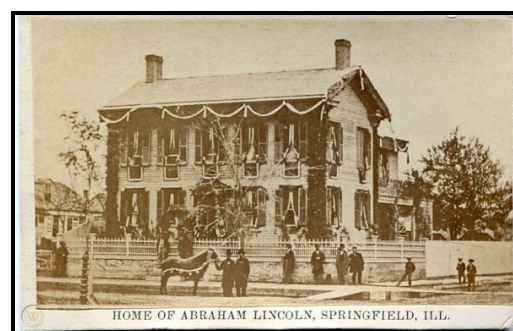


February 12, 2022 would be Abraham Lincoln's 213th birthday. Across Illinois, Lincoln is celebrated and regarded for being a hometown hero and the 16th President of the United States. It is widely known Abe was a self-taught lawyer, he was instrumental in the Civil War and having the 13th Amendment passed, outlawing slavery in the U.S., and he was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth. But did you know these facts?

- ◆ Lincoln was the first president to be born outside of the original 13 colonies. He was born in Kentucky in 1809.
- ◆ Lincoln was the first president to be photographed at his inauguration. John Wilkes Booth, his assassin, can be seen standing close to Lincoln in the picture.
- ◆ The contents of Abe's pockets on the night of the assassination weren't revealed until February 12, 1976. His pockets contained two pairs of spectacles, a chamois lens cleaner, an ivory and silver pocketknife, a large white Irish linen handkerchief (slightly used) with "A. Lincoln" embroidered in red, a gold quartz watch fob without a watch, a new silk-lined leather wallet containing a pencil, a Confederate five dollar bill, and news clippings of unrest in the Confederate Army, emancipation in Missouri, the Union Party platform of 1864, and an article on the presidency by John Bright.
- ◆ Lincoln created the Secret Service hours before his assassination. The service was actually created to combat widespread currency counterfeiting.



### Fun Facts!

- \* George W. Bush was the 1st president to complete a marathon.
- \* The teddy bear is named after Theodore Roosevelt.
- \* John Quincy Adams kept an alligator as a pet.
- \* Woodrow Wilson was the only president to have a Ph.D.
- \* Calvin Coolidge is the only president to be born on July 4th
- \* President William Taft is famous for getting stuck in a bathtub
- \* Martin Van Buren was the first president born in the U.S.
- \* John Adams was the first president to live in the White House
- \* Benjamin Franklin was never a president; he was instrumental in drafting the Declaration of Independence.



FEBRUARY

Neighbors



## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

### Monthly cleaning tips:

- Making time for cleaning starts with planning your days. If you schedule time for cleaning, it's more likely to happen. Using a day planner, cleaning at the same time every day, and making cleaning a priority are helpful ways to make sure your home is nice and tidy.
- Cheat at cleaning! Take shortcuts where you can. Vacuum only high traffic areas daily. Use an old sock over your hand to dust as you de-clutter.
- Multi-task: do mindless cleaning tasks while you do something else. Fold laundry and watch tv, clean the kitchen up as you talk on the phone.
- Break your chores into chunks: get yourself motivated for a big job by starting with a small step and continuing to move forward. Before you know it, the whole room is clean!
- Only clean what's dirty: skip things that don't "look dirty"! If the fridge isn't that bad, skip it that week! Daily maintenance will make it easier to get things done and even skip the things you aren't a fan of!

JUST A REMINDER, THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON:  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH FOR LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY &  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY.

♥ HAPPY  
Valentine's  
DAY ♥

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EMERGENCIES  
INCLUDE:

- ◆ Gas leaks
  - ◆ Broken water pipes
  - ◆ Exposed electrical wires
  - ◆ No heat (if the outside temperature is 45-degrees or lower)
  - ◆ Sewer line stoppage (not drain line)- this includes a clogged toilet
  - ◆ CO/Smoke detector beeping or chirping
- Also fire, flood, or anything that threatens life, safety or property damage.



