

Reminders:

Smoke Free: This property is Smoke Free. You are not allowed to smoke inside the units or on any property owned by the Housing Authority. This includes your vehicle if it is parked in our parking lot. If there are signs of smoke damage on the walls, carpet, blinds, etc., the Housing Authority will assess the damage, and you could be charged. Smoking on property is a lease violation.

Work Orders -Your full cooperation is required to keep the dwellings in a decent, safe, and sanitary condition. Repairs and replacements beyond ordinary 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.

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Neighbors

Macoupin County Housing FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

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October is Fire Prevention Month!

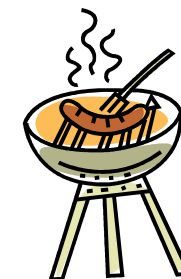
Please join us at the
**Administrative Office in
Carlinville for a Fire
Prevention Activity!**



When: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 @ 2pm

**Where: Macoupin County Housing Authority Parking Lot—
760 Anderson St.**

We will have hot dogs, chips and drinks along with fire prevention literature, giveaways for the kids, and a fire demonstration from our Maintenance Supervisor & Carlinville Fire Chief, Jess McKee!



**The office will be closed Monday, October 13, 2025 for
Columbus Day!**

Stay Safe & Healthy!
~Dionne, CEO

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 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

NSPIRE for October

47-15 Carlinville (Harding & Olroyd Ct)

47-17 Gillespie (Lynn & Madison Street)

Preventive Maintenance for October

47-10 Gillespie (High, Fillmore, South, & Gillespie St.)

Nite Lites (North & South)

***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 in-
spections anywhere from 3-5 days after the inspection/work order happened.*

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 es-crow 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 follow-ing: *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 Coor-dinator.

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

CONGRATULATIONS!!

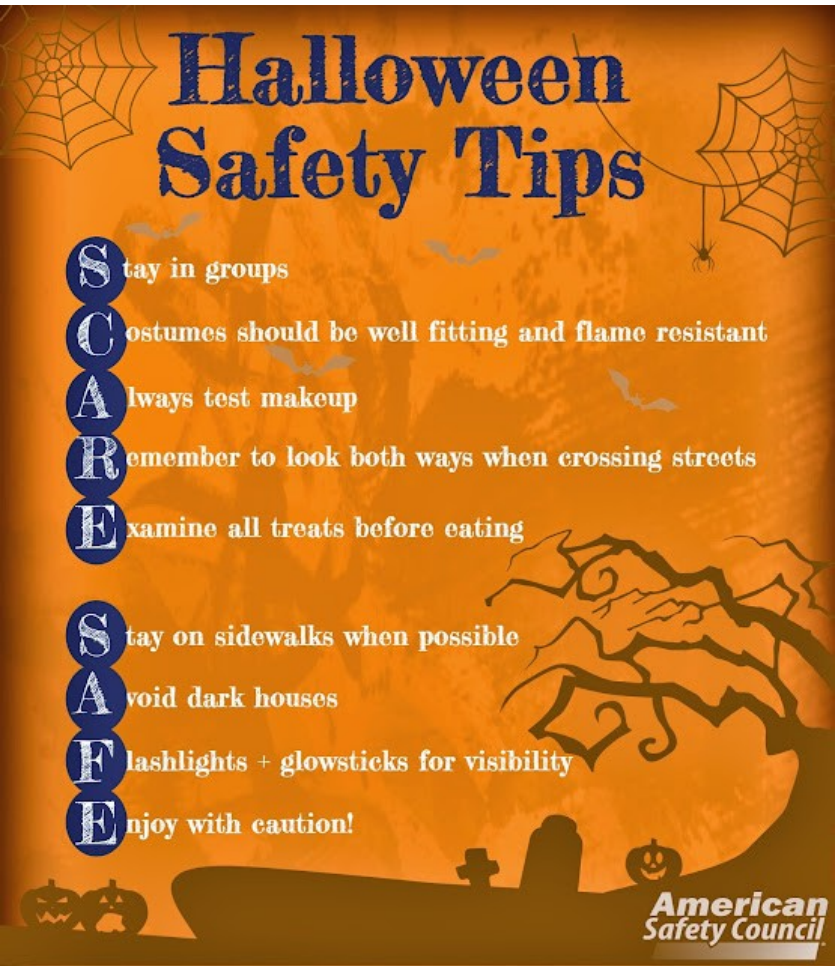
Mary Lake

is the winner of the \$50 Walmart gift card for
October NSPIRE inspections.

