

♥ valentine Cookies ♥

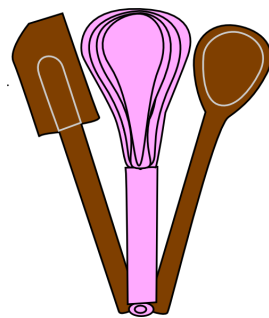
Ingredients:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter-softened
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 1tsp baking powder
- 1tsp salt
- 1tsp baking soda
- 1tsp vanilla extract
- 3 cups all purpose flour
- M&M's (plain) red, pink, and white, chopped and whole, separated



Directions:

1. Cream together sugars, butter and oil.
2. Add eggs and beat until fluffy.
3. Add dry ingredients as well as vanilla.
4. Mix in chopped M&M's—however many you want.
5. Place in balls on greased pan, insert 5 M&M's on top.
6. Bake at 350 for 7-8 minutes.



Neighbors



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



HELLO February



Thanks to everyone for removing their Christmas decorations in a timely manner! We appreciate everybody's efforts.

There are two office Holidays in February.- Lincoln's Birthday and President's Day. Plan ahead if you're making a trip to the office.

Remember, if the office is closed for any reason and you have an emergency work order, you need to contact the Emergency Work Order Number: 217-827-2100. Emergencies include: Gas leaks; Broken water pipes; Exposed electrical wires; No heat [if the 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 another that threatens life, safety, or property damage.

When you receive your letter from the office telling you the date and time of your annual recertification-do not lose the letter. Read through the entire thing-it lists everything you will need to bring with you.

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. An email will work for this.

The office will be closed:

Monday , February 13- Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Monday, February 20- President's Day

RAB Board Meeting is being held Monday, February 6th @ 10:30AM, the Public Hearing will follow @ 11:00 AM at the Carlinville Rec Hall, 504 W. Nicholas St., Carlinville, IL 62626.

Stay Safe and Healthy! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! *Dionne Wyatt,*
CEO

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Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday

8am-4:30pm

CLOSED WEDNESDAY

Thursday & Friday

8am-4:30pm

Emergency Work

Order Number:

(217) 827-2100

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UPCS for February

47-02 Carlinville (All of Buchanan St. and the “outside circle” of DeArbee Drive (odd # units)

Preventive Maintenance for February

47-08 Girard (303-309 S. Lincoln St., 304-340 S. Harrison St., 410-422 E. South St.)

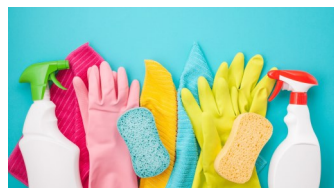
47-03 Staunton (700-747 Kay Lane, 213-229 Deneen St.)

*Q&A (Quality Assurance) inspections may take place on work orders and inspections anywhere from 3-5 days after the inspection/work order happened.

Residents who have trouble keeping up with rent payments have an opportunity to get ahead with their income tax refunds. If you struggle with paying rent, use the money you get back to pay one or two months of rent. If you continue to pay your rent monthly, you can let that extra money remain on your account as a cushion. Remember, paying late three times in a 12-month period may result in eviction. If you're having trouble getting caught up or setting up a budget, you can contact the office for help. Also, please report changes in income promptly.

During the winter weather months, Housing Authority staff have noticed that some residents leave the main front door open, which means only the storm door is there to keep out the cold. This makes the apartment's furnace run harder and increases the resident's power bill. Residents sometimes find help with their power bills through various agencies. Although keeping the main door shut would help keep the apartment warmer to begin with. It's the stress on the furnace that concerns us. When the furnace has to work that hard it can break down. Damage done to the furnace this way will be the resident's responsibility. Keep doors shut when the weather is cold.

Remember you will have a chance to WIN a \$50.00 Walmart gift card if your unit will have a UPCS inspection this month.



Please refer to the top of this page to see if you are part of February UPCS inspections.



Macoupin County Public Transportation

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

Macoupin County Public Transportation will have the following events scheduled for the month of February.

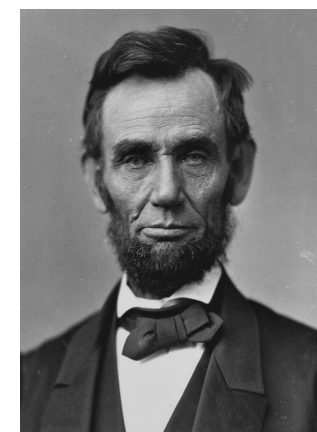
• **Thursday, February 9th– Eagle Watching & Third Chute – Grafton, IL**



• **Thursday, February 23rd– Fairview Heights Shopping Trip**

Fun Fact about our Presidents

1. The first left-handed president was James Garfield, the 20th president.
2. Millard Fillmore, the 13th president, was the first president to have a stepmother.
3. The only president who studied to become a medical doctor was William Henry Harrison, the 9th president.
4. The 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was given a \$20 speeding ticket for riding his horse and buggy too fast down a street in Washington, D.C.
5. The White House's first website went online in October 1994 during President Bill Clinton's administration.



Facts about Abraham Lincoln

- He was elected our 16th President in 1860.
 - He was a self taught lawyer.
- Lincoln is enshrined in the Wrestling Hall of Fame
- Lincoln did not move to Illinois until he was 21 years old.
 - Lincoln NEVER slept in the Lincoln bedroom.