



Neighbors

Macoupin County Housing FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

⇒ **REPORTING CHANGE IN HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND COMPOSITION:** In order to make proper rent adjustments, it is necessary that Management be notified immediately of any changes in your household income or composition. Marriages, divorces, births, deaths, or other happenings should be reported at once; within 10 days of the change. This information is vital to Management so they can adjust rent in a manner fair to all concerned. With Management consent, a resident may engage in a legal profit-making activity within their unit.

⇒ **CARE OF GROUNDS:** Pride in the overall appearance of your development is dependent upon you and your care of your yard. You are required to take care of the walks and grounds adjacent to your home. The other public areas are for your convenience, and you must help keep them clean and sanitary by not littering.

⇒ **GUESTS:** The resident has the right to entertain. However, the resident is held responsible for their guest's actions. All residents signed the "One Strike & You're Out" Policy and must abide by it.

The resident shall not house overnight guests without notifying management. Any guest staying in the unit for longer than six-hour periods per day constitutes a rebuttable presumption that the guest is permanent and will be considered an unapproved resident. The resident will be subjected to possible eviction. All overnight guests must be reported. Visitors may not occupy the premises for more than 14 days within a 12-month period.

⇒ **NOISE & DISTURBANCES:** Consideration for your neighbors will eliminate any complaints. Do not play the radio or TV loud. Do not bang on the walls or stomp on the stairs. This is annoying to your neighbors. Aggression and violence between the residents are unacceptable behavior. If you choose to yell, scream, name call, & use foul language with each other, you could jeopardize your tenancy.



- We would like to remind everyone that unless you are APPROVED for an animal, you are NOT allowed to have an animal in your unit. This includes NO pet visitors and NO pet sitting.
- You are NOT allowed to feed or harbor stray animals. They may look cute and harmless but most stray animals carry diseases and are known to attack.
- 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.
- Emergencies are life safety or property damage: gas leaks, broken water pipes, exposed electric wires, no heat (with outside temperature 45 degrees or lower), sewer line stoppage (not drain line) includes stopped up toilet. If you have an emergency and this office is closed, please call the Cellular Telephone number (217) 827-2100 to speak directly to a person from the Maintenance Department.

The office will be closed Monday, September 1st 2025, to observe Labor 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 September

47-11 Virden (All of Church and Prairie St.)
47-12 Staunton (All of Sunset Ct. & 603-621 Kay Lane)

Preventive Maintenance for September

47-02 Carlinville (All of Nicholas St., All of Anderson St. & Inside Circle (EVEN # units) of DeArbee Dr.)
47-14 Gillespie (308A-322 E. Oak St.)

****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.

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!!

Tina Morgan

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

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

**AGE-APPROPRIATE
CHORES FOR KIDS**

2-3 YEARS Throw away trash Wipe up spills Dust with a duster Wipe baseboards Place books on shelves Put toys in bins Collect dirty clothes Put clothes in hamper Fold napkins Help clear the table Water plants Rinse fruits + veggies	4-5 YEARS Help dry dishes Sort clean silverware Set the table Fold dish towels Help load washer/dryer Put away laundry Match clean socks Make the bed Mop small areas Feed pets Harvest fruits + veggies Help pull weeds	6-7 YEARS Empty the dishwasher Use a handheld vacuum Straighten bookshelf Sweep floors Clean windows Wipe bathroom sinks Sort laundry Fold bath towels Peel vegetables Prepare small snacks Help put away groceries Take sheets off bed
8-9 YEARS Load the dishwasher Wipe off the table Fold laundry Hang laundry to dry Wipe counters Dust shelves Put sheets on bed Help plan meals Help with meal prep Rake leaves Maintain bicycles Sweep driveway	10-11 YEARS Wash own laundry Prepare simple meals Take bins to curb Bring bins from curb Wash mirrors Organize mud room Vacuum the car Hand wash dishes Mop floors Vacuum Put groceries away Pack own lunch	12+ YEARS Watch younger siblings Supervise chores Clean the bathroom Iron clothes Wash the car Prepare full meals Clean the garage Paint walls Paint the fence Change lightbulbs Mow the lawn Help with home repairs

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.



