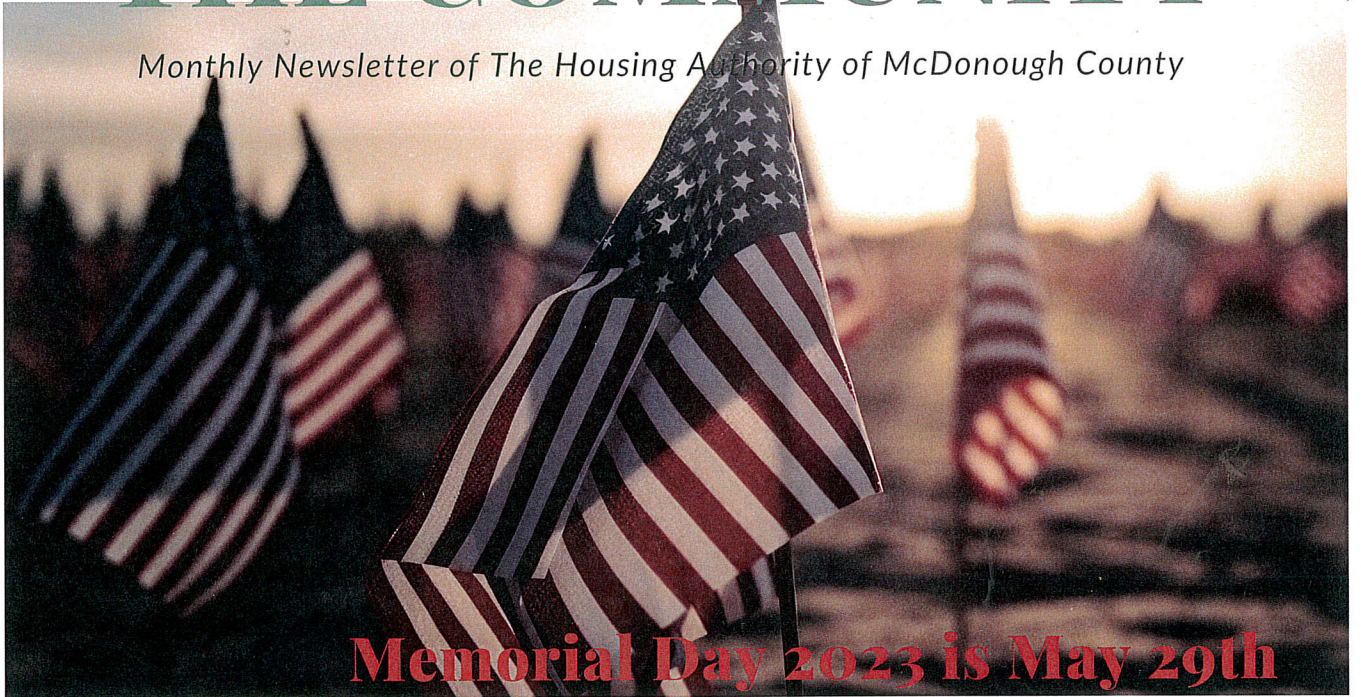


THE COMMUNITY

Monthly Newsletter of The Housing Authority of McDonough County



Memorial Day 2023 is May 29th



Security

The installation of the new security camera system is complete at Eisenhower Tower and Prairieview Townhomes! Work will commence soon to install cameras at Greenbriar Apartments and Fitch Manor.

45 hi-definition cameras were installed at Eisenhower Tower, and 47 at Prairieview Townhomes to give management broad and clear view of the properties. The system is connected directly to the Macomb and Bushnell Police Departments.

Securitas Security Systems continue to patrol Eisenhower Tower and Prairieview Townhomes during overnight hours.

CALL 911 in case of emergency!

Office Closures

Monday May 29th for Memorial Day
Monday June 19th for Juneteenth

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Staff Spotlight



This month's staff spotlight is Christopher Johnson. We would like to welcome Christopher to our team and introduce him to all of you. Christopher joined the HAMC team in March as a maintenance tech at Prairieview Townhomes.

