

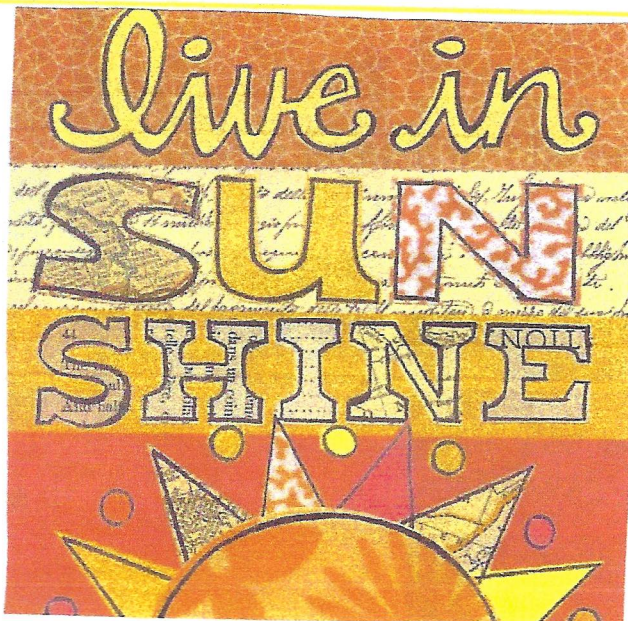
PIKE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

AUGUST, 2020

OFFICE CLOSED TO PUBLIC
OPERATING HOURS
M-F 8:00AM-5:00PM
217-407-0707

THANK YOU
FOR PAYING YOUR
RENT ON TIME

Tobacco Quit Line
1-800-QUIT-NOW
toll-free 1-800-784-8669
QUITLINE.COM



REMINDER:

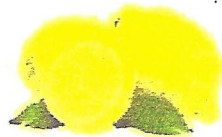
- There is no driving/parking on the grass.
- Please pick up your trash in your yard! This is your responsibility not Housing.
- Pick up pet chains or ties from the yard, so mowers do not run over them.
- Do not lock your screen doors, so pest control can spray every month.

Pike County Housing Authority

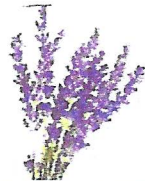
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MAKE YOUR HOME SMELL GREAT!!

Lemon, Lavender,
Vanilla



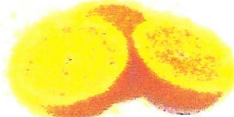
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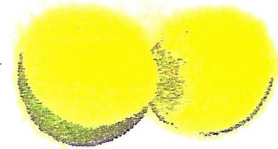
Orange, Vanilla



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Lime, Mint, Ginger



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Orange, Coconut



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Rosemary,
Vanilla, Lemon



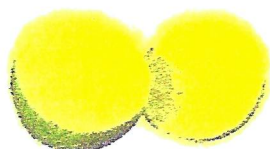
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Lime, Coconut,
Pineapple



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Cut up all your ingredients and add to a small sauce pan or pot. Add water until ingredients float. Bring to a gentle boil, turn heat down to a low simmer and enjoy! Add more water as needed, typically about every 30 minutes.



Pest control and maintenance will be entering apartments periodically to spray or do repairs. If your apartment is not clean, it will be reported to us. Our lease states that all apartments are to be kept clean. Not doing so is a violation of your lease, and subject to lease violation and eviction. We will send a letter notifying you that the apartment needs to be cleaned up. The next step is a re-evaluation of the unit. If the unit is not kept clean, a lease violation will be sent as a 30 day eviction.

RECIPE: GOOD OLD FASHIONED FUNNEL CAKES

- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 cup 2% milk
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Oil for deep-fat frying



1. In a large bowl, beat eggs. Add milk, water and vanilla until well blended. In another bowl, whisk flour, sugar, baking powder and salt; beat into egg mixture until smooth. In a deep cast-iron or electric skillet, heat oil to 375°.
2. Cover the bottom of a funnel spout with your finger; ladle 1/2 cup batter into the funnel. Holding the funnel several inches above the oil, release your finger and move the funnel in a spiral motion until all the batter is released, scraping with a rubber spatula if needed.
3. Fry until golden brown, 2 minutes on each side. Drain on paper towels. Dust with confectioners' sugar; serve warm.