**Macoupin County
Public Transportation**

509 Illinois Avenue | Gillespie, IL

Phone: 217-839-4130

Fax: 217-839-3809

SEPTEMBER GROUP TRIPS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4TH | Lunch & Shopping

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$20 per person
- Dining at Cracker Barrel in Troy, IL & Shopping at IKEA

MONDAY, SEPT. 8TH | Science Center - St. Louis

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$20 per person
- Dining at the Science Center in St. Louis

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10TH | Grants Farm - St. Louis

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$20 per person
- Dining at Grant's Farm

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12TH | Trip to Eckert's Farm - Belleville

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$20 per person
- Attending the AppleFest at Eckert's - Dining at Eckert's

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16TH | Shopping & Lunch in Litchfield

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$10 per person
- WalMart, Dollar Tree, Rural King, Aldi | Lunch at Pizza Man

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24TH | Alton, IL

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$20 per person
- Lunch at Josephine's | Shopping at Alton Mall & Schnucks

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30TH | Horse Racing at Fairmount

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$20 per person
- Fairmount for horseracing and dining

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.



30 HACKS THAT WILL SAVE YOU TIME EVERY SINGLE WEEK



1. Keep a donation bag by the door for quick clear-outs
2. Wipe the bathroom mirror while waiting for the shower to warm
3. Batch-cook and freeze meals on Sunday
4. Use baskets to collect clutter in each room
5. Run the dishwasher overnight and empty it in the morning
6. Set a timer for 10-minute tidy bursts
7. Put laundry away right after drying
8. Keep disinfectant wipes in every bathroom
9. Meal plan once a week to avoid last-minute faffing
10. Write your shopping list as you run out of things
11. Store things where you use them (not where they "should" go)
12. Keep a microfibre cloth under the sink for quick wipe-downs
13. Lay out your outfit the night before
14. Use a shared digital calendar for appointments + reminders
15. Declutter your handbag weekly
1. Wipe the kitchen counters while the kettle boils
2. Sort your post immediately — bin, action, file
3. Label storage boxes so you're never searching
4. Use drawer dividers to find things faster
5. Clean the shower while you're in it
6. Keep duplicate cleaning supplies upstairs and downstairs
7. Use a "Sunday basket" to reset for the week
8. Fold laundry directly from the machine — no laundry mountain!
9. Keep a go-to dinner list for no-think meal nights
10. Do a fridge check before shopping to avoid double buys
11. Group items by task (e.g. tea station, snack drawer)
12. Set phone alarms for your routines (e.g. tidy-up reminder)
13. Use a mini hoover or handheld vac for daily crumbs
14. Hang clothes straight from the line to avoid ironing
15. Do your "tomorrow self" a favour before bed

@tanyahomeinspo

Events Coming Up

- September 6th 13th- annual 5k to wellness— Carlinville Area Hospital, 20733 N. Broad St Race begins at 8am with check in opening at 7:30am
- September 6th - Pumpkin & Petals: DIV Fall arrangement class— Main Street Florist, 240 E. side square, Carlinville 12:30 to 1:30. Sign up at Main Street Florist.
- September 27th -Mississippi Culture Farmhouse Fest— 201 South Union, Staunton, noon to 11pm two stages with live music all day.
- October 10 & 11- Brave Days Festival-Carlinville square Artisans, food and live music



Animal Word Search

Name: _____



Birds of a Feather

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Word list:

BLUEBIRD
CHICKADEE
COWBIRD
CROW
DOVE
DUCK
EAGLE
EGRET

FINCH
GOLDFINCH
GOOSE
HAWK
HERON
KESTREL
LOON
MEADOWLARK

NIGHTHAWK
ORIOLE
OWL
PARTRIDGE
PELICAN
RAVEN
ROBIN
SANDPIPER

SPARROW
SWALLOW
SWAN
THRASHER
WARBLER
WOODPECKER
WREN



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