

## Medicare Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for Medicare is from October 15 through December 7 this year. To check and compare costs and coverage, visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or call 1-877-486-2048. To schedule an appointment, please contact Menard County Community Services at 217-632-4412.

## Notice To All Residents

The weeks of October 15<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Annual Inspections will be conducted on all properties Menard County Housing Authority manages. We will be sending out a detailed letter in the next couple of weeks but wanted to make you aware of the upcoming inspections. We are changing the way inspections have been done in the past and have hired a new company to complete these. Please contact the office with any questions.

# September 2018

## FLU CLINICS IN MENARD COUNTY

THIS YEARS' VACCINATION WILL BE NO COST TO MEDICARE B AND MEDICAID RECIPIENTS WHEN YOUR CARD IS PRESENTED. IF YOU ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 65, THE COST WILL BE \$35 AND IF YOU ARE OVER 65 AND WISH TO RECEIVE THE HIGH-DOSE VACCINATION, THE COST IS \$65. THE CLINICS ACCEPT INSURANCE FROM SEVERAL PLANS, INCLUDING BLUE CROSS, AETNA, HUMANA, CIGNA, MOLINA, COVENTRY, HARMONY, MERIDIAN, ILLINICARE, AND HEALTH ALLIANCE. THE CLINIC SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

**TUES, SEPT 18 FROM 11:30A-1:30P—PETERSBURG CITY CENTER**

**FRI, SEPT 21 FROM 10:30A-12:30P—ATHENS CITY HALL**

## Help Local Charities with Amazon Smile

Did you know that by shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase price to Central Illinois Services? Central Illinois Services (CIS) is a not-for-profit organization that coordinates various charitable activities in Menard County including, but not limited to, The Give & Take Thrift Shop, Angel Tree, Back to School Supply Drive, Summer Food Program, and Electronics Recycling. CIS also assists with the Menard County Food Pantry, Friend in Need, SMART Public Transportation, and much more!

Bookmark this link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1403299> and support CIS every time you shop!



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## Safe & Drug Free Halloween Event

The annual Safe & Drug Free Halloween event and parade will be held October 27 starting at 4pm. The parade route will start at The National Bank and end in front of the Historical Society. Treat bags will be distributed for children at the end of the parade.

## Angel Tree Forms

Angel Tree forms are now available for pick up at the MCHA office.

All forms **must** be returned to the office no later than **October 31**.

## LIHEAP Schedule & Utility Help Information

The following is the eligibility schedule for LIHEAP energy assistance:

**10/1**—Seniors, Social Security clients, individuals with disabilities

**11/1**—Households with children **under age of 5**

**12/1**— General population

Assistance with utility bills is available for Menard County residents through the Menard County Housing Authority office **when you are paying monthly on your utility bills**.

Please see Teresa for a budgeting appointment to discuss these services.

## Lunch & Learn

The Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland is offering a series of monthly informational programs for family caregivers of older adults and for relatives raising children:

Tuesday, September 25th - Caregivers Needs a Break Too! Learn what respite is and how to access this service.

Each session is being held from Noon to 1:00pm at 113 West Antle Street with lunch provided. To register, please contact the Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland at 217-787-9234.