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# THE COMMUNITY

Monthly Newsletter of The Housing Authority of McDonough County



## Happy Holidays!

The Housing Authority of McDonough County would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Holiday Season!



### Important Dates:

December 21: First Day of Winter

December 24th: Christmas Eve ALL HAMC Offices CLOSED

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## Resident Spotlight: Darla Wagy



Meet Darla Wagy. This December Darla will have been a resident at Eisenhower Tower for 36 years.

Darla is a hard worker who takes pride in all that she does. She has been employed at the local Burger King for over 20 years and loves interacting with customers.

Not only is Darla a hard worker but she also loves being active and was involved in the Special Olympics from 1981-1994. In her spare time Darla enjoys playing basketball, softball, and track and field through the Macomb Park District. Above all else what she enjoys most is spending time with her family.

Darla, it has been a pleasure to have you as a resident for the past 36 years. You have a great spirit and have been a joy getting to know. Thanks for choosing to make HAMC your home!

## Winter Recipe: Christmas Breakfast Casserole

### Ingredients

- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- 1 (9 ounce) box frozen artichoke hearts, thawed
- ¾ cup chopped sun-dried tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 2 cups low-fat milk
- 5 large eggs
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 8 cups rustic whole-wheat bread, torn into 1-inch pieces

### Directions

- Place spinach in a clean kitchen towel and squeeze firmly over the sink to remove as much liquid as possible. Combine the squeezed spinach and artichoke hearts in a medium bowl.
- Cook tomatoes, oil, garlic, crushed red pepper and lemon zest in a small skillet over low heat, stirring often, until fragrant and the garlic is golden brown, 3 to 4 minutes. Stir into the spinach mixture.
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
- Whisk milk and eggs in a large bowl. Add the spinach mixture, feta and bread. Toss gently until the bread absorbs the milk mixture. Spoon the mixture into a 13-by-9-inch glass or ceramic baking dish. Let stand at room temperature for 20 to 30 minutes.
- Bake until set and browned in spots, about 35 minutes. Let stand for 5 to 10 minutes before serving.



## Holiday Reminders

Christmas is right around the corner and for many of us that means sipping hot cocoa and watching the twinkling lights on the Christmas tree. With this in mind, here are some reminders for our HAMC residents:

- Live trees are not permitted in any resident buildings. They have the potential to cause fire and other safety hazards such as choking and cutting the feet of little ones. We want to ensure that everyone has a fun and safe holiday season this year so get your artificial tree ready because Santa is coming to town!
- You must get approval from your property manager for a new puppy or kitten. If it is a dog it must be under 25lbs, all animals must have proof of necessary immunizations, and a pet deposits must be paid if you have not been approved for a reasonable accommodation.



## Maintenance Notices: Snow Removal

- Beginning November 15th through April 15th snow removal season begins so please be prepared.
- For **Greenbriar Apartment residents we ask that you DO NOT PARK** directly in front of the snow removal signs but instead park **ONE FOOT** away from the curb.
- Maintenance will shovel/ plow the snow once it has reached 3". We appreciate your patience.

## Lease Highlights

**1. Children- Resident Obligations (Section X, (a) of your lease):** 1. Not to leave any person under age 18 unsupervised for a period more than 10 hours. 2. Not to leave any person under age 12 unsupervised for any period of time.

**2. Lease Requirements- (Section VIII a. 1):** 1. Resident shall have the right to exclusive use and occupancy of the dwelling unit for Resident and other household members listed on the Lease. In addition the dwelling must be used at the residents primary living dwelling.

**3. Changes in Income and Family Size- Resident Handbook (Section III. B. b.):** The resident must promptly report to the Landlord any of the following changes in household circumstances when they occur between Annual Rent Recertification: such as employment or a new person moving in or out of the unit.

## Reporting SSI & Social Security

With 2021 coming to a close it is that time of year for an increase in your social security and social security income (SS/SSI). When you receive your benefit letter with your new 2022 benefits, please report your new income amount to your property manager along with proof of the letter you received. After we receive this information, an interim will be completed and you will receive your new rental amount. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Resident Council Meetings

**Eisenhower Tower:** Tuesday December 7th, at 1PM in the Eisenhower Tower Community Room  
**Prairieview Townhomes:** Friday December 3rd, 2021 at 1PM in the Prairieview Townhomes Community Room  
**Greenbriar Apartments:** Wednesday December 1st, 2021 at 1PM in the Greenbriar Apartments Community Room

## Imagination Book Club Pick-Up

A friendly reminder to those parents whose children are participating in the FREE monthly book club, your books will be available at both Greenbriar Apartments Office Prairieview Townhomes Offices the **FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH**. The next pick-up for BOTH properties is scheduled for **December 3rd from 8am to 4pm**. If you are unable to make it to pick up your books, they will also be available for pick-up the following week from 8am to 4pm.

## Updated Barred List

- Ayanna Bush
- Ezekiel Davis
- Todd R. Nunn
- Raekwon R. Freeman
- James E. Payton
- Daryl Ward

## What has HAMC been up to?

**Financial Management Workshop, Trunk or Treat, Giving Back to Our Veterans, Bowling For Kids Sake, Fixing Lights at Greenbriar Apartments, Caroline Running a Half Marathon, Thanksgiving Bingo at Greenbriar Apartments.**



Anette, Lindsey, and Our Fee Accountant Attending a Financial Management Workshop



Prairieview Townhomes Trunk or Treat



Greenbriar Apartments Trunk or Treat



HAMC Bowling for Kids Sake



Giving Back to Our Veterans at VFW



Joe fixing the streetlights at Greenbriar Apartments



Caroline Running A Half Marathon



Thanksgiving Bingo at Greenbriar Apartments

***Thank you to to all of our local Macomb and Bushnell areas partners who make Trunk or Treat such a blast and continually supporting our community!***