



Neighbors



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



According to the calendar, spring arrives this month. I think we are all ready for some warm weather and sunshine.

With the warmer weather coming, make sure that you are cleaning up the exterior of your homes. This includes cleaning up the trash around the building. Picking up toys and those that belong outside, storing them neatly along the building. Removing those items that do not belong outside and getting rid of them or storing them inside.

Also inside: is a chance to apply for the Illinois Association of Housing Authorities Central Council Educational Assistance Grant.



OFFICE NEWS

Sunday, March 8 Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m.
 Tuesday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS FOR MARCH

Wheatland Lane Staunton –ODDS

INSPECTIONS MAY TAKE PLACE ON ANY DAY OF THE MONTH BETWEEN THE HOURS OF

8:00 A.M.- 4:30 P.M., MONDAY-FRIDAY

***Q&A (Quality Assurance) inspections may take place on work orders and inspections anywhere from 3-5 days after the inspection/work order happens.**

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Address:

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 760 Anderson St.
 Carlinville, 62626
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 Fax: (217) 854-8749

Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday
 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

CLOSED WEDNESDAY

Thursday & Friday
 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

EMERGENCY NUMBER:

(217) 827-2100

EMERGENCIES INCLUDE:

- ◆ Gas leaks
- ◆ Broken water pipes
- ◆ Exposed electrical wires
- ◆ No heat (if the outside temperature is 45-degrees or lower)
- ◆ Sewer line stoppage (not drain line)- this includes a clogged toilet
- ◆ CO/Smoke detector beeping or chirping

Also fire, flood, or anything that threatens life, safety or property damage.



**Macoupin County
Public Transportation**
509 Illinois Avenue | Gillespie, IL
Phone: 217-839-4130 Fax: 217-839-3809

MARCH GROUP TRIPS

FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH | Springfield Product Expo

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$20 per person
- Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds
- A celebration of Illinois-made products including a variety of jellies, baked goods, sauces, cheeses, desserts, and MORE!
- Hosted by the Illinois Department of Agriculture
- Dining at D'Arcy's Pint

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH | Dining & Shopping in Litchfield

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$10 per person
- Dining at Pizza Man
- Shopping at Walmart, Aldi, Dollar General, Rural King

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH | Movie and Dining

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$20 per person
- Movie options to be determined at a later date
- AMC Edwardsville 12 Theater - Price varies
- Average price for Adults: \$13.00; Children: \$10.99; Seniors: \$12.49
- Dining at Chick-fil-A

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH | St. Louis Premium Outlets

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$20 per person
- Dining at The Cheesecake Factory

TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST | Argosy Casino in Alton

- Call for pick-up/drop-off location | Cost: \$20 per person
- Dining at the casino



**Seats are limited and are available on a first come first served basis.
Please call us at 217-839-4130 to reserve a seat.**

All riders are entitled to a 15-bag maximum limit, with the max weight of a bag being no more than 20lbs. All riders are responsible for their own bags and purchases. Macoupin County Public Transportation assumes no liability or responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen items or property.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF HOUSING AUTHORITIES
CENTRAL COUNCIL
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

The Central Illinois Council of the Illinois Association of Housing Authorities has elected to implement an Educational Assistance Grant Program. The Central Council will administer the program. The funds can be used for tuition, books, approved activity fees, necessities, work programs, and other items at the discretion of the sponsoring Council. The application requirements and grant rules are as follows:

- Applicant must be a graduating senior or anyone continuing their education and residing in a member agency-owned or managed project. Previous participants can reapply.
- Students must have maintained at least a 2.0 grade point average during their junior and senior years (except G.E.D.).
- The Housing Authority's Executive Director must recommend the student. ***All applications must be submitted by the Executive Director only. The Executive Director is responsible for verifying all application requirements and collecting all application materials.*** Local promotion of the Grant Program is the responsibility of the Executive Director.
- Applications must include 1) a school transcript or proof of G.E.D. completion; 2) two teacher recommendations; 3) an essay (200 words) by the student explaining their goals and how the grant would be used; and 4) the Executive Directors' comments.
- Additional recommendations from clergy, counselors, and others may be submitted.
- Provide a list of schools to which the student has applied. Proof of subsequent admission will be required.
- Student must describe extra-curricular activities, awards, community services, employment, and other accomplishments.
- If the leaseholder is the recipient of this scholarship, they must be in good standing with the Housing Authority. The recipient will continue to be eligible to receive payments if he/her move out of the Housing Authority.

- The deadline for receipt of application materials is March 31, 2026.

ENCLOSE ALL MATERIALS and forward to the Executive Director of your Housing Authority.

- Grant will be awarded for the academic year 2026-2027.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF HOUSING AUTHORITIES
CENTRAL COUNCIL
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION

Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Address: _____ **City** _____, **State** _____, **Zip** _____

Age: _____ **Grade in School:** _____ **Graduation Date/G.E.D. Completion:** _____

Academic Major (if any): _____ **Grade Point Average:** _____

List the Colleges or Universities of interest to you, to which you have applied, or to which you have been accepted: _____

Summarize your academic accomplishments (i.e., scholarships, awards, etc.): _____

List Extra-curricular school activities in which you have participated (i.e., clubs, teams, etc.): _____

Indicate some of the community activities in which you have participated (i.e., church, community service, etc.): _____

List any hobbies and special interests: _____

Indicate any jobs that you have held: _____

List two personal references (names, addresses, and phone numbers): _____

(Use additional sheets if more room is required.)

In addition to the above information, you must provide the Housing Authority with the following for your application to be complete: all high school, college, and/or trade school transcripts; two letters of recommendation from teachers; and an essay of 200 words on your goals and how you would use the grant.

(Use a separate sheet.) Print or type neatly.