

APPLICATION
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF HOUSING AUTHORITIES
CENTRAL COUNCIL
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City _____, State _____, Zip _____

Age: _____ Grade in School: _____ Graduation Date/G.E.D. Completion: _____

Academic Major (if any): _____ Grade Point Average: _____

List the Colleges or Universities of interest to you, to which you have applied, or to which you have been accepted: _____

Summarize your academic accomplishments (i.e., scholarships, awards, etc.): _____

List Extra-curricular school activities in which you have participated (i.e., clubs, teams, etc.): _____

Indicate some of the community activities in which you have participated (i.e., church, community service, etc.): _____

List any hobbies and special interests: _____

Indicate any jobs that you have held: _____

List two personal references (names, addresses, and phone numbers): _____

(Use additional sheets if more room is required.)

In addition to the above information, you must provide the Housing Authority with the following for your application to be complete: all high school, college, and/or trade school transcripts; two letters of recommendation from teachers; and an essay of 200 words on your goals and how you would use the grant. (Use a separate sheet.) Print or type neatly.

Neighbor

Macoupin County Housing Authority

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Make sure you turn in your 2026 award letters for your Social Security benefits into Megan at the office as soon as you get them.

As a reminder, **ALL CATS AND DOGS MUST BE APPROVED BEFORE LIVING IN THE UNITS**

Yes, you read that right! Cats and dogs **MUST** 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.

Make sure that you are calling in any damages that happen, as it happens. You can call the office or email any one of us to make a work order. The resident should **not** make repairs or replacements yourself. The following are acceptable items that you may replace: light bulbs (unless an outside light fixture), furnace filter (they need to be changed monthly), and batteries for your CO/Smoke Detector (they take 2 Double A batteries).



Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year! **Dionne**

The office will be closed on:

- Thursday, January 1 and Friday, January 2 to observe New Years.
- Monday, January 19th to observe Martin Luther King's Birthday.

JANUARY 2026



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

When the office is closed, please call **EMERGENCY WORK ORDERS** in to the emergency phone number. Please wait until the office opens to call in routine work orders. If you call the emergency line and do not have an emergency, you could be charged.

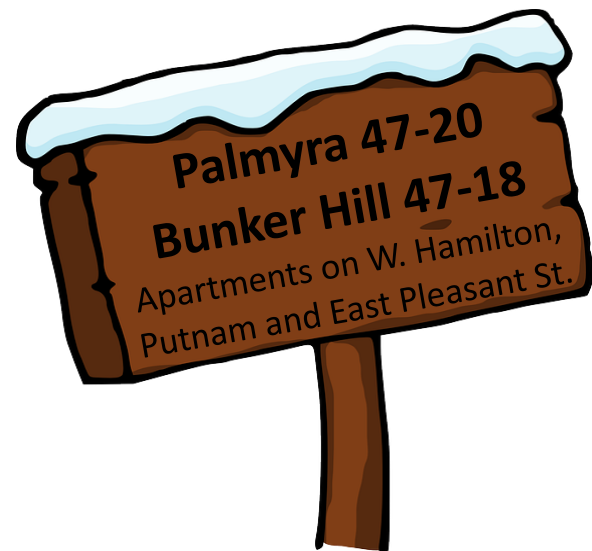
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NO NSPIRE FOR JANUARY

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE FOR JANUARY



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.



Rents are payable on the 1st day of each month. If rent is not paid by the 5th, of every month, a late fee will apply. If you need to know which bank you can pay at, call the office. Always get a receipt for proof of payment.

REMEMBER TO REMOVE HOLIDAY DECORATIONS PROMPTLY

The Housing Authority hopes everyone has a very good Holiday season. But when the New Year begins, remember to take down all decorations by Friday, January 10, 2025. If you have a real Christmas tree, see if there is a tree pick up in your community. Do not leave your tree outside as the trash men will **NOT** pick it up.

RESIDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SHOVELING DRIVEWAYS AND SIDEWALKS

Please keep in mind that The Housing Authority is not responsible for shoveling driveways and sidewalks. Each city/town will plow the roads so make sure vehicles are parked where they will not get blocked by snow.

RESIDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHANGING FURNACE FILTERS EVERY 30 DAYS

Residents are responsible for changing their own furnace filters every 30 days. If you do not change your filter, it gets clogged and can cause permanent damage to the furnace. If you are unable to change your filter due to furnace placement or disability, please purchase the filter and then call the office so we may set up a work order to assist you.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE LARGE ITEMS OUTSIDE YOUR UNIT

Large items may not be left outside the units at any time. This includes furniture, broken toys or other large items or trash of any kind. It is your responsibility to keep the outside of your unit free of trip hazards and unsightly messes. If you have a large item that you need to dispose of, please call the office to schedule the removal. There will be a fee for this service.

