



January 2018

Section 8 Administrative Plan Changes

The MCHA Board recently passed 2 changes to the Section 8 Admin Plan.

A Veteran Preference is being added for all applicants (including applicants on the current waitlists)

And the lifetime ban on admissions for persons convicted of murder/attempted murder will be changed to a 20 year ban (from completion date of successful completion of their sentence including parole).

These changes will be made effective on March 1, 2018 after a 30 day comment period for residents and applicants.

New Employees

Menard County Housing Authority welcomes Pamela Spoor and Teresa Sexton as Housing Counselors. We regret that Melissa Groh will be moving out of state and she will no longer be at the Housing Authority after 1/30/18.

Please welcome Jake Kelton to our maintenance department. Jake started employment with us on

January 2nd and will become a familiar face to our residents!

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

Community Meeting on Substance Abuse

The Menard County Partnership for Safety and Wellness invite the community to attend a meeting to discuss the issue of substance abuse in Menard County and three course of action to address the problem. The Partnership's focus is on prevention, especially among the youth. The meeting will be held **Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30p** at the Athens Christian Church, 1411 East Route 29 in Athens. For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, contact the Partnership at menardcountypsw@gmail.com

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Introduction To Computers Classes

The Goodwill Career Center will be holding several Introduction to Computers classes, which cover a wide range of topics from computer basics and online safety to media and cloud storage. To register, please contact Rick Brown at 217-789-0400 or by email at rick.brown@llgi.org

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.



Menard County Housing Authority Office Closings for 2018

Monday	January 1	New Year's Day (Observed)
Monday	January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday	February 12	Lincoln's Birthday (Observed)
Monday	February 19	President's Day (Observed)
Friday	March 30	Spring Break
Monday	May 28	Memorial Day
Wednesday	July 4	Independence Day
Monday	September 3	Labor Day
Monday	October 8	Columbus Day (Observed)
Monday	November 12	Veteran's Day (Observed)
Friday	November 23	Thanksgiving Day
Monday	November 24	Day Following Thanksgiving
Tuesday	December 25	Christmas Day

MANY THANKS to our residents who rang the bell for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive.

Menard County Wide \$4924.53 was collected!