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

Trick Or Treat Safety

- Trick or treat in your neighborhood where you know the people and they know you.
- Make sure older kids go out with friends—not alone.
- Younger children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Set a time limit for children to Trick-or-Treat.
- Remind kids not to enter a strange house or car.
- Carry glow sticks or flashlights, use reflective tape or stickers on costumes and bags, and wear light colors to help kids see and be seen by drivers.
- Check out the candy when you get home.
- Slow down and be alert! Kids are excited on Halloween and may dart into the street. Turn on headlights early in the day to spot kids from further away.
- Remind kids to cross the street at corners or crosswalks and to look before crossing the road!
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls. Choose face paint over masks when possible. Masks can limit children’s vision.



I.V.E.D.C Announces the start of energy assistance program

The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program is available for income qualified households beginning October 1st. The I.V.E.D.C as administrator of the energy Assistance program in Macoupin, Jersey, Greene and Calhoun counties, is pleased to announce that funds are available to assist income- eligible households with their natural gas, propane and or electric bills and furnace assistance for inoperable heating systems.

The program will begin taking applications on October 1st, 2025 for older adults (60 years +), individuals with a disability, families with children under the age of six years, and households that are disconnected from their utilities, have a disconnection notice or have less than 25 % in their propane tank. All other income eligible households can start applying November 1, 2025.

Applications will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis through August 15, 2026, or until funding is exhausted. Households that receive a one-time benefit may return during the program year for reconnection Assistance or Furnace Assistance benefits, if needed.

The program has expanded eligibility this year. Households must be at or below 60% of the state median income to receive a benefit from LIHEAP. The 30-day income guidelines to receive a benefit from LIHEAP are based on state Median Income, Federal Poverty Guidelines, and the number of persons living in the household. The income guidelines are as follows: one -\$3,332, two - \$4,357, three -\$5,382, four -\$6,407. Go to ilvalley-edc.org or loheapillinois.com to know income limits for households with five members and more.

The Low –income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides one –time benefits to income eligible homeowners and renters to help with energy bills and reconnection of energy service. Propane customers who part of the priority group and encouraged to apply when the program opens in October. Propane prices typically increase during the winter months so by applying early propane customers will see their LIHEAP benefit go further.

Applications will be taken at the Gillespie, Carlinville, Jerseyville, Carrollton, and Hardin offices as well as by phone.

To submit an application, you **MUST** submit ALL documentation required.

1. Proof of gross income for all household members for the prior 30-day period beginning with the date of application.
2. For all customers new to LIHEAP, and/ or for new household members of previous customers, proof of Social Security Numbers (SSN) for all household members. Individuals without SSN or individual Tax payer Identification Number (ITIN) can still apply and I.V.E.D.C. will advise accordingly.
3. A copy of current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30-days.
4. Cash assistance is available for renters who can provide a copy of their lease/rental agreement showing their heating costs are included in the rent.
5. Other documents may be needed based on your household situation. If you have any questions regarding this, please call our office.

Please call I.V.E.D.C. at 217-839-4431 for outreach locations and schedules, and for information on what documents are needed to apply and different ways to submit your application.



