

November 2017

Menard County Housing Authority



Open Enrollment for 2018 Medicare Prescription Drug and Health Plans begins October 15th

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is encouraging all Medicare beneficiaries to take advantage of the annual Open Enrollment period to make sure they have the best coverage available to meet their health care needs in 2018.

If you or someone you care about has Medicare, make sure you mark your calendars. Medicare Open Enrollment starts on October 15th and ends on December 7th. Use this opportunity to review your current Medicare choices and compare them to coverage that is available for next year to make sure you have the plan that is right for you. You may be able to save money, get better coverage or both. And make sure you take advantage of the benefits for all people with Medicare – like wellness visits, preventive care and lower prescription drug costs. It's worth it to take the time to review and compare. Medicare has resources to help

With better plan choices available for 2018 Medicare beneficiaries can think of Open Enrollment as their yearly coverage "check-up". If individuals have had any changes in their health, Open Enrollment is the time to double-check coverage options and make good choices that meet individual needs.

Resources for Medicare Beneficiaries

People with Medicare, their families and other trusted representatives can review and compare current plan coverage with new plan offerings, using many proven resources, including contacting Dara Worthington or Jill Lounsberry from Menard County Community Services at 632-4412.

Reminder that Roots in Petersburg is hosting a free meal Thanksgiving Day from 11-2p for anyone interested. Contact Rachelle at 217-710-1901 for more information.

Ring the Bell

If you are interested in ringing the bell for Salvation Army kettles, please contact the office at 632-7723 to schedule a time and location.



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We have been notified by HUD that they will be here on January 3rd and 4th, 2018 to conduct a REAC inspection in our Public Housing units only. Menard County Housing Authority will be conducting their own pre-REAC/Annual Inspections on the following schedule:

Week of November 13th, 2017: Collins/Vogt Road

Week of November 27th, 2017: Chester Road/Owen Avenue

Week of December 4th, 2017: Georg Road/7th Street/Lynwood & Monroe(Athens)

Week of December 11th, 2017: 209 E. Sheridan

Letters will be sent to all tenants as a reminder of the schedule as well as what you need to do to prepare for the inspection. Please call the office with any questions.

MAINTENANCE MECHANIC

Regional Housing Development is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Maintenance Mechanic. The Maintenance Mechanic reports directly to the Associate Director of Operations and is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the Menard County Housing Authority's buildings and grounds. Qualifications include graduation from an accredited high school or possession of GED, supplemented by vocational/technical school training in carpentry, electricity, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, and/or related, with journeyman level skill in one of the recognized building trades; and four years progressively responsible experience in building and grounds maintenance, building construction, or related experience or a combination of education, training, and experience equivalent to the above. Other special requirements include possession of a valid driver's license; ability to be covered under RHD's vehicle insurance policy and fidelity bond; and must be willing and able to provide emergency coverage after hours. Submit resume no later than Monday, November 27, 2017 to: Meggann Bell, Director of Operations, P.O. Box 168, Petersburg, IL 62675 or email to mbell@menardcha.org.

Regional Housing Development is an equal opportunity employer.

Holidays are coming and so is cold weather which also means higher than normal utility bills. Try and create a Christmas shopping spending plan so that you don't find your utility money under the tree in wrapping paper! If you qualify for LIHEAP, continue making payments to your utility company so that when spring arrives you aren't left with a huge bill – most LIHEAP awards will not cover your entire winter debt!

Make an appointment with Melissa Groh today to develop your holiday/winter spending plan! 632-7723 ext 130

Budgeting services are free-flexible meeting times

