

MARCH 2018

Free Homebuyer Education Workshops

Join the Springfield Housing Authority, Community Resources of Sangamon County, and the Menard County Housing Authority for lunch and free homebuyer education workshops at the Lincoln Library Multi Purpose Room in Springfield, Illinois! Please call Deborah at 217-753-5757 ext 209 to RSVP for one or both amazing workshops:

April 21st (10a-2p) - Credit & Budget Skills

- Tips on how to establish, repair and maintain credit
- What you need to know about credit scores
- Ideas for creating and following a budget
- Keys to homeownership
- Identity theft
- Guest speaker

April 28th (10a-2p) - The Home Buying Process

- Working with a lender and realtor
- Fair housing
- Home inspections
- Home insurance
- Financial assistance/grants
- Realtor and lender guest speakers
- What to expect at the closing

Certificates will be given upon completing both sessions.

Electronics Recycling Event

The Electronics Recycling Event will take place on March 24th at the Petersburg Court House parking lot from 8am to Noon. Items not accepted include broken glass, appliances, furniture and rubbish. For a list of accepted items, please contact the Menard County Housing Authority office at 217-632-7723.

*There is a \$20 charge on all CRT/TV items.



Office Closings

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Our offices will be closed Friday, March 30th in observance of Spring break.

Menard County Healthy Foods Distribution

Join us for a healthy food distribution on March 24th, starting at 10a, at the PORTA Central parking lot. Please bring something to carry your groceries in.

Menard County Dementia Friendly Kickoff

Join the Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland on **March 27th** from **1p-3p** at the **RiverBank Lodge in Petersburg** to get valuable information on dementia friendly America! Food, giveaways, and information provided.

Outside Care

Please take care of your unit inside and out. MCHA will do **WEEKLY** yard checks and issue citations if necessary. You will have **48 hours to resolve the issue** or MCHA will resolve it and charge you. All trash must be picked up and disposed of correctly. Children's toys need to be arranged neatly or stored in your storage unit or inside. MCHA staff have been instructed to remove any toys found in the common areas. You will NOT get them back! Please mow and trim your yard to 3 inches. This usually requires weekly mowing and trimming. Our maintenance can help set your lawn mower deck to the appropriate setting upon request. Please water the lawn if it browns and pull all weeds around your unit, garden, and flowers. **C**hildren must be supervised at ALL times. Children are not allowed to hang from clotheslines or climb trees or climb any fences. **F**ire pits are not allowed on ANY property owned by MCHA, County Estates, Prairie Place, or Parkside Homes. **W**ading pools are allowed but **MUST** be emptied and stored EVERY time after use. **S**wing sets must be anchored properly for safety. Trampolines are NOT allowed. **P**ets **MUST** be on a leash controlled by a responsible adult ANYTIME they are outside or in common areas.

Petersburg City Wide Cleanup

Spring is here, and by the consensus of the City Council, the Petersburg City-Wide Cleanup will be held on Monday May 7 through Friday May 11, 2018. Articles to be picked up include old furniture, appliances, old lawn furniture, grills, cardboard, scrap metal and scrap lumber no longer than 6 feet and general junk. There will be no duplicate runs, so items must be placed curb side by 6am on Monday May 7, 2018 to insure they will be picked up.

NO BRICKS OR CONCRETE, NO TIRES, NO TV'S, NO ELECTRONICS OR TOXIC WASTE MATERIALS, such as paints, thinners or batteries will be picked up. This program is for City of Petersburg residents only. Residents are urged to take advantage of this city-wide event to clean up their property.

For more information, call City Hall at 632-3600.

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