



Neighbors



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



- Please make sure you are storing your trash receptacles **INSIDE** the garage at all times except on collection day. After trash pick-up, trash cans need to be immediately removed from the street and placed inside the garage.
- Please respond to all housing authority correspondence in writing. While you may feel that a phone call is quicker and easier, in most cases, we do need a written response to put in your file. An email will work for this.
- Wood and kerosene heaters are not permitted as a heating source in the homes.
- Its never a bad idea to consider Renter's Insurance. Macoupin Housing Services is not responsible for accidents occurring to your personal property. You must carry insurance if you wish to be protected from losses by fire, windstorm, burglary, faulty operation of heating equipment, damage from broken water lines, appliances, plumbing, etc.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH – ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH – PRESIDENT'S DAY

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

Dionne Wyatt, CEO

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Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

CLOSED WEDNESDAY

Thursday & Friday

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

EMERGENCY

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.

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

Wheatland Lane-EVENS

**INSPECTIONS MAY TAKE PLACE ON ANY DAY OF THE MONTH
BETWEEN THE HOURS OF
8:00 A.M.- 4:30 P.M., MONDAY-FRIDAY**

Residents who have trouble keeping up with rent payments have an opportunity to get ahead with their income tax refunds. If you struggle with paying rent, use the money you get back to pay one or two months of rent. If you continue to pay your rent monthly, you can let that extra money remain on your account as a cushion. Remember, paying late three times in a 12-month period may result in eviction. If you're having trouble getting caught up or setting up a budget, you can contact the office for help.

Monthly cleaning tips:

- Making time for cleaning starts with planning your days. If you schedule time for cleaning, it's more likely to happen. Using a day planner, cleaning at the same time every day, and making cleaning a priority are helpful ways to make sure your home is nice and tidy.
- Cheat at cleaning! Take shortcuts where necessary. Vacuum only high traffic areas daily. Use an old sock over your hand to dust as you declutter.
- Multi-task: do mindless cleaning tasks while you do something else. Fold laundry and watch TV, Clean the kitchen up as you talk on the phone.
- Break your chores into chunks: Get yourself motivated for a big job by starting with a small step and continuing to move forward. Before you know it, the whole room is clean!
- Only clean what's dirty: Skip things that don't "look dirty"! If the fridge isn't that bad, skip it that week! Daily maintenance will make it easier to get things done and even skip the things you aren't a fan of!



Macoupin County Public Transportation

112 S. Macoupin St. Gillespie, IL 62033

Call 217-839-4132 to reserve your seat

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF HOUSING AUTHORITIES

CENTRAL COUNCIL

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

The Central Illinois Council of the Illinois Association of Housing Authorities has elected to implement an Educational Assistance Grant Program. The program will be administered by the Central Council. The money may be used for tuition, books, approved activity fees, necessities, work programs, and other items at the discretion of the sponsoring Council. The application requirements and grant rules are as follows:

- Applicant must be a graduating senior or anyone continuing their education and residing in a member agency-owned or managed project. Previous participants can re-apply.
 - Students must have maintained at least a 2.0 grade point average during their junior and senior years (except G.E.D.).
 - Student must be recommended by the Housing Authority's Executive Director. ***All applications must be submitted by the Executive Director only. The Executive Director is responsible for verifying all application requirements and collecting all application materials.*** Local promotion of the Grant Program is the responsibility of the Executive Director.
 - Applications must include 1) a school transcript or proof of G.E.D. completion; 2) two teacher recommendations; 3) an essay (200 words) by the student explaining his/her goals and how the grant would be used; and 4) the Executive Directors' comments.
 - Additional recommendations from clergy, counselors, and others may be submitted.
 - Provide a list of schools to which the student has applied. Proof of subsequent admission will be required.
 - Student must provide a description of extra-curricular activities, awards, community services, employment, and other accomplishments.
 - If the leaseholder is the recipient of this scholarship, he/she must be in good standing and remain in good standing with the Housing Authority. The recipient will continue to be eligible to receive payments if he/she moves out of the Housing Authority.
- The deadline for receipt of application materials is March 31, 2024. ENCLOSE ALL MATERIALS*** and forward to the Executive Director of your Housing Authority.
- Grant will be awarded for academic year 2024-2025.

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 in order 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.