



# DECEMBER



2015

Starting November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mondays will be work order day, unless there is an emergency. If there is routine maintenance to be done it will be done on Mondays only. Any afterhours emergencies please call George Snyder at 217-779-1267 or if hearing impaired please send him a text message at the same number.

## Days Closed

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

CHRISTMAS EVE

FRIDAY DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

NEW YEAR'S EVE

## Holidays

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

CHRISTMAS EVE

FRIDAY DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

CHRISTMAS DAY

The Department of Housing and Urban Development proposed a rule on 11/12/15 to require all public housing to be smoke free. This rule would ban lit tobacco products in all residences, indoor common areas and administrative offices. Smoking would be prohibited outdoors within 25 ft. of housing or administrative buildings. The \$50 fee would no longer be in effect after the rule is finalized. Electronic cigarettes will be allowed. This could change as more information is collected about the effects of them. The public has 60 days to comment on the rule. The ban would take effect 18 months after the rule has been finalized.



**FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU**

**HAVE A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!!!**

**The pet policy has not changed  
Dogs must be 35 pound or less.  
Failure to comply will result in  
a 30 day eviction notice. Also  
you must clean up after your  
dogs.**

**FYI 12/31/14 Audit**

*Due to the audit finding our  
score was adjusted down  
from an 86 to an 84. We still  
qualify as a standard  
performer.*

**Johnson Controls**

They have punched the numbers and we have a significant amount of projected savings for our project. In fact we will probably have two or three waves of work. First wave will get all Ameren upgrades done, which will turn responsibility for the upkeep of lines over to Ameren. Also in the first wave, we will establish utility allowances, which will enable us to turn over Ameren bills to the residents. The utility allowance will lower your rent to go towards the electric bill. After the allowances are made we will no longer read meters or issue overage charges. This is still expected for Spring 2016.



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**PEANUT BUTTER COOKIE CUPS**

**Ingredients:**

- 1 box Betty Crocker chocolate chip cookie mix
- 1 egg
- ½ cup butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup creamy peanut butter
- 60 mini peanut butter cup candies

**Directions:**

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Place mini paper baking cup in each of 24 mini muffin cups
2. In large bowl, mix cookie mix, egg, butter, and vanilla with spoon. Stir in peanut butter. Roll dough into 1-inch balls. Place in muffin cups.
3. Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until just lightly browned. Immediately press peanut butter cup candy into center of each cookie. Cool 5 minutes before removing from pans to cooling rack: cool completely. Repeat with remaining dough.



Welcome to our new Maintenance Person

John Lister



### Important Upgrades Coming to Your Area to Improve Your Energy Service

Over the next several months, work crews will be in your community making improvements. Additionally, we will be upgrading the electric meter at your property.

In time, the upgrades we're making now will provide more programs, pricing options and energy efficiency tools to help you better understand how you're spending money on energy – and how you could spend less. These upgrades will help detect outages sooner and restore service more promptly.

#### Here's what you can expect as we upgrade the meter:

- Ameren Illinois or Apex, our installation contractor, will make meter upgrades normally Monday-Friday, during regular business hours. Installers will have Ameren ID badges.
- Installers will knock on your door to let you know they are on site. The upgrade will only take about 10 to 15 minutes.
- There will be a brief interruption in your electric service.
- You don't need to be present as long as installers have clear and safe access to the meter. If you're not present, a door hanger will be left to let you know if the upgrade was completed.

#### What's next?

Look for a reminder postcard about two to three weeks before we start upgrading meters in your neighborhood.

For information about the upgrades and improvements that we are making, please visit our website at [AmerenIllinois.com/focus](http://AmerenIllinois.com/focus) or call us at 1.800.755.5000.

Sincerely,



Stan Ogden  
VP, Customer Service and Metering Operations

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