



# Fire Safety Tips



1. Always make sure your smoke alarm has good batteries and it working properly. If you ever feel like your smoke alarm is not working correctly, call the office or emergency phone immediately.
2. Develop an emergency fire escape plan with multiple exit routes from each room. Practice, Practice, Practice!!!
3. Keep flammable material away from heat sources that can potentially ignite the materials.
4. Never leave cooking unattended, especially when using stove stops or ovens. Keep your kitchen towels away from the heat source.
5. Avoid overloading electrical outlets and extension cords.
6. Use candles, decorations, and fabrics carefully.
7. If there is a fire in your home, get out, dial 911 and DO NOT go back inside.
8. Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach.



# Neighbors




## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

October is Fire Prevention Month so we have included some useful information about Fire Safety inside. Remember, if you have a fire OF ANY SORT at your apartment, it MUST be reported to the office. Not doing so may result in an eviction. Smoke/CO Detectors should never be taken down for any reason, if they are going off, please contact the office. If we are closed, please contact the emergency work order number at 217-827-2100 to report this.

Fall is officially here! You are welcome to decorate for the holidays, just be sure to take decorations back down a few days after the holiday. Keep in mind decorations for any occasion must be safe (not a trip hazard, no electric cords running along the ground, and in good condition). Anyone with questions can call the office.


Please be safe when trick-or-treating in the developments. Only visit residences with the porch light on, children should stay with an adult and obey trick-or-treat days and times for each town.



**MCHA Fire Prevention Program**

**Wednesday , October 11 @ 3:00PM**

**MCHA Office Building**



We will have snacks and goodie bags. Our maintenance supervisor and local Fire Chief, Jess, will be holding a demonstration on Fire Safety.

**The office will be closed on Monday, October 9, 2023, to observe Columbus Day.**



**Stay Safe and Healthy!**

*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  
 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.

**UPCS for October**

- 47-15 Carlinville ( Harding Ct and Olroyd Ct.)
- 47-17 Gillespie (Madison St and Lynn St)

**Preventive Maintenance for October**

- 47-10 Gillespie ( 503-511, 603-613 Gillespie St., 304-306 High St., 504-510 South St., 307-311 Fillmore St.– ODDS )

**\*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.**

\*Q&A (Quality Assurance) inspections may take place on work orders and inspections anywhere from 3-5 days after

All rent payments will be paid at the bank in your area that has been designated by the Macoupin County Housing Authority, please see your attached rental letter for this bank. Please make all checks and money orders payable to the **Macoupin County Housing Authority** or **MCHA** for short.

If you pay rent and/or charges at any other bank other than the designated bank, there will be a **\$20.00** bookkeeping fee charged per occurrence.

**FSS Spotlight**

This program is designed to help you reach your goals, whether that be going back to school, or owning a home. All you need to do is fill out the paperwork and work on your goals. We will keep in touch with you via mail, email, or phone, and if you are needing to meet with us, we can arrange that as well. The best part of the program is the savings account. As your rent goes up because of **earned income** we put a portion into a savings account for you. In order to receive that money, you must complete the following: *be working, be off cash assistance (TANF, not LINK), and meet your main goal.*

If anyone would like help meeting their goals, please contact Stephanie Sloan, FSS Coordinator.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Sandra**

is the winner of the \$50 Walmart gift card for September UPCS inspections!

47-15 Carlinville ( Harding Ct and Olroyd Ct.) and 47-17 Gillespie (Madison St and Lynn St) You will have your chance in October.

Make sure your apartment is ready and meeting the Housekeeping Policy!



**ROSS Highlight**

What are the overall goals of the ROSS Program?

For families; the ROSS program is intended to enable participants to:

- Make progress towards economic independence and housing self-sufficiency;
- Reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance; and
- Increase earned income.

For elderly (age 62+) participants and person with disabilities, the ROSS program aims to:

- Enhance quality of life by connecting residents to services and activities;
- Enable participants to age/remain in place; and
- Avoid more costly forms of care, such as nursing homes or other institutional facilities.

Through needs assessments, case management, and referrals to community- and web-based services, ROSS Service Coordinators help each participant advance towards the above goals in ways that best first their needs, personal priorities, and interests. Contact Amanda at the office if you are interested in becoming a part of the ROSS program! You can email her at [amandab@teamhousingcenter.com](mailto:amandab@teamhousingcenter.com) for any questions.

**-Amanda wanted to remind everyone that she sent out a ROSS Intake Form to all her ROSS participants so make sure you get them filled out and sent back in so she can get some resources to you!**

If you are looking to clean up credit, or improve your credit score with the hopes of one day purchasing a home please reach out to the office.



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