

February 2018



PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS ONLY

Effective March 1, 2018, HUD has approved the conversion of our public housing units over to the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program (RAD). This is in regards to the series of meetings and information residents were sent last fall. MCHA staff will be sending all residents letters in the upcoming days explaining the process and all residents **WILL BE REQUIRED** to meet with staff to update paperwork. Please watch your mail for this important information.

Local Food Pantries

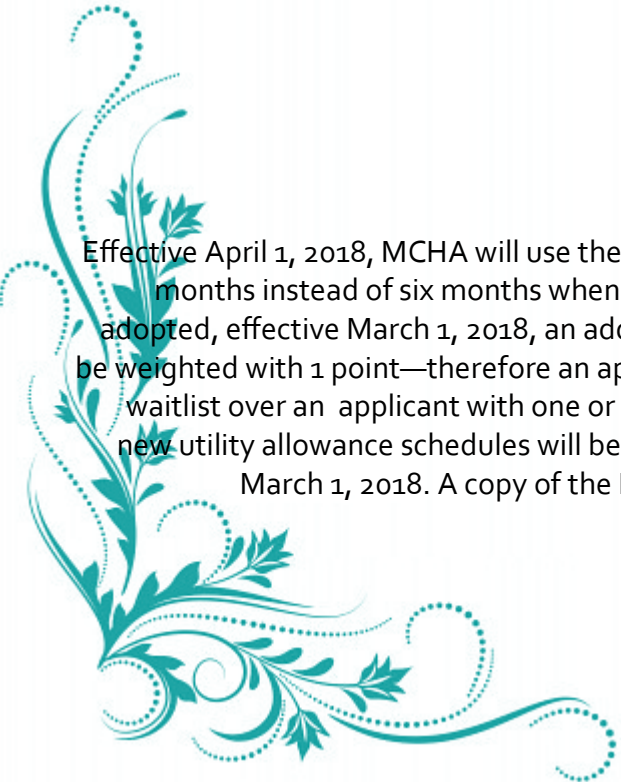
If you are in need of food, please contact your local food pantry for distribution and food orders.

The Athens Food Pantry is open the third Saturday of each month. Please call to register with Linda Pedigo at 341-1894.

For Greenview residents, please contact Sharon Davis at the Greenview Food Pantry at 968-5437 OR 968-5323

Petersburg residents are welcome to use the Petersburg Food Pantry once every 60 days, located at the Presbyterian Church. Please stop by the MCHA office on Tuesdays or Thursdays to receive a voucher beforehand.

Section 8 Admin Plan Changes



Effective April 1, 2018, MCHA will use the average monthly balance of checking accounts for the last two months instead of six months when determining values of assets. A Veteran's preference has been adopted, effective March 1, 2018, an addition to the current residency preference. Each preference will be weighted with 1 point—therefore an applicant with both preferences will hold a higher position on the waitlist over an applicant with one or no preferences. This applies to current and future waitlists. The new utility allowance schedules will begin being implemented for Annual Re-examinations, beginning March 1, 2018. A copy of the HCV Utility Schedules can be obtained by contacting the office.

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- The MCHA Annual Plan Hearing will be on 3/13 at 4 p.m. in the Lobby of the MCHA Administrative building at 101 W. Sheridan Ave., Petersburg. Goals for the next year will be reviewed and discussed.
- Electronics Recycling will be held on March 24th from 8 a.m. to Noon at Menard County Courthouse parking lot.



Updated Information

Menard County Housing Authority **MUST ALWAYS** have all of your information up to date.

Please contact the office to report a change in phone number immediately in case of emergency. If you do not have a phone, please provide us with a message number. If your emergency contact's information has changed, please report it to us as soon as possible. It is to your benefit to report any income changes when they happen. Failure to provide this information to MCHA is considered fraud. Report any other changes when they happen, such as marriage, divorce, and changes in occupancy of the household. Failure to report new persons living in the unit is grounds for eviction. Contact the office as soon as possible if you obtain a pet. Documentation and a pet fee are required.

Give & Take Spring hours start back up beginning March 10th with the thrift shop opening every Saturday from 9a-noon.

Admission for early entry at 8:45a is \$2.

Give & Take will be closed March 3rd.

