



## MARCH 2022 PCHA NEWSLETTER

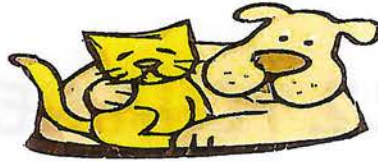
Fiscal Year 2022 funding has been cut by HUD by \$160,000. Services are not expected to be disrupted. Landess Terrace merge work is progressing. Bids will be sought in 30 days.

Water heater, landscaping, signage work is progressing.

All notified policy and lease revisions are now in effect.

May the wings of the butterfly kiss the sun  
And find your shoulder to light on,  
To bring you luck, happiness and riches  
Today, tomorrow and beyond.  
~Irish Blessing~

## Bringing a pet into your home...



PCHA does allow you to have two pets in your apartment. If you bring a pet into the home AFTER you have signed your lease, YOU MUST CALL THE OFFICE FOR A PET PERMIT. You must then provide the required documentation we need on your pet(s), return it to our office with a signed and dated copy of the pet permit. At that time you will be given a pet sticker to put on your front door. This is to let us know that there is an animal in the unit in case of emergency.

**Pets *must be 35 pounds or under.***

If you have an animal in your home that is not documented, over the weight limit, or is aggressive or showing aggressive behavior, you will be asked to remove the animal. If you decide NOT to remove the animal, you will be in violation of your lease and subject to termination.

If you need a pet permit or a pet sticker please call the office.



## **Resident Board Member Needed**

*If you are interested in becoming a resident board member,  
please call the office at 217-407-0707.*





## ONGOING ISSUES AT PCHA

- **Unauthorized people living in an apartment.**

This is a very prominent problem within PCHA. This is gone over at every lease signing, most newsletters, and we are mailing letters to individuals who are in violation. However, nothing is being done about the situation, which is a lease violation. The rules in place about unauthorized people living in PCHA is *first and foremost a safety concern*, for tenants, their families, guests and PCHA staff. Our maintenance crew reports to this office when unauthorized people are living in units. We will follow up with a letter informing the resident that we are aware of the additional person in the unit. An Addition to Household application is sent with this letter. This gives the resident an opportunity to add the person to household. This form needs to be turned in with all of the required documentation to our office within 10 days of receipt. The additional person is then run through our application process. If this person is approved, a new lease will be drawn up including this new tenant. ***Until the person is evaluated, they must leave the unit immediately.*** You are allowed to have guests up maximum of 30 days a year, but no more than 14 days at a time. If someone is staying as a guest more than 3 consecutive days, please call the office to inform us of this situation. No trespass notices will be sent to those who are in the unit longer than allowed.

Persons who have previously been evicted from PCHA are NOT allowed to stay as guests.

Terminations will be given to all residents who are in violation.

## ONGOING ISSUES AT PCHA CONTINUED...

- **Pets over the weight limit and aggressive animals**

This is a problem that is addressed by this office on a daily basis. We have rules in place in the Pet Policy that clearly define what is and what is not acceptable. A strict 35 pound weight limit is in effect for all pets. Pets shall not disturb, interfere or diminish the peaceful enjoyment rights of other tenants. Residents must clean up after their pets and are responsible for disposing of pet waste. Pets shall not display aggressive intimidating behavior towards other residents or PCHA staff. Terms described such aggressive intimidating behavior include, but are not limited to, growling, baring teeth, lunging, biting scratching, etc. Pets must be kept on a leash outside the unit and only allowed in the owner's own yard. Pets must not be allowed to roam freely throughout the property or common areas of any PCHA site.

In the case of a service or emotional support animal, we ***must have documentation from your Primary Care Doctor verifying the animal relieves a condition.*** However, aggressive behavior will not be tolerated in any animal, service/emotional support or not.

In the case of a work order or pest control in a unit that has an aggressive animal, no maintenance or pest treatment will be done. Staff is to report to the office when they are unable to enter a unit to perform tasks.



