEGELKE AND ALEX FOLTZ FROM MAPLE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH