

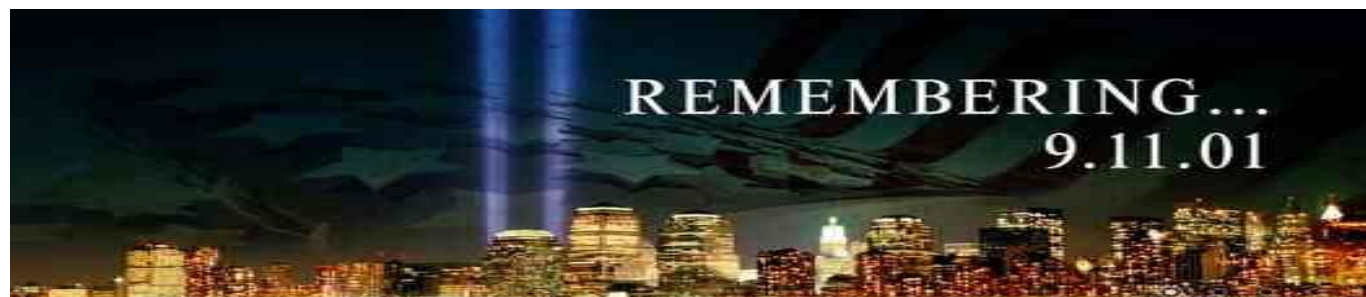
This is an example of a "peep hole" This is unacceptable and a lease violation. Broken mini blinds need to be called in as soon as the damage happens.



# Attention!

## SECTION 8 PROGRAM

The Macoupin County Housing Authority has recently been issued 82 Tenant Protection Vouchers which will be managed through Shelby County Housing Authority. The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), often referred to as Section 8, is a Federal program for assisting low and very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing of their choice in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses or apartments. The participant is free to choose any housing that meets the requirements of the program. A family that is issued a housing voucher is responsible for finding a suitable housing unit of the family's choice where the owner agrees to rent under the program. Rental units must meet minimum standards of health and safety, as determined by the MCHA. A housing subsidy is paid to the landlord directly by the MCHA on behalf of the participating family. The family then pays the difference between the actual rent charged by the landlord and the amount subsidized by the program. If you are interested please call the office at 217-854-8606 for a pre-application to see if you qualify.



# Neighbors

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

While walking around in the developments lately here are a few things to remember: Your trash needs to be picked up daily. This includes around your doors/back stoop, your building, and around your trash cans. If it is in your yard it is your responsibility. All trash needs to be placed in a trash bag inside of the trash bin.

If you choose to have a flower garden, it needs to be maintained. They have to stay weeded and cannot grow over the sidewalks, downspouts/splash blocks or windows.

Broken mini blinds need to be called into the office for a Work Order as they happen. "Peep holes" are not allowed. I have attached a photo in this newsletter.

When our maintenance staff is out in your unit completing a work order and you are not home, we will leave you a note explaining what was done or what we need to do. We will not try to go find you if you leave to let you know. If you see our maintenance staff out in the development, DO NOT stop them to make a work order or ask them to fix something. They cannot enter your unit unless they have a work order to do so. If you need to make a work order you need to call it into the office. It is not the maintenance staffs job to take work orders as they will not always remember to report back to us.

The Macoupin County Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners is looking for a resident representative to serve on the board. The resident representative must be a tenant in good standing with no lease violations. If you are interested in becoming a resident representative on the Housing Authority's board, please send a letter of interest into the office.

Enclosed I have attached some information for GED sign ups, our next resident trip in October and the sign up form to submit, upcoming inspections, information on our new Section 8 Program and some other miscellaneous information.

*C&O. Peg*

Monday, September 2, 2019—OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY!

Friday, September 20, 2019—NATIONAL PEPPERONI PIZZA DAY!

Thursday, September 26, 2019—NATIONAL PANCAKE DAY!

When the office is closed, please call **EMERGENCY WORK ORDERS** into the emergency phone number. Please wait until the office opens to call in routine work orders. If you call the emergency line and do not have an emergency, you could be charged.



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Carlinville, IL 62626

(217) 854-8606

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1-866-363-5142

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday

8am—4:30pm

Emergency Work

Order Number:

(217) 827-2100

# ECKERT'S ORCHARD RESIDENT TRIP

## OCTOBER 17, 2019

The Housing Authority is planning a trip to Eckert's Orchard on **Thursday, October 17th, 2019**. We are leaving the office at 9:00 am.

There's no cost to attend and there will be room for 21 residents so send in your RSVP early. Please complete and return the form below to the Housing Authority office by **Tuesday, October 1, 2019**.

As always, the Housing Authority will provide transportation with Macoupin County Public Transportation to the office and we will leave from the office to the event. Please call them early to make your reservation. If you have any other questions, contact the MCHA office at 217-854-8606 or TOLL-FREE at 1-866-363-5142.

### Eckert's Orchard Sign-Up

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

### UPCS FOR SEPTEMBER

VIRDEN 47-11, the apartments on Church and Prairie Streets.

Staunton 47-12, the apartments on Sunset Court, and 621-603 Kay Lane

### Preventative Maintenance for SEPTEMBER

Carlinville 47-02, all of Nicholas St., all of Anderson Street, and the inside circle of DeArbee Dr., (the even # units)

Gillespie 47-14, East Oak Street.

***\*INSPECTIONS MAY TAKE PLACE ON ANY DAY OF THE MONTH BETWEEN THE HOURS OF***

***8:00 A.M. -4:30 P.M., MONDAY-FRIDAY***

***SPECIFIC DAYS AND TIMES WILL NOT BE GIVEN.***

### GED SIGN UP!

Classes will be meeting in Carlinville at the Lewis & Clark Extension Center on Shipman Road on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-12:00, 1:00-4:00 and 4:00-8:00.

Jerseyville orientation will be held at the Regional Office of Education at 201 W. Exchange St. However, classes will be held at the Safe School Building. Classes will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30-11:30 and from 12:00-3:00.

White Hall will be meeting at North Greene High School in White Hall from 4:00-8:00pm On Mondays and Wednesdays.

### **INTERESTED IN GETTING A JOB OR FINDING A NEW JOB??**

Contact our office and speak with our ROSS Coordinator to help. We can send you job ads from our local newspaper. If there is something particular you are looking for just let us know!



**Macoupin County Public Transportation**

**112 S. Macoupin St. Gillespie, IL 62033  
Call 217-839-4132 to reserve your seat**