PLEASE CLOSE MAIN DOORS DURING THE COLD SEASON

Many residents are leaving their front doors open during the winter months and this causes undue stress to the furnace. Please keep your doors shut so the furnace doesn't have to work as hard to regulate the temperature in the unit. ***ALSO, please LATCH your screen doors! At times, the high wind can blow the screen door open and cause damage for which the resident will receive a charge. Please save your door and your wallet by simply latching the screen door.***

UNHOOK YOUR HOSES FROM THE EXTERIOR FAUCETS

During the cold months, please remember to disconnect your hoses from the outside faucets to prevent damage to water pipes from freezing. If hoses are seen hooked up, maintenance will unhook them at your expense.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2
- (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 4 Tbsp.
- (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup
- (60 g.) confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 cup
- (55 g.) packed brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp.
- pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup
- mini chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup
- assorted rainbow and silver sprinkles
- Nilla wafers and pretzels, for serving



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DIRECTIONS

1. **Step 1** In a large bowl, using a handheld mixer on medium speed, beat cream cheese and butter until light and fluffy. Beat in confectioners' sugar, brown sugar, and vanilla, then fold in chips.
2. **Step 2** Place 2 overlapping sheets of plastic wrap on a work surface and scrape cream cheese mixture on top. Using your hands, form mixture into a ball. Place in a small bowl, then tightly cover with plastic wrap. Freeze until firm, about 3 hours. (Once it's semi-firm, after about 2 hours, you'll be able to better shape it into a ball.)
3. **Step 3** In a small bowl, mix rainbow and silver sprinkles.
4. **Step 4** When ready to serve, transfer ball to a platter. Cover with sprinkles. (If your ball is firm enough to roll, try that.)
5. **Step 5** Serve with Nilla wafers and pretzels alongside.

yum!

If you do not have an ID for your animal (cat or dog), please contact us so we can get one to you. **ALL** animals **MUST** have an ID for your animal that is displayed in the front door window so our staff knows that the animal is approved to be there. If we do not already have a picture of the animal, we will ask that you send one to us via email so an ID can be made.

Macoupin Housing Authority

Approved cat



Address:

760 Anderson St.
Carlinville, IL

Rex

Approved:
1/1/2026

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Kimberly Jackson

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



WASH YOUR WALLS
(YES, REALLY)

Walls can waft an old, stale smell, too. In a bucket of hot water, mix 2 cups of white vinegar and a few lemon essential oil. Wipe down your walls and let them air dry.

Removes smells, mildew & dust

TOILET STAIN REMOVER—FAST DIY FIX

BEFORE **AFTER**

Ingredients:

- 1 cup Borax
- 1/4 cup Lemon Juice or Vinegar

Instructions:

1. Combine Borax with lemon juice or vinegar.
2. Let sit for 20 minutes.
5. Stains lift off and bowl turns white again.

Pour mixture into the toilet bowl.

Scrub and flush.

Income Tax Refund Ideas:

If you are getting an income tax refund this year, don't waste your money on clothes, hair, phones, eating out, shoes, nails, pocketbooks, cars that you know you're not going to keep, etc. This year do something different. Here are a few suggestions you can do this year instead of blowing your money unnecessarily.

- Pay your rent up in advance for 3-6 months.
- Open up a bank account for your children (Deposit \$100 in each account and every month add \$25 dollars to it).
- So you won't be complaining about not having Christmas stuff for your kids in December, go ahead and Christmas Shop. Order it off line so it will be boxed already and you won't have to worry about having to hide it.
- Go ahead and start buying school clothes for the upcoming school year. Get book bags, clothes, shoes, underwear, etc. Then set it aside and don't use it until school starts in the fall.
- Pay your past due bills or any debts that you owe to people or bill collectors.
- Enroll your kids in activities. (Dancing, boxing, karate, sports, etc.) Pay it up in advance so that you don't have to worry about that monthly bill.
- Buy grocery store gift cards and save them for hard times. Buy 10 \$50 gift cards and put them up for when you're low in food and need food for the house and are low on funds.



**Macoupin County
Public Transportation**
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JANUARY GROUP TRIPS

THURSDAY, JAN. 8TH | Shopping & Dining in Fairview Heights, IL

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$20 per person
- Shopping at St. Clair Square in Fairview Heights
- Dining at the mall

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14TH | Casino & Dining

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$20 per person
- Trip to Ameristar Casino
- Dining at Cracker Barrel

THURSDAY, JAN. 22ND | Shopping & Dining in Litchfield

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$10 per person
- Shopping at Walmart, Dollar Tree, Rural King, Aldi
- Lunch at Denny's

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28TH | Museum & Dining in Springfield

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$20 per person
- Abraham Lincoln Museum
- Admission Costs:
 - Adults \$15 per person
 - Seniors (62+) \$12 per person
 - Children (age 5-15) \$6 per person
- Lunch at the Museum

new year



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.