Christopher and his fiancé' Lydia live in Blandinsville. with their children. They have one dog, Rosco.

Christopher enjoys hunting, fishing, mushrooming and anything outdoor. As a family, they love fishing trips, swimming and pumpkin patches in the fall!

Thanks for sharing some things about yourself Christopher, and welcome to the HAMC team. We're glad you're here!

Changes coming to your household!

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is making a BIG CHANGE to the way Housing Authorities manage properties.

A new inspection process becomes effective July 1, 2023 that moves the inspection process from REAC to NSpire (National Standards for the Inspection of Real Estate). HUD will require Housing Authorities to closely monitor the conditions of the inside of all apartments.

So it really matters how you keep your home! HUD is looking at the physical condition of inside of the apartment. Please help us score well by 1) reporting any work orders, 2) keeping your home clean and 3) reporting any pest presence in your home. Please declutter your home because we will fail if hoarding conditions are present.

We're here to help! Let us know if you need any guidance in keeping your home clean, or if you have a disability, and need assistance, we can help set you up with a service agency.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY and HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



Juneteenth 2023 is June 19th

Juneteenth is a federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. It is also called Emancipation Day or Juneteenth Independence Day. The name Juneteenth references the date of the holiday, combining the words June and nineteenth.

Juneteenth became a federal holiday in 2021 when President Joe Biden signed Juneteenth National Independence Day into law after the efforts of Lula Briggs Galloway, Opal Lee (pictured below) and others.

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY at the Macomb Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ at 1500 E. Pierce St. on Saturday June 17th.

The event will take place from Noon-4pm. The celebration will include vendors, entertainment, food, music, games, unity, and fun!

*Juneteenth Freedom Day
Acknowledging our past, unifying our present,
defining our futures.*



Opal Lee

Maintenance Notice: Reporting: Air Conditioning Units

Charges for A/C units began May 1st at \$25.00 each unit, each month through September.

Lease Highlights

1. Garbage, Trash, and Litter (Section C, 3. of your Resident Handbook):

You will need proper containers for the deposit of all garbage within your home. It must be properly disposed of as needed in the dumpsters that are provided by the Housing Authority.

Car and bicycle parts are to be placed within the dumpster. You are responsible for the disposal of car and bicycle tires. You should be careful-while carrying trash to the dumpster. Don't leave any garbage lying on the ground.

2. Differences in Opinion (Section C, 5. 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 staff 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.

3rd Annual Health Fairs!

This year the Health Fairs will be held at **Eisenhower Tower on Friday June 16th** and **Fitch Manor on Friday July 14th** 11am-1pm for both fairs Over 20 agencies will be in attendance to share their services. Lunch is provided.

Resident Council Meetings

Eisenhower Tower: Tuesday June 6th, at 1PM in the Eisenhower Tower Community Room

Prairieview Townhomes: Friday June 2nd at 1PM in the Prairieview Townhomes Community

Fitch Manor: Tuesday June 13th at the Fitch Manor Community Room.

Good Food Collaborative

Good Food Collaborative has a free pantry where you can pick out your own food! GFC is located downtown Macomb at 133 W. Jackson Street
HOURS:
Tuesday 2-6pm
Thursday 2-6pm
Saturday 10am-2pm
Must be a McDonough County resident and meet the income limits to be eligible.

Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes continues to provide rent, utility and grocery assistance to residents in McDonough County.
Rent and Utility Assistance
1st Tuesday of each month only
Grocery Assistance
Every Tuesday of each month
AT THE PRAIRIEVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER
Tuesdays 10am-Noon, and 2-4pm.

What has HAMC been up to?

Staff attends the Annual Conference in Springfield, Il. Staff participates in the Hands Across the Courthouse for child abuse awareness, Staff helps with the annual BBBS flower show.



Executive Director and Maintenance staff attend annual conference!



HAMC staff attend Hands Around the Courthouse for Child Abuse Awareness



Finance Director helping with the BBBS plant sale!



Maintenance Olympics Winners at the Maintenance and Management Clinic. GO HAMC!