#### PLEASE REPORT THE NAMES OF OVERNIGHT GUESTS

If you have overnight guests, please be sure to call the office so we may add those individuals to our log. If you can call before the individual spends the night, that would be preferred. If it is a weekend, you may also call the Housing Authority's office and leave a message. When leaving a message, please specify how many individuals are staying, how many nights they are staying as well as their full name(s).

#### ALL CATS AND DOGS MUST BE APPROVED BEFORE LIVING IN THE UNITS

Yes, you read that right! Cats and dogs <u>MUST</u> be approved before they can live in the units. The Housing Authority requires a \$100.00 pet security deposit and the pet must be spayed or neutered with current rabies and distemper inoculations or boosters. You <u>MUST</u> make an appointment to bring in your pet with all documentation to be approved. The Housing office will then take the pet's picture and issue a Pet ID, which <u>MUST</u> be displayed in the front door window of the unit.

If you currently have an approved pet and don't have the Picture ID displayed, you must do so immediately.

If you have an unapproved pet, you will be issued a letter of warning and will be given an appropriate amount of time to remove the pet. Having an unapproved pet is a lease violation, which may result in an eviction.

Lastly, visitors are not allowed to bring pets and residents are not allowed to pet-sit under <u>ANY CIRCUMSTANCES</u>.

#### SATELLITE POLES MUST BE INSTALLED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

There are many satellite poles in the developments that have been improperly installed and have coax cables running through the windows. These poles will be removed and the cables disconnected. The Housing Authority must install satellite poles on property. When obtaining cable or satellite service, please *CALL THE HOUSING OFFICE FIRST* to set up an appointment for pole/cable installation. After we have installed the pole or cable in your unit, you may call the service to complete installation.

# Neighbors Macouph County Housing

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Lunch bunch was a success! Thanks to everyone who participated.

It is officially August and school will be starting soon for a lot of kids and adults! We would be happy to share any exciting news about school, sports, or work right here in our newsletter! Please feel free to reach out with any achievements!



See everyone next year.

The mowers will continue to mow this month. Remember to keep toys, trash, lawn chairs, etc. out of their way. Keep children away from mowers. Flower beds should be weeded and up next to the buildings with fencing to prevent accidental mowing.



We have been having some issues with trash. Keep in mind that all trash must be placed in plastic bags and then placed inside the trash receptacles with the lids securely fastened. Do not leave bags on top of cans. You have been provided with a

garbage can and/or trash dumpster. It is up to you to use them and to care for them. Untidy and unsanitary garbage and trash receptacles are ideal places for breeding germs and keeping them clean is the responsibility of the resident.

Stay Safe & Healthy!

~Dionne, CEO

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#### Address:

P.O. Box 226 760 Anderson St. Carlinville, 62626 217-854-8606 Fax: 217-854-8749

#### **Toll Free:**

1-866-363-5142

#### Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Closed Wednesdays Thursday & Friday 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Emergency Work Order Number: (217) 827-2100

#### **EMERGENCIES INCLUDE:**

- ♦ Gas leaks
- Broken water pipes
- Exposed electrical wires
- No heat (if the outside temperature is 45degrees 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

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#### **NSPIRE FOR AUGUST**

47-08 GIRARD (303-339 S. LINCOLN ST., 304-340 S. HARRISON ST., 410-422 E. SOUTH ST.)

47-03 STAUNTON (213-229 DENEEN STREET AND 700-747 KAY LANE)
PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE FOR AUGUST

47-02 CARLINVILLE (450-477 BUCHANAN ST., "OUTSIDE CIRCLE" OF DEARBEE DR. (ODD # UNITS)

\*Inspections may take place on any day of the month between the hours of 8am—4:30pm Monday—Friday.\*

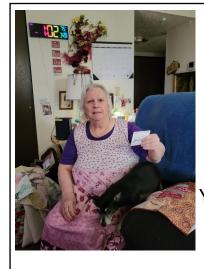
You do not need to be home for these inspections.

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

#### 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 escrow account. As your rent goes up because of **earned income** we put a portion into a escrow 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 Jackie Beasley, FSS Coordinator.

Email: jackie@teamhousingcenter.com Phone #: (217) 854-8606



# CONGRATULATIONS!! Beaulah Peeler

Is the winner of the \$50 Walmart gift card for July NSPIRE inspections.