**30 Day Declutter Challenge:** During the next 30 days, clean out your cupboards, closets & drawers. Fill one bag a day and throw it away, donate it, or sell it.

Day 1: Kitchen Cupboard

Day 2: Kitchen Pantry

Day 3: Kitchen Drawers

Day 4: Under Kitchen Sink

Day 5: Junk Drawer

Day 6: Cleaning Supplies

Day 7: Fridge & Freezer

Day 8: Linen Closet

Day 9: Bedroom Closets

Day 10: Nightstand/Drawers

Day 11: Shoes

Day 12: Master Bathroom

Day 13: Guest Bathroom

Day 14: Medicine Cabinet

Day 15: Makeup

Day 16: Under the Beds

Day 17: Toy Box

Day 18: Desk Drawers

Day 19: TV Cabinets

Day 20: Laundry Room

Day 21: Old Magazines/Newspapers

Day 22: Paperwork

Day 23: Arts/Crafts Supplies

Day 24: Holiday Decorations

Day 25: DVDs & CDs

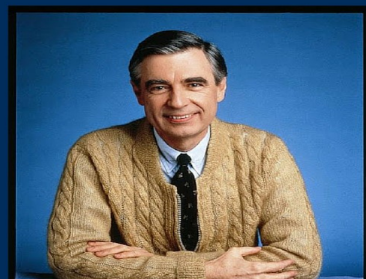
Day 26: Car

Day 27: Garage Shelves/Storage

Day 28: Boardgames

Day 29: Purse

Day 30: Electronics



**There are three ways to ultimate success:**  
**The first way is to be kind.**  
**The second way is to be kind.**  
**The third way is to be kind.**  
*Fred Rogers*

**Please do not feed the squirrels or other wildlife!** When you feed the squirrels, they tend to stick around. Then they need somewhere to sleep, so they use the attic. You're welcome to feed the birds—just make sure there is no bird seed on the sidewalks.



DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE

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### UPCS FOR FEBRUARY

**Carlinville 47-02** - All of Buchanan St. and the outside circle of DeArbee Drive - odd numbered units

### Preventative Maintenance for FEBRUARY

**Girard 47-08** - All units

**Staunton 47-03** - on Deneen St. and Kay Lane - not the S-building

**\*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.**

## WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

THESE PICTURES ARE LEASE VIOLATIONS & COULD LEAD TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION



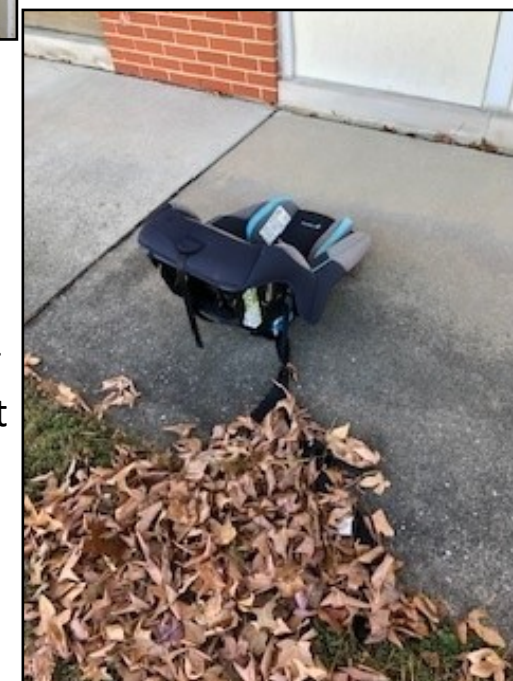
The door to the furnace room is blocked! We must be able to access the furnace at all times.



No parking on the lawn!  
 Parking should be only in designated areas! Repeat violations will lead to fines.



Don't leave car seats, booster seats, or any other items outside. If it's not used outside, don't leave it outside.



Macoupin County Public Transit Group Trips February Destinations:

Thursday, February 10th: Casino Queen, East Alton, Illinois

Wednesday, February 23rd: Josephine's Tea Room & Shopping in Alton



**Macoupin County Public Transportation**

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