

MCHA held a drawing for all residents with a ZERO balance account at the end of our fiscal year (September 30, 2023). Anybody who has a ZERO balance at the end of that day was entered into the drawing. The winners were drawn at random. There were 15 winners and there was \$2,500 in gift cards given away. With hopes that we can do this again next year, make sure that your balance is paid in full.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!!!!

(Pictured below are a handful of the winners)



Dylan



Diane



Theresa



Curtis



Brenda



Kristy



Neighbors



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

- ⇒ Remember that burning is not allowed in the developments. Mowers will still be mowing every other week to mulch the leaves that have fallen. If you feel you absolutely must rake leaves, please bag them and call in a work order for the Authority to pick them up. We cannot pick up leaves that are not bagged.
- ⇒ As the weather get colder, please unhook your garden hoses from the outside spigots so they do no freeze. Please store your hose in the utility room for the winter. If you do not unhook your hose, maintenance will unhook it for you and there will be a charge.
- ⇒ Make sure you are keeping both main doors closed to help keep in the heat inside and the cold air outside.

Don't forget to set you clocks back 1 hour on Sunday, November 5th!!!



The office will be closed on the following dates:

- Friday, November 10 to observe Veterans Day.
- Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 to observe Thanksgiving!



Stay Safe and Healthy!

Dionne Wyatt, CEO

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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.

UPCS for November

- 47-13 Bunker Hill (413-419 Union St. and 602-618B Seminary St.)
- 47-17 Gillespie- Madison ONLY (100-118 Madison St.)

Preventive Maintenance for November

- 47-16 Staunton (1-20 Water Tower Ct.)

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 the inspection/work order happened.

Thank you to all who came out for the Fire Prevention Activity!



CONGRATULATIONS

Tonia Hull

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

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Let's Decorate for Fall Ya'll!

During the month of November MCHA will be holding an outdoor Fall decorating contest. Resident with the best Fall decorations will win a prize!



- * Judging will start November 20th.
- * All decorations must be safe (not a trip hazard, no electric cords running along the ground, and in good condition)
- * All decorations MUST be taken down by December 4th.

Trash Pick –Up Schedule

<u>Palmyra</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Community Services</u> <u>618-729-4485</u>
<u>Viriden & Girard</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Community Services</u> <u>618-729-4485</u>
<u>Staunton</u> <u>47-3,12,16</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>DC Waste</u> <u>217-532-3706</u>
<u>Benld, Gillespie 47-10, 14, 17</u> <u>Mt. Olive</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>DC Waste</u> <u>217-532-3706</u>
<u>Bunker Hill</u> <u>47-13, 18</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Community Services</u> <u>618-729-4485</u>
<u>Carlinville</u> <u>47-02, 09, 15</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Community Services</u> <u>618-729-4485</u>



ROSS Highlight

Congratulations J'ahnna for obtaining a new job at the Rehab and Health Care Center!! GOOD JOB!

Thank you to J'ahnna, Dana, Suzan, Jenifer, Threase, Judy, Heather, and Michael for signing up for the ROSS program and thank you to everyone who has turned in their ROSS Intake Form. For those of you who haven't, please get those sent in.

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 fits 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 for any questions.

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.



Annually HUD releases a new Fair Market Rent for our area. That number has risen significantly for 2024. MCHA is required to hold their flat rents at minimum of 80% of the Fair Market Rent. For those of you who are at a Flat Rent, be prepared at your 2024 recertification for your rent to increase.



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



It is very important that you do not store flammable material inside the units: gas, propane, etc. this includes gas cans or any items such that have a gas or propane tank.

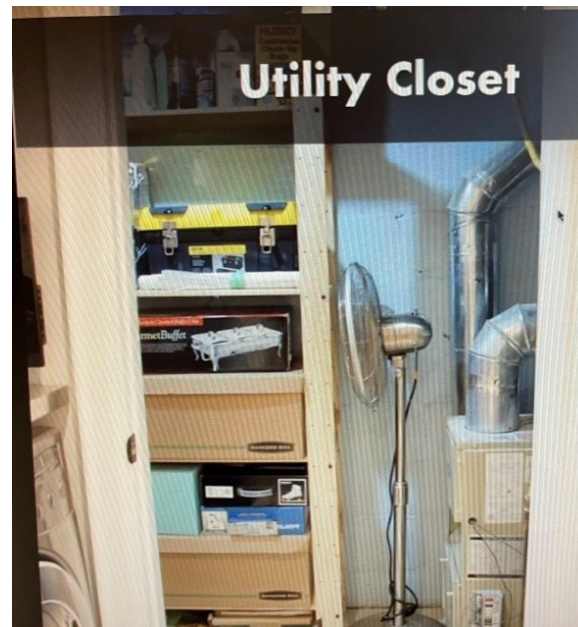
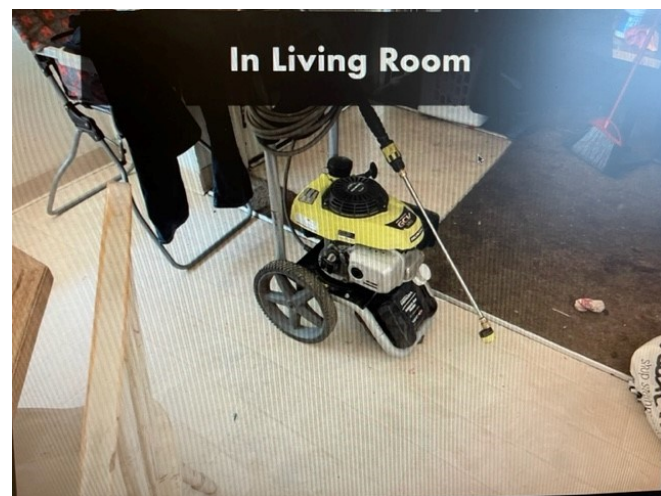
You also cannot store any items within 36 inches of a heat source. A heat source is a gas water heater, gas furnace, or an electric wall heater such as baseboard heat. If you have any items stored within 36" of these items, please remove them as soon as possible.

See the pics

All of these are **Severe Health & Safety Hazards** which are findings with huge point deductions in our inspection scoring. If found in your unit, you will be asked to remove them.

We will be looking for these things while out doing inspections.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.



LIHEAP

This year, the tiered application system was reinstated to ensure families most in need are able to apply first. The first group eligible to apply is expected to represent more than half of households that apply for the program.

October 2 – Income-eligible households who fall under the following categories:

- o Households with seniors age 60+
- o Households with a documented long-term disability
- o Households with children under age 6

November 1 – Income-eligible households who fall under the following categories:

- o October priority period households
- o Households that are disconnected
- o Households facing imminent threat of disconnection

December 1

- o All income-eligible households

FAMILY SIZE (HOUSEHOLD)	30-DAY GROSS INCOME
1	\$2,430
2	\$3,287
3	\$4,143
4	\$5,000
5	\$5,857
6	\$6,713

For any further questions about eligibility and availability please contact Illinois Valley.

217-839-4431