RECIPE: STRAWBERRY PRETZEL DESSERT

- 2 cups crushed pretzels (about 8 ounces)
- 3/4 cup butter, melted
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- **FILLING:**
- 2 cups whipped topping
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- **TOPPING:**
- 2 packages (3 ounces each) strawberry gelatin
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 packages (16 ounces each) frozen sweetened sliced strawberries, thawed
- Optional: Additional whipped topping and pretzels

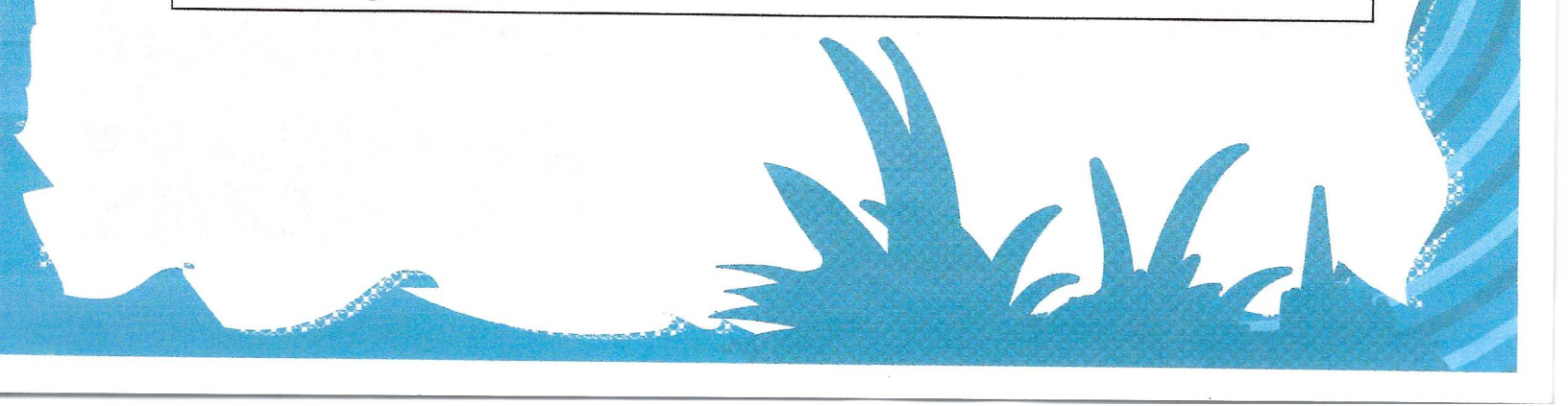


1. In a bowl, combine the pretzels, butter and sugar. Press into an ungreased 13x9-in. baking dish. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.
2. For filling, in a small bowl, beat whipped topping, cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Spread over pretzel crust. Refrigerate until chilled.
3. For topping, dissolve gelatin in boiling water in a large bowl. Stir in sweetened strawberries; chill until partially set. Carefully spoon over filling. Chill until firm, 4-6 hours. Cut into squares; if desired, serve with additional whipped topping and pretzels.



Make sure we have your current phone number and email address. Join the tenant portal to get messages, check balances and make payments. Log onto *myhousingmanager.com* to sign up.

FUN FACTS

- The average person has over 1,460 dreams a year.
 - Slugs have FOUR noses.
 - A hummingbird weighs less than a penny.
 - The world's oldest piece of chewing gum is 9,000 years old.
 - In August 1983, a man in the UK set a world record by disco dancing for 408 hours.
 - August is Family Fun Month.
 - The state of Washington has a tree top bridge over a busy highway for squirrels called the Nutty Narrows Bridge.
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FRIENDLY CALLER PROGRAM

A simple phone call can make someone's day!

The Area Agency on Aging, in conjunction with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), are now offering Friendly Calls to older adults in **Adams, Brown, and Pike Counties!** Individuals can be self-referred or may be referred by others. Participants will be matched with a volunteer and calls can range from 5-20 minutes anywhere from 1-5 times a week. This is a voluntary program and can be ended at any point.

