

Chris Bruns of Pike County Housing Authority receives Illinois Association of Housing Authorities Annual Award for Outstanding Achievement for Operational Excellence.

The selection of this prestigious award was based upon the incredible two year turnaround in scoring, which saw PCHA go from a Substandard Management score of 66 to a High Performer score of 90 with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In Mr. Bruns acceptance speech upon receiving the award, he credited his staff, the PCHA Board of Commissioners, and his IAHA peers for the accomplishments in various areas. All Illinois Housing Authorities are eligible recipients for these awards. This is the first time in the entire history of PCHA that an award of this type has been bestowed.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Friday October 3rd
(Office Closed for Apple Festival)

Monday October 13th
(Office Closed for Columbus Day)

Friday October 31st
(Happy Halloween)



October Recertification

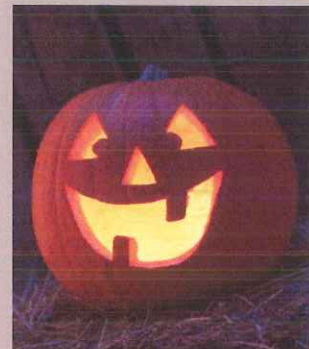
For October Recertification the Pike County Housing Authority will be in Pittsfield 71-13 and 71-15 East Adams. They will be there October 27th- October 31st. We ask that when you get your packets of papers to please fill them out and have them ready. If you will not be home please put them on the table or somewhere they can be seen. You can also bring them by the office any time before those dates.

Wal-Mart Gift Cards

Don't forget all accounts must be paid up and current in order to receive a Wal-Mart gift card. Balances are due no later than 11/21/2014. This date is a little odd because we will be out of the office most of the next week. Amber sends out Balance Due reports monthly with your newsletter to keep you updated.

Smoke Free Meeting!

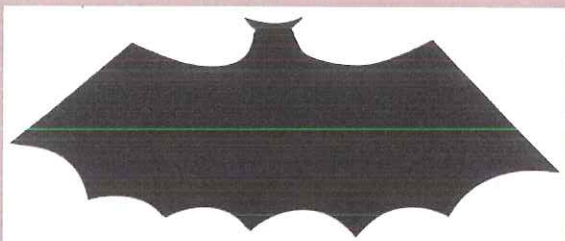
There will be a public meeting held October 17th at 2:00pm at the Landess Terrace Community Building. This meeting is to talk about any concerns you may have about the Smoke Free Policy coming in effect January 1st 2015.



Tenants!!

Please do not contact the office staff at home after business hours unless it's an emergency and you can't get ahold of Maintenance. We do have a life outside of work. Our office hours are from 8am- 5pm Monday-Friday.

Maintenance will soon be bringing around the trailer to park at each site for unwanted belongings. We will soon send you out notification as to when it will be at your site.



Save the Date

The Pike County Health Department will have a flu clinic on Oct 8th 2014 from 11:30 to 12:20 at the Pittsfield Meal Site, bring your Medicare and or Medicaid card. Lunch is served at the Pittsfield First Christian Church 225 N. Memorial St. For lunch will be Salmon Patty/Cream Sauce, Peas, Carrots, Wild Rice Blend and Pears. Call Connie for reservations at 217-285-6150

Medicare Part D

Medicare's annual open enrollment runs from October 15th to December 7th each year.

Everyone should have their medicines checked each year to make sure that they are getting the best coverage for 2015. Medicare prescription drug plans may change their premiums, deductibles, co-pays and possibly their formulary which could affect coverage for 2015. Therefore, it is highly recommended to have a thorough check-up of a Medicare prescription Drug Plan annually. Don't miss out on an opportunity possibly to save money. Call Connie at Pike County Senior Services for an appointment at 217-285-6150.



Maintenance

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Lease Attachment B – Firearms & Weapons Policyⁱ

PCHA recognizes the importance of protecting its residents' health, welfare, and safety, while simultaneously protecting the rights of its residents to keep and bear arms, as required by local, state, and federal law. PCHA therefore adopts the following Firearms and Weapons Policy. Residents, members of the resident's household, and their guests:

1. Shall comply with all local, state, and federal legal requirements applicable to the ownership, possession, transportation, and use of firearms or other weapons. The term "firearm" includes any weapon, from which a shot, projectile, or other object may be discharged by force or combustion, explosive, gas, and/or mechanical means, whether operable or inoperable, loaded or unloaded, and any weapon or destructive device as defined by law.
2. Shall not permit any guest onto PCHA property, including the Resident's residential premises, knowing that said guest illegally possesses a firearm on his/her person.
3. Shall not display a weapon in connection with a verbal or non-verbal threat of bodily harm, without legal justification that the weapon is necessary for self-defense;
4. Shall not discharge or use any firearm or other weapon within the residential premises except when such discharge or use is made or done in self-defense. Shooting, firing, exploding, throwing, or discharging a weapon, or damaging any property, through reckless, careless, or negligent use of a weapon will not be permitted.
5. Shall not inflict any injury upon another person through the intentional use of a weapon without legal justification that the weapon is necessary for self-defense. Injury upon another person through reckless, careless, or negligent use of a weapon will not be permitted.
6. Shall not display or carry a firearm or other weapon in any maintenance space, office space, or common area of PCHA property pursuant to 430 ILCS 66/65. However, in the case of PCHA units at 530 E. Adams # 1-12 the construction of this building makes it impossible to avoid common areas entering and exiting the residential premises. Therefore, PCHA makes the following exception; it will be understood that the common area must be used for transportation of firearms or other weapons to/from the residential unit, but the common area should be free of firearms or other weapons except for transportation of firearms or other weapons to/from the residential unit. At all times the firearm or other weapon must be encased or concealed.
7. Shall exercise reasonable care in the storage of loaded or unloaded firearms and ammunition, or other weapons in their residential premises.

PCHA also retains the right to notify any local, state, or federal agency regulating weapon and/or firearm ownership of any information or concerns which PCHA may have that is relevant to an individual's weapon ownership/possession. It is only in this circumstance that any information on firearm ownership shall be relayed beyond the files of the PCHA.

Violation of this Policy by any resident, member of the resident's household, and their guests may be grounds for lease termination and eviction.

ⁱ 9.18.14 Version