

February 2020

Making Appointments

It is imperative to call to make an appointment when needing to speak to a staff member before coming in to the office, especially when needing to budget, make a payment arrangement, and/or sign paperwork. If you come in without an appointment, we cannot guarantee you will be seen. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

MCHA New

Executive Director

As of March 1, 2020 Brad Ames will be the new Executive Director of Menard County Housing Authority. Anne Smith will still be in the office as CEO of Central Illinois Services. Central Illinois Services hosts the Angel Tree and Back To School programs as well as the Give & Take Thrift Shop and other development projects.

Kindergarten Pre-Registration for 2020-2021

& Pre-K Screenings

Children who will be five years old by September 1, 2020 are eligible to attend kindergarten this fall. If you know of someone who has a child that will be eligible for kindergarten, please ask them to contact Petersburg Elementary (632-7731) by February 28th. Parents/guardians of students enrolled in PORTA's preschool programs (pre-k & early childhood), who are kindergarten eligible, will soon be receiving a form to be completed and returned to the school office. Our spring pre-k screenings have been set for March 17th & 18th. Call the Elementary office to schedule a screening if you have a child who is at least 2 1/2 years of age. Also, please spread the word to anyone in our district who has a child in need of screenings. A screening must be done to determine eligibility for Pre-K.

Homebuyer Workshop

Interested in buying a home? Please join us at the Menard County Housing Authority office for a free Homebuyer Workshop! Presented by Pam Spoor on March 21st from 10:30 -Noon, this workshop will focus on the following topics: finances/what to do to prepare, budgeting, talking to the bank for approval, working with a realtor, talking about home inspections, and closing information. Bring a friend, no registration required!

Babysitting Clinic

Town and Country Women's Club is hosting a babysitting class for students ages 10-19. Cost is \$25 and will be from 2/15 to 9/11. They will cover babysitting tips and tricks and basic first aid and CPR. Contact Chelby Albrecht at 899-3912 if interested!



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