## FIVE THINGS THE IRS WILL NEVER DO:

1. The IRS will never contact you by email or text.
2. Call to demand immediate payment using a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer.
3. Demand that you pay taxes without the opportunity to ask questions or appeal.
4. Threaten to bring in local police, immigration or other agencies to have you arrested.
5. Ask for credit/debit card numbers over the phone.



Set your clocks an hour ahead

Happiness  
is Like Jam

You Can't Spread Even a Little  
Without Getting Some on Yourself



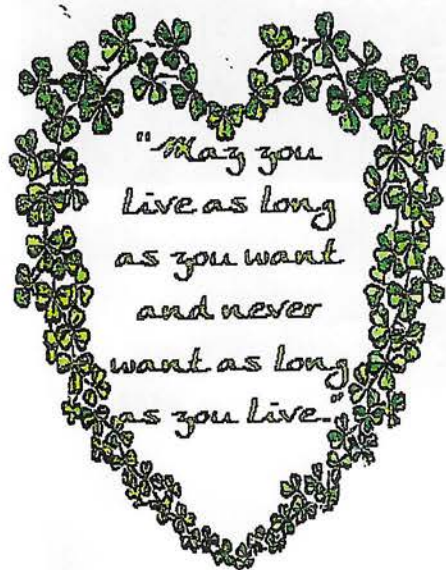
PAY YOUR RENT ON-LINE ADD  
\$3.00 FOR SERVICE FEE

FACTS ABOUT  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The Shamrock was  
considered a sacred plant

The real St. Patrick was  
born in Britain

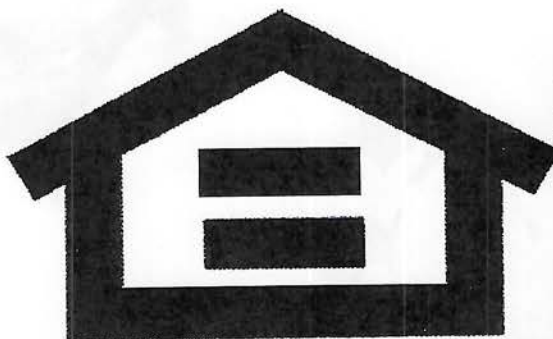
Corned beef and cabbage  
was an American innovation



Thank you  
for paying  
your rent on  
time!!



NO SMOKING IN OR  
WITHIN 25' OF PCHA BUILDINGS



**EQUAL HOUSING  
OPPORTUNITY**



Rent is *charged* the first day of each month. Rent is *due* the 25<sup>th</sup> day of each month. This gives you 25 days to pay your rent. A late fee of \$25.00 will automatically be *charged each month* if your account balance is not paid off in full.



# Services Available in Pike County!

Parent & Child Together (PACT)  
for West Central Illinois provides Center-Based  
and Home-Based services  
to pregnant women and  
children birth to age 5  
whose families meet  
income guidelines. Services  
are also available for teen  
parents.



PACT will complete an application for  
foster children & children with special needs,  
regardless of income.



**PACT**  
Parent & Child Together  
for West Central Illinois

To learn more or to apply, call us  
or visit our website at  
[www.pactheadstart.com](http://www.pactheadstart.com)

Office hours  
Mon-Thurs 8:00am-5:00pm  
Friday-Administrative Day  
(leave phone message)

Pike County Housing Authority  
838 Mason St  
PO Box 123  
Barry, IL 62312

Just as sunflowers turn their heads to catch every sunbeam, so too have we discovered a simple way to get more from our sun.

Daylight Saving Time gives us the opportunity to enjoy sunny summer evenings by moving our clocks and hour forward in the spring.

Daylight Savings Time March 13<sup>th</sup>

First day of Spring March 20<sup>th</sup>

"Spring adds new life and new beauty to all that is." —  
Jessica Harrelson

