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# THE COMMUNITY

Monthly Newsletter of The Housing Authority of McDonough County



## Back to School

Lets help our kids start off the school year right! Here are 5 helpful tips:

- Get your kids involved in programs that they can do after school to keep them active.
- Let kids choose a planner or scheduling tool that they're excited to use.
- Give kids a specific day to when they can choose all the activities you do together.
- Discuss what your kids can expect on the first day so they feel more prepared.
- Remove distractions like TVs and video game consoles from homework areas.



## Important Dates:

**Back to School Event at Greenbriar Apartments**

August 1st, 12PM to 2PM

**Back to School Event at Prairieview Townhomes**

August 4th, 12PM to 2PM

**Eisenhower Tower Blood Drive**

August 2nd from 1:30PM to 4PM

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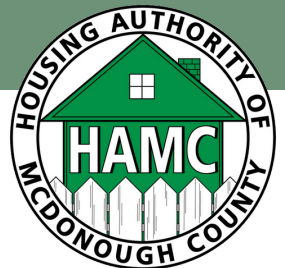
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## Staff Spotlight: Caroline Murray



This month's spotlight is on Caroline Murray, the Property Manager of Prairieview Townhomes!

Caroline is originally from Michigan but has been living in Macomb for the past three years. She is involved in many things in our community such as the Lions Club and the Macomb Youth Task Force and she volunteers her time to many other community projects and events.

This year, Caroline set out to bring some beauty to Prairieview Townhomes in the form of a mural. With the help of Sherwin Williams, Artist Colby Fayhee and many others she was able to bring that mural to life.

Caroline, thanks for being a warrior for our community and continuously showing up with compassion and fresh ideas. We'd also like to give Caroline a HUGE CONGRATULATIONS as she very recently got married!!!!!!

If you'd like to check out the mural or say hi to the new Mrs. Murray, stop by Prairieview Townhomes at 425 N. Prairie Ave.

## Back to School Recipe: Classic Turkey Sandwich with a Twist

### Ingredients

- turkey (sliced)
- cranberry sauce
- mayonnaise
- cheese (we love havarti with turkey)
- lettuce
- tomatoes
- salt & pepper to taste
- bread

### Directions

- **Step 1**- Assemble your sandwich to your tastes, and enjoy!





## National Dog Month

All during the month of August, National Dog Month celebrates our loveable canine pals smack in the middle of the dog days of summer. Dogs are the #1 most commonly owned pets on the planet, and with good reason. Did you know that scientific studies prove our pawsome companions make us happier, less stressed, and more optimistic? The list of benefits to spending time with a dog goes on and on, but it all proves one thing--that a month-long celebration of our furry best friends has been a long time coming.

Whether your dog burrows under the blankets with you at night, plays in the sprinkler, or alerts you to a health need, we know they are constantly improving our lives and making them more fun. Not only that, but the companionship and affection we share with them make their lives better, too. Dog lovers know a life without dogs is a life missing something special, and that's a fact worth celebrating.

### How to Observe National Dog Month:

This is the easy part. Celebrate with your best pal. Take an extra-long walk. Play fetch or spare an extra treat. Get your dog the toy he's been wanting or visit the dog park. Speaking of visits, make your next veterinarian appointment to ensure your pet stays healthy and strong. Donate to your local shelter or to a larger dog nonprofit. You can also volunteer your services. Not only will the dogs appreciate the support, but so will their future human companions.



## Maintenance Notice: Contractors

- As a reminder the mowers are under a contract with HAMC so please be kind. In addition, please pick up all items & toys so they're not mowed over or thrown away. Any vegetation that is not fenced in will be mowed. Any concerns should be brought to management attention. We appreciate your understanding.

## Lease Highlights

### 1 DIFFERENCES IN OPINION (Section III,C. of your Resident Handbook):

If you have a problem with the behavior of a neighbor, you should try to discuss it with them. Problems are best resolved by the participants alone. However, if a matter is left unresolved, it can grow into a larger problem. Housing Authority management may become involved if it involves lease violations. If the matter represents a direct threat to the health or safety of someone in your family, **the police should be contacted by dialing 911.**

### 2. GARDENS (Section E, 1. of your Resident Handbook):

Residents are permitted and encouraged to perform routine plantings and other improvements to the grounds. Border fencing is permitted but must be less than 2 feet tall. The Management Office should be consulted with any out of the ordinary plans.



## Back To School Event

Join HAMC for our Back to School event at Greenbriar Apartments and Prairieview Townhomes! This event is supported by the McDonough County Youth Task Force and ALL school aged children are encouraged to attend. Children who attend will receive a FREE lunch, FREE school supplies, and have an opportunity to play some fun games!

**Greenbriar Apartments-** August 1st from, 12Pm to 2PM

**Prairieview Townhomes-** August 4th from, 12PM to 2PM

## Resident Council Meetings

**Eisenhower Tower:** Tuesday August 9th, at 1PM in the Eisenhower Tower Community Room

**Prairieview Townhomes:** Friday August 5th, at 1PM in the Prairieview Townhomes Community Room

**Greenbriar Apartments:** Wednesday August 3rd, at 1PM in the Greenbriar Apartments Community Room

## Movie In The Park : Encanto

Movies in the Park returns this summer to Veterans Park August 26th at 7:30PM!

Free popcorn and drinks provided by First Bankers Trust and Pepsi! A food truck will also be on site for additional snack items for purchase. Movie Description: We can't talk about Bruno, but we can talk about how you will want to join us for this family-friendly, animated movie with catchy songs and a heartwarming message!

## Capital Funds

Every year HAMC receives Capital Funds that are put towards larger budget projects such as a laundry facility or dog park for example. We want to hear what YOU, THE RESIDENTS, think our properties could benefit from. If you have any ideas, please let your property manager know or give our offices a call. We'd love to hear from you!

## What has HAMC been up to?

**Greenbriar Apartments Health Fair, Hanging out in the community room at Prairieview Townhomes, Eisenhower Tower's Resident Appreciation Day, Residents helping to maintain flowers on property!**



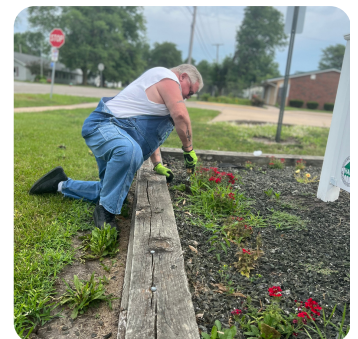
**Greenbriar Apartments Health Fair!**



**Community Room Hangouts at Prairieview Townhomes**



**Eisenhower Tower Resident Appreciation Day**



**Prairieview Residents Helping Maintain the Flowers Around the Prairieview Sign**