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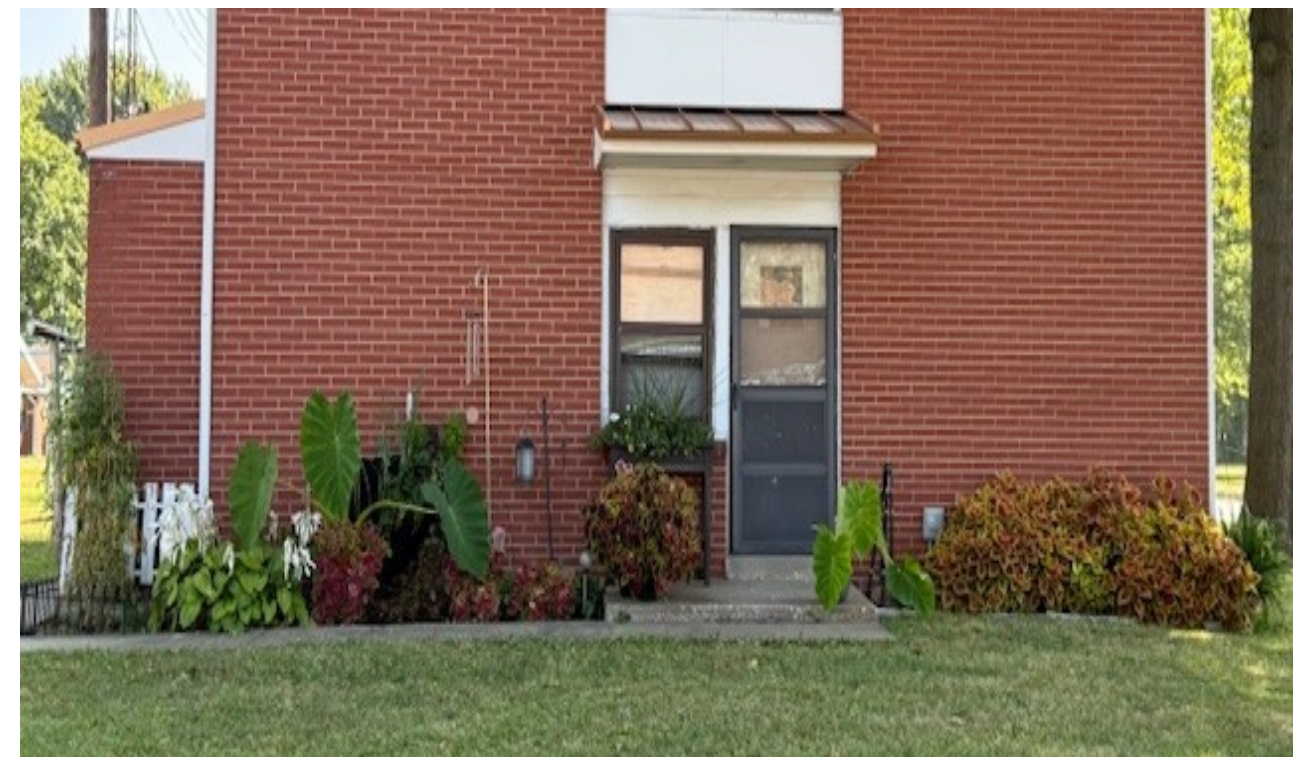


Fall is here! We want to acknowledge these cute fall decorations in front of a unit.



Thanks to everyone for making your place look nice! We appreciate it. Feel free to send in your pictures to the office!

Down below, we want to acknowledge these beautiful flowers around the unit.



HALLOWEEN CANDY WORD SEARCH

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Twix
Kit Kat
Smarties
Starburst
Ring Pops
Laffy Taffy
Swedish Fish
Jolly Ranchers
Peppermint Patties



Nerds
Snickers
Airheads
Twizzlers
Candy Corn
Gummy Bears
Tootsie Rolls
Sour Patch Kids



PayDay
Skittles
Milky Way
Baby Ruth
Almond Joy
Butterfinger
Reeses Pieces
Peanut Butter Cups



Events Coming Up

- Brave Days Festival: Friday, October 10 & Saturday, October 11, 9:00am—4:00pm - 254 S. Side Square, Carlinville.
- Trunk or Treat: Thursday, October 23, 6:00pm—8:00pm, Shipman Area Park Pavilion. (see below)
- Sips Fall Fest: Saturday, October 4, 8:00am—3:00pm. 1240 N. Springfield St., Virden
- Merchants Night in Carlinville: Thursday, October 23, 5:00pm—7:00pm, with participating businesses on the square handing out candy.



Come one, Come ALL!
Businesses ~ Organizations ~ Individuals

We're gearing up for the BEST Trunk-or-Treat event around!
Businesses, organizations, and individuals are invited to set up a trunk—and don't forget to dress up! Join us from 6–8 PM for a night filled with fun, games, contests, and prizes. Come be part of the spooky fun—YOUR creativity will make this event unforgettable!

Trunk or Treat
October 30, 2025, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Music - Games - Contests - Big Prizes
Shipman Area Park Pavilion