This program is born out of a commitment from the State of Illinois to address social isolation and loneliness. Research shows that loneliness and social isolation are linked with negative physical and mental health consequences, including depression, cardiovascular disease, quality of life, general health, cognitive function, and mortality.

How can we help?

Safety & wellbeing checks

Provide supportive listening and social calls

Decrease impact of social isolation

Provide referrals if needed & offer ongoing follow-up contact

To refer yourself or someone you know for the Friendly Caller Program:

Call: Kim Schuette

Phone: 217-223-7904

Email:

kim.schuette@wciagingnetwork.org

Hours available for calls:

Mon-Friday: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

**Continue to follow CDC
Guidelines:**

- ✓ Wash your hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- ✓ You may be able to spread COVID-19, even if you do not show active symptoms. Consider all close interactions (within 6 feet) as a potential source of exposure.
- ✓ Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- ✓ Consider wearing a face mask to cover your nose and mouth when in public.
- ✓ Prohibit handshaking, hugs and close contact.
- ✓ Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet.

Thank You

PARKING

**THERE IS NO
DESIGNATED PARKING
AT PCHA.**

PARKING IS FIRST
COME FIRST SERVE. IF
YOU HAVE A
CLEANING PERSON,
FAMILY MEMBER OR
FRIENDS COMING TO
VISIT, THEY NEED TO
PARK BEHIND YOUR
VEHICLE OR ALONG
THE STREET.

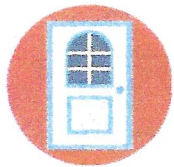


**NO SMOKING IN ANY
APARTMENT,
COMMUNITY BUILDING
OR WITHIN 25 FEET OF
BUILDING
NO EXCEPTIONS!**

FRAUD Surrounding COVID-19

As the number of people and communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic grows, so do the scams associated with it.

The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) recommends that Medicare beneficiaries:



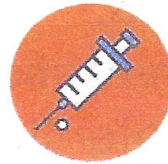
Be cautious of anyone who comes to your door offering free coronavirus testing, treatment or supplies.



Don't click on links from sources you do not know. You could be putting your computer or device at risk.



Review your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) or Explanation of Benefits (EOB), looking for errors or claims for products or services that you did not receive.



Ignore online offers for vaccinations. If you see ads for prevention products or cures for COVID-19, they are most likely a scam.



Do not give out your Medicare number, Social Security number or personal information to anyone via phone, text, email, or home visits.



Be Cautious When Purchasing Medical Supplies from unverified sources, including online advertising, emails and phone solicitations



If you or anyone you know has been a victim of FRAUD, call the Illinois Senior Medicare Patrol: 1-800-699-9043

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7/21/2020

To all PCHA clients,

Recently, on July 2nd, 2020, HUD published PIH Notice 2020-13 (HA), Rev-1 which supersedes HUD PIH Notice 2020-05. This new notice contains all of the waivers previously allowed in Notice PIH 2020-05, along with 6 new ones. As mentioned before, the two notices give various housing entities the ability to create waivers in order to speed up or extend various processes and allows for quicker implementation of the waivers during the COVID-19 pandemic. PCHA is required to notify its clients and the general public of any waivers it is accepting, and this letter will do just that. Some of the waivers have an impact on PCHA clients, while others are for PCHA administrative purposes only. Not all eligible waivers were accepted.

The waiver item and a brief description will be listed below. Any impact on PCHA clients will also be noted.

PLEASE NOTE: This is an updated listed of PCHA accepted waivers and is different than the last notification given to PCHA clients on 6/11/2020. Please read through this list carefully!

PH and HCV-1: PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan Submission Dates, Significant Amendment Requirements

This waiver allows for PCHA's 5-Year Plan to be submitted at a later date. The new date is 1/16/2021 instead of 10/18/2020. As part of the process, PCHA is supposed to hold public hearings and notifications of significant amendments to PCHA's 5-Year Plan and 5-Year Plan itself. This waiver allows for those to be bypassed and notifications to be sent out as soon as practicable. This will have some impact on PCHA clients, mainly in the changing of various policies and PCHA's governing Admissions & Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP).