You will have your chance in August. Make sure your apartment is ready and meeting the Housekeeping Policy!



# \*\*\* NOW ENROLLING \*\*\* 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR



#### Illinois Valley Economic Development Corp.

## **HEAD START**

Serving Birth to Five



#### What is Head Start and Early Head Start?

Head Start and Early Head Start is an early learning program nationally recognized for high quality, family-centered education for children ages 0-5 years old. The goal of Head Start and Early Head Start programs is to promote school readiness in young children of all abilities from families with income below the federal poverty guidelines. Our programs integrate social and intellectual development through the provision of education, health, family, nutrition, and other services.

Head Start programs are offered <u>FREE</u> of charge in Calhoun, Greene, Jersey and Macoupin Counties. We offer center based and home based services to children and families.

## To enroll your child in a center base location, contact a family advocate at:

217-710-9352
South Macoupin Head Start
217-710-2724
Carlinville Head Start
217-710-9466
Greene County Head Start
217-710-9360
Jersey County or Southwest Macoupin Head Start

### To enroll your child in a home base program, contact a family advocate at:

217-710-9352 for Southern Macoupin County 217-710-2724 for Northern Macoupin County 217-710-9466 for Greene County 217-710-9360 for Jersey County 217-710-9759 Calhoun County

#### What are the BENEFITS of Head Start?

- ★ Children of all abilities are welcome in our program
- ★ Highly qualified staff and classroom ratios meet strict Head Start standards
- ★ Creative Curriculum offers individual expression
- ★ Individualized plans are created to meet each child's needs
- ★ Children are screened to ensure they are on target with their developmental milestones
- ★ A safe environment that allows children to relax, learn and have fun
- ★ If needed, families are referred to school districts for evaluation and treatment services
- ★ Parents receive information, referrals, support and advocacy from compassionate and knowledgeable staff
- ★ Transportation provided via pick-up and dropoff points
- ★ Two nutritious meals are served daily

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# Macoupin County Public Transportation

509 Illinois Avenue | Gillespie, IL

Phone: 217-839-4130 Fax: 217-839-3809

## **AUGUST GROUP TRIPS**

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST | St. Louis Union Station

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$20 per person
- St. Louis Aquarium, STL Ferris Wheel, Mirror Maze, Miniature golf
- Several dining choices: Soda Fountain, Train Shed, 1894 Cafe', Toco Counter, and many more!

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6TH | Litchfield Lake Lou Yaeger

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$10 per person
- · Hiking, swimming, fishing
- . Picnic lunch: stopping at Subway before going to the lake

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 11TH | Illinois State Fair

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$20 per person
- Senior admission is FREE for seniors with photo ID
- · Dining onsite at the state fairgrounds

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH | Shopping in Litchfield

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$10 per person
- · Rural King, Walmart, Aldi, Dollar Tree
- · Dining at Maverick Steaks and Spirits

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND | St. Louis Art Museum

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$20 per person
- Admission is FREE on Fridays
- · Dining onsite at the museum

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 28TH | Shopping in Springfield

- . Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$20 per person
- · Shopping at White Oaks Mall
- · Dining at The Olive Garden

# Seats are limited and are available on a first come first served basis. Please call us at 217-839-4130 to reserve a seat.

All riders are entitled to a 15-bag maximum limit, with the max weight of a bag being no more than 20lbs. All riders are responsible for their own bags and purchases. Macoupin County Public Transportation assumes no liability or responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen items or property.

Partially funded by the Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland through the Older Americans Act of the Illinois Department of Aging.





Say goodbye to ants, cockroaches, bed bugs & mosquitoes—naturally!
4 Easy DIY sprays using kitchen-safe ingredients.

Quick DIY Steps (Insect-wise):

Ant Spray

Mix 1 cup water + 1 cup vinegar Add 1 tsp cinnamon powder Tip: Spray along kitchen corners and entry points.

Cockroach Spray
Mix 1 cup vinegar + 1 tsp borax
Add 5 drops clove oil or powder
Tip: Spray in cracks, sink drains, and
under appliances.

Bed Bug Spray

Mix 1 cup water + 1 tbsp diatomaceous earth

Shake well before each use Tip: Mist lightly on mattresses & corners. Avoid breathing powder while spraying.

Mosquito Spray

Mix 1 cup water + 10 drops lemongrass oil Add 10 drops citronella oil Tip: Spray near windows, doors, and around lights.











