

# January 2019

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**Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00-Noon at 18 Georg Road**

Join Lindsay and Teresa with Menard County Housing Authority in starting the new year off right! We will share tips on organization, budgeting, setting goals and staying motivated.

2019 Calendars and pencils will be provided!

## **Budgeting with Pam and Teresa**

January is always a good time to review your finances and do something different in the New Year even if it's a small change. Everyone deals with financial challenges on a daily basis. If you are willing to set goals and makes changes, you will see different results! Would you like to start the first step in saving for a new car or home? Do you want to figure out how to make your money go farther? Would you like to take steps to get out of debt? Would you like to start a savings account? Do you want to

learn how to reach your goals? We offer one on one sessions to help you reach your financial goals. If you will take the time to set up an appointment, we can help you determine what needs to be done to meet your goals. Call our Housing Counselors ,Teresa or Pam, at 632-7723 to help you make the difference in life.



“If you say I can’t, you won’t. But if you say I am willing to make the change, we can help you make it happen.”

Bed Bugs are a widespread problem in Illinois and around the world. Bed bugs hide in cracks and tight spaces within 6 to 8 feet of the sleeping areas. They can be found in your nightstand, frame/headboard, box spring, mattress, walls/ceiling, dresser, baseboard areas, and couch/chair. You should look for dark brown or black spots around these areas. Always be aware of your surroundings and notify MCHA if the problem is found.

Bites are not an accurate indicator that you have bed bugs. The only way to be sure is to find the bug. Their bites look like those of other insects or skin problems, and many people don't react to their bites at all. You can get bed bugs from travel, used furniture or clothing and guests. Look often for signs in sleeping areas. Put bedding and other items in the clothes dryer using high heat for at least 30 minutes. Heat is one of the best treatments for bed bugs because it kills all bed bugs, eggs to adults. Remember, if you suspect you have bed bugs, YOU MUST call MCHA at 217-632-7723 IMMEDIATELY! Wash and DRY with HIGH HEAT ALL bedding, clothes, furniture and other items made with fabric that you receive from the Give & Take Thrift Shop OR garage sales!!

**Bedbug Safety**

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 Petersburg, IL 62675  
 Po Box 168  
 Phone: 217-632-7723  
 Fax: 217-632-7255  
 Section 8 Fax: 217-632-7511

## Reminders

- ⇒ All residents that have garbage pickup provided, please move your garbage totes (recycling totes) back from the street after your weekly pickup.
- ⇒ Please remember to make a monthly payment on your Ameren bill ( even if you have energy assistance credit). When warmer weather returns, you will be required to have your bill paid in full to keep from getting shut off.
- ⇒ When parking, please do not block driveways and mailboxes. Also, **there is absolutely no parking in the grass.**



**Reminder:** Furnace filter changes will take place the first two weeks of February for all tenants!



## Menard County Housing Authority Office Closings for 2019

Tuesday	January 1	New Year's Day (Observed)
Monday	January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tuesday	February 12	Lincoln's Birthday (Observed)
Monday	February 18	President's Day (Observed)
Friday	April 19	Spring Break
Monday	May 27	Memorial Day
Thursday	July 4	Independence Day
Monday	September 2	Labor Day
Monday	October 14	Columbus Day (Observed)
Monday	November 11	Veteran's Day (Observed)
Thursday	November 28	Thanksgiving Day
Friday	November 29	Day Following Thanksgiving
Tuesday	December 24	Christmas Eve
Wednesday	December 25	Christmas Day

\*The Give & Take Thrift Shop will be open January 26th, February 9th, and February 23rd



**WEATHER PERMITTING.**