PH and HCV-2: Family Income and Composition: Delayed Annual Examinations

This waiver allows for PCHA to delay annual tenant examinations due in 2020. All tenants must be examined no less than once annually. What this means for PCHA clients is that PCHA is able to delay the examinations, but must have the examinations done by 12/31/2020.

PH and HCV-5: Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) Monitoring

This waiver allows for PCHA to skip monitoring our mandatory EIV reports. These reports allow for PCHA to determine potential errors or tenant fraud. This waiver was accepted, but expires 7/31/2020, after which PCHA will go back to monitoring the mandatory EIV reports as required.

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PH-4: ACOP: Adoption of Tenant Selection Policies

This waiver allows PCHA to make changes to its ACOP on an expedited basis. Some of the process for this was mentioned in PH and HCV-1 earlier. This waiver allows for PCHA to implement the changes without formal board approval initially, but the changes must be accepted no later than 7/31/2020. No tenant selection policies are expected to change.

PH-5: Community Service and Self-Sufficiency Requirement (CSSR)

This waiver allows for PCHA tenants to not be required to perform 8 hours of community service per month through 3/31/2021. The only PCHA tenants required to do community service are those who do not have a verified disability, do not receive state benefits, are younger than 62 years old, or are not working more than 30 hours per week. It is a very small percentage of PCHA clients required to do community service. Please verify with the office if you have questions about whether you are exempt.

PH-10: Tenant Notifications for Changes to Project Rules and Regulations

This waiver allows PCHA to bypass the advance 30-day notice required to be given to clients for changes in policies, rules, and special charges, except advance notice is still required for changes in tenant charges. PCHA will be using this waiver to update its ACOP and other policies, but no changes to tenant charges are expected. As of this letter, PCHA has changed the No Smoking Lease Addendum and Firearms and Weapons Lease Addendum. The Firearms and Weapons change adds a signature line and date line at the bottom of the document. The No Smoking change adds a signature line and date line at the bottom of the document **AND** also incorporates language regarding marijuana. Copies of these revised addendums are included with this letter. PCHA must still give notice of any changes to project rules and regulations within 30 days of making such changes.

PH-12: Public Housing Agency Annual Self-Inspections

This waiver allows for PCHA to bypass the annual inspection requirement of its apartments for calendar year 2020. PCHA's acceptance of this waiver does not alleviate the housing authority of its responsibility to provide safe housing or the need to repair broken items. PCHA is reminded to expeditiously identify, respond to, and address serious conditions that could jeopardize life or property. It also does not alleviate the requirement of PCHA clients to report broken, malfunctioning equipment or items that could jeopardize the life, health, or safety of themselves or others. This is a condition of the PCHA lease with its clients.

11. PHAS, SEMAP, and Uniform Financial Reporting Standards

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c. Uniform financial reporting standards; Filing of financial reports; Reporting Compliance Dates

This waiver allows PCHA to extend the time when its annual audit is due to be completed. Traditionally, PCHA must submit an audit by 9/30/2020, but because of this waiver, PCHA has until 3/31/2021 to submit the audit. This has no bearing on PCHA clients.

12. Other Waivers and Administrative Relief

a. PHA Reporting Requirements on HUD Form 50058

This waiver allows PCHA to extend the period of time a HUD Form 50058 is submitted to HUD. HUD Form 50058's are generated each time a change is made to a PCHA clients data on income, household composition, community service, utility allowance, rent, etc. This waiver gives PCHA 90 days to submit the HUD Form 50058 instead of the usual 60 days. This has no bearing on PCHA clients.

c. Extension of Deadline for Programmatic Obligation and Expenditure of Capital Funds

This waiver allows PCHA more time to obligate and expend its Capital Funds. Capital Funds are required to be obligated within 24 months and expended within 48 months. This waiver allows a 1 year extension to the obligated and expended times. This has no bearing on PCHA clients.

These are the waivers PCHA has chosen to adopt. As changes to other policies and procedure are made, PCHA will notify its clients as soon as is possible, but most certainly within the 30 days after, as required. Some of the documents are very large and will be made available for inspection in PCHA community spaces, lobbies, waiting areas, and website. Copies are also available by request.

Any questions, comments, or concerns regarding waivers or policy changes please let Pike County Housing Authority know.

Chris Bruns
Executive Director

