



Draw a  
face  
on the  
Leprechaun!

Coloring contest!! Kids under the age of 16 can color the page and return it before March 31, and be entered to win a prize! Winner will be chosen on National Crayon Day, March 31st. \*Must be an MCHA resident\*

Name of Child and Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



*Neighbors*



## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

- We have noticed recently that many residents are taking down smoke alarms/carbon monoxide detectors. This is not only a life threatening situation, it's against the law. If the device isn't working properly, residents should call in a work order. Taking down a smoke alarm or carbon monoxide detector may lead to eviction.
- With warmer weather right around the corner and outdoor activity increasing, remember to consider your neighbors. Keep the radios turned down and please have your children play in their own yards where they will not disturb others.
- If you have a complaint about another resident, it must be put in writing. We do not accept anonymous complaints. Once we receive the complaint, we will address it and handle it the best way possible. If the issue continues, please do not think we forgot or have not addressed the situation. We have a protocol we have to follow. These things do not happen overnight. We do appreciate your patience.
- Please respond to all Housing Authority correspondence in writing. While you may feel that a phone call is quicker and easier, in most cases we do need a written response to put in your file. You can still call, but please follow it up with a letter.

Address:  
P.O. Box 226  
760 Anderson St.  
Carlinville, IL 62626  
(217) 854-8606  
Fax: (217) 854-8749  
Toll Free:  
1-866-363-5142  
Office Hours:  
Monday & Tuesday  
8am—4:30pm  
CLOSED WEDNESDAY  
Thursday & Friday  
8am—4:30pm  
Emergency Work  
Order Number:  
(217) 827-2100  
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.



Don't forget to set your clock forward 1 hour on Sunday, March 13th!

Stay safe!  
Dionne, CEO

**PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE for MARCH**

Virden 47-11 (all units)

Staunton 47-12 (all units)

**UPCS INSPECTION for MARCH**

Gillespie 47-10 (all units)

Gillespie 47-14 (all units)

**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!**

Rent is due on the 1st of the month. You have until the 5th of the month to pay it before late fees are assessed. If you pay after the 5th, there is a \$1 per day late fee going back to the 2nd of the month.

Here is a table of how it works.



Date Paid	Amt.	Date Paid	Amt.
1st-5th	\$ -	18th	\$ 17
6th	\$ 5	19th	\$ 18
7th	\$ 6	20th	\$ 19
8th	\$ 7	21st	\$ 20
9th	\$ 8	22nd	\$ 21
10th	\$ 9	23rd	\$ 22
11th	\$ 10	24th	\$ 23
12th	\$ 11	25th	\$ 24
13th	\$ 12	26th	\$ 25
14th	\$ 13	27th	\$ 26
15th	\$ 14	28th	\$ 27
16th	\$ 15	29th	\$ 28
17th	\$ 16	30th	\$ 29
		31st	\$ 30

**Why can't I fix It Myself?**

Your full cooperation is required to keep the dwellings in a decent, safe and sanitary condition. Repairs and replacements beyond normal wear and tear are not provided for in the budget. The resident will be charged for repairs due to neglect, carelessness or abuse. The schedule of charges is posted at the Housing office. You should **NOT** make repairs or replacements yourself. The following are acceptable items that you may replace: lightbulbs (unless on a fluorescent light fixture), furnace filters (they need to be changed monthly), and batteries for your CO/Smoke Detectors. **REPORT ANY NEED FOR REPAIRS TO THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.** Work orders are not made after regular working hours or on Saturday, Sunday or holidays, unless they are an emergency.

**What is FSS?**

FSS stands for Family Self-Sufficiency and allows public housing residents to build financial assets as the household increases income from wages. Participation generally lasts 5 years, during which participants identify educational, professional and personal goals, such as: educational advancement (i.e. GED or post-secondary); completion of specialized job training; obtaining employment; career advancement; transitioning out of subsidized housing or homeownership.

The FSS program not only involves goal setting, but also mentoring and financial incentive to empower families in making positive life changes. When a resident becomes part of the program, they have the ability to benefit from an escrow account. As their earned income increases and their rent increases, a portion of that rent goes into an escrow account which they can withdraw upon meeting their set goals.

If you are interested in learning more about the FSS program, call 217-854-8606 and ask for Stephanie.

**March 2022 Macoupin Co. Public Transit Group Trips:**

**Wednesday, March 9th: Fairview Heights Shopping**

**Friday, March 18th: QUILTS Biennial Quilt Show & Golden Corral for lunch**  
**\*\*\$10 admission to QUILTS show.**

**Thursday, March 31st: IKEA shopping & Pickleman's Gourmet Café for lunch,**  
**St. Louis**

MCPT will not pick up at your home for group trips. Pick-up is at a central location in the nearest town within Macoupin county (please inquire when making your reservation). Seats are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

All trips are subject to cancellation/capacity limits due to COVID mitigations.

**Congrats to....**

**Elizabeth Smith**

**ELIZABETH IS THE WINNER OF THE \$50 WALMART GIFT CARD FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.**

**DURING UPCS INSPECTIONS, THOSE WITH THE BEST LOOKING UNIT ARE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING AND A WINNER IS CHOSEN AT RANDOM.**



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