

# February 2019



## **Thrift Shop Hours**

The Give & Take Thrift Shop  
will be closed March 2nd,  
opening every Saturday  
starting March 9th WEATHER PERMITTING.

## **Reminder to Hi-Rise Tenants**

We will be deep cleaning the  
floors in the near future and as a  
reminder, please remove all  
personal belongings from the  
hallways as soon as possible. All  
unclaimed items will be disposed  
of. Thank you!

## **Tax Refunds**

Learn how to spend your tax refund so  
that it works for you! Call the office at  
217-632-7723 to make an appointment  
with a housing counselor.

**The annual Fun Fair will be held Saturday, February 23rd from 4pm-8pm at the PORTA  
High School gym. Fun for the whole family!**



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## Bedbug Safety

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!!

## 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.

