

THE NEWSLETTER

July 1-31

Monthly Edition

Just a friendly reminder, We will be closed Friday July 3rd in observance of Fourth of July!



Pike County Events

- * Pig Days July 10th and 11th.
- * Pleasant Hill Fair July 16th -20th

Landess Terrace Construction

The remodeling of Landess Terrace cabinet work is still going on.

Swimming Pools

If you are planning on getting a swimming pool it can be no deeper than 1 foot (due to insurance purposes).

July Recertifications

For July Recertifications The Pike County Housing Authority will be in Griggsville 71-4 and Perry 71-5. They will be there on the dates of July 27th- 31st. We ask that when you get your recertification paper to please fill them out and have them ready! If you will not be home please put papers on table or somewhere they can be seen.

State litter law amendment

The state litter law amendment took effect on Jan 1,2014. It states that you are not allowed to flick or throw the end of your cigarette butts out the car window or down onto the sidewalk. This is a Class B Misdemeanor. We will pursue and charge for it , if this is happening.



The staff at Pike County Housing Authority would like to thank everybody that attended the Fathers Day Celebration on Sat. June 13th.

Air Conditioning Units

If you have a one bedroom apartment with only one window in it you may not put a window A/C in. There must be another window available in case of an emergency. If you have one in a one window room, we ask that you please remove it. This is a Safety Hazard.

Things you can Review

Things you can review on our website www.pikehousing.com. Newsletters, PCHA Lease, Pet policy, No Smoking policy, Firearms and Weapons policy and Flat rent policy.

Bed Bugs

If you suspect you have bed bugs, please call Amber at the office, she will advise you on what needs to be done to rid yourself of this problem. See page 3 for Tips to prevent and control bed bugs.

Our new credit card system is currently experiencing some problems. So at this present time we are using our old system. Our software provider is working on getting it fixed.

Maintenance

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Disposing of Trash Properly

As you may know, there are certain areas at Landess Terrace where you are supposed to dispose of your garbage. Area Disposal has reported to us that some tenants are not filling the trash bins, but rather throwing their trash in designated areas. Area Disposal will not pick up the trash laying around the trash bins when there empty trash bins that are not being utilized. Please make an effort to check all trash bins to see if there are any empty ones that you can fill. You are responsible for your trash, our maintenance staff will not pick up your trash.

Landess Terrace Bathrooms

The men's bathroom at Landess Terrace is being used and abused. The abuser or abusers are using the bathroom and spreading feces on the floor, wall and tank of the stool. Please know if this type of behavior does not stop immediatly there will be times set-up for building use. Any other time the door will be locked. We will evict the abusers when we find out who it is.



Tips to prevent and control

Bed Bugs

1. Make sure you really have bed bugs, not fleas, ticks or other insects.

Call someone to identify it's a bed bug

2. Don't panic!

It can be difficult to eliminate bed bugs, but it's not impossible. Don't throw out all of your things because most of them can be treated and saved. Throwing stuff out is expensive, may spread the bed bugs to other people's homes and could cause more stress.

3. Think through your treatment options -- Don't immediately reach for the spray can.

Be comprehensive in your approach. Try other things first. Integrated pest management (IPM) techniques may reduce the number of bed bugs and limit your contact with pesticides. If pesticides are needed, always follow label directions or hire a professional. There is help available to learn about treatment options. (4 pp, 480 K, About PDF) [Exit](#)

4. Reduce the number of hiding places -- Clean up the clutter.

A cluttered home provides more places for bed bugs to hide and makes locating and treating them harder. If bed bugs are in your mattress, using special bed bug covers (encasements) on your mattress and box springs makes it harder for bed bugs to get to you while you sleep. Leave the encasements on for a year. Be sure to buy a product that has been tested for bed bugs and is strong enough to last for the full year without tearing.

5. Regularly wash and heat-dry your bed sheets, blankets, bedspreads and any clothing that touches the floor.

This reduces the number of bed bugs. Bed bugs and their eggs can hide in laundry containers/hampers Remember to clean them when you do the laundry.

6. Do-it-yourself freezing may not be a reliable method for bed bug control.

While freezing can kill bed bugs, temperatures must remain very low for a long time. Home freezers may not be cold enough to kill bed bugs; always use a thermometer to accurately check the temperature. Putting things outside in freezing temperatures could kill bed bugs, but there are many factors that can affect the success of this method.

7. Kill bed bugs with heat, but be very careful.

Raising the indoor temperature with the thermostat or space heaters won't do the job. Special equipment and very high temperatures are necessary for successful heat treatment. Black plastic bags in the sun might work to kill bed bugs in luggage or small items, if the contents become hot enough. Bed bugs die when their body temperatures reaches 45°C (113°F). To kill bed bugs with heat, the room or container must be even hotter to ensure sustained heat reaches the bugs no matter where they are hiding

8. Don't pass your bed bugs on to others.

Bed bugs are good hitchhikers. If you throw out a mattress or furniture that has bed bugs in it, you should slash or in some way destroy it so that no one else takes it and gets bed bugs.

9. Reduce the number of bed bugs to reduce bites.

Thorough vacuuming can get rid of some of your bed bugs. Carefully vacuum rugs, floors, upholstered furniture, bed frames, under beds, around bed legs, and all cracks and crevices around the room. Change the bag after each use so the bed bugs can't escape. Place the used bag in a tightly sealed plastic bag and in an outside garbage bin.