

# SEPTEMBER 2022

## PCHA Newsletter

*Thank you for paying  
your rent on time!!!*

Mail, drop off (in our  
secure drop box), or call  
in your payment. A  
\$3.00 fee applies to all  
credit/debit card  
payments.

Pay account in full,  
before the 25<sup>th</sup> of each  
month to avoid a  
\$25.00 late fee.



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## Fall Festivals & Events

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### New Canton Harvest Festival

**Sept 9<sup>th</sup>**

### Griggsville Apple Festival

**Sept 16<sup>th</sup>-Sept 18<sup>th</sup>**

### Milton Corn Carnival

**Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>-Sept 25<sup>th</sup>**

### Barry Apple Festival

**Sept 29<sup>th</sup>-Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### Pike County Fall Pickins Days

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>-Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**

## BENEFITS YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR:

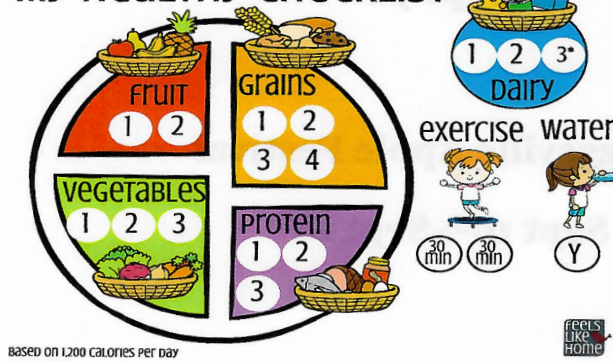
### Circuit Breaker



For people who own and title a vehicle, this benefit discounts your license plate sticker fee. Eligibility is based on income, age, and/or disability. You must be a resident of Illinois. Income limits are gross income of less than \$33,562 for individuals, and less than \$44,533 for married couples. You must use your 2021 income information when applying. There is no resource limit.

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### MY HEALTHY CHECKLIST



### SNAP

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a great way to help put food on your table. It is one of the most under-used programs among older adults. To qualify, an individual age 60+ must have gross income of less than \$2,147; married couples over age 60, the limit is \$2,903. There is no resource limit-and benefits never have to be repaid.

### LIHEAP ASSISTANCE

LIHEAP assistance will be available *beginning 9/01/22*.

Call Connie at 217-285-6150 for an appointment for

9/9, 9/16, or 9/23.

Available by appointment only.



# How To Spot Utility Scams

While scammers have been posing as utility representatives for years, a new twist is targeting senior citizens. Ameren Illinois warns customers to be aware of scammers posing as Ameren representatives offering customers a special discounted rate of \$29.99, which is sometimes call a "senior discount".

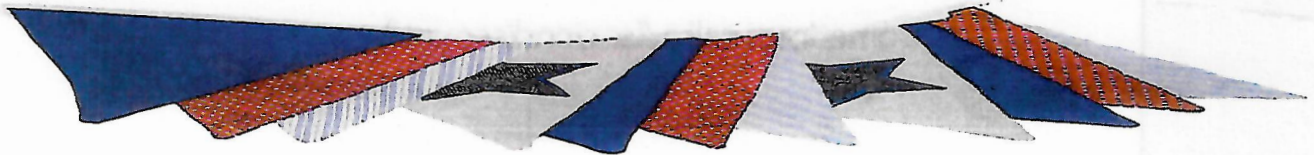
- Scammers may demand immediate payment by credit card, debit card or a prepaid card to avoid service disconnection.
- The caller may offer a discounted rate.
- Legitimate utility companies do not specify how customers should make a payment.

In School we learn the lessons  
before we take the test  
but in life,  
we take the test  
before we learn the lesson

## **AMEREN: HELPING HEROS PROGRAM**

Ameren Illinois has a long tradition of supporting our nation's military. The Ameren Illinois Military Support (AIMS) program provides grants up to \$100 to assist with energy cost for qualified military and disabled veterans.

**1-800-755-5000**



## **AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM**

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service. The benefit provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for internet service
- A one time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

See if you qualify and apply

Call: 877-384-2575

Visit: [AffordableConnectivity.gov](https://AffordableConnectivity.gov)





From the desk of Executive Director Chris Bruns;

The Housing Authority takes complaints on a daily basis from several PCHA properites. I will take this opportunity to address these issues.

First and foremost, no one other than PCHA staff has any authority over buildings, properites, parking lots, etc. PCHA sets the rules, policies and conditions for ALL tenants. No one tenant has any authority to dictate rules, policies, or conditions on anyone else.

Smoking: Smoking is not allowed in the buildings or within 25 feet of the buildings. This is Federal Government policy and is in effect for ALL Housing Authorities across the county. If someone is smoking **25 feet away from the building, is not littering the ground with cigarette butts**, no policies are being broken. This is an individuals choice, therefore, none of anyone elses concern.

Parking in the yard: No one has permission to park in the yard at any PCHA property. However, when people move in or out, it is understood that they need to be closer to the entrances. This is the only time anyone's vehicle should be in the yard. Regardless, if anyone causes ruts, they will be charged for the damages.

East Adams Long Building:

- Entrance doors: Anyone is welcome to use either door to go in or out of the building. There are no outside exit doors in the units, therefore, 2 doors were installed in the hallway. These doors have no curfew, nor does the building.
- Hallway: This is a common space to be used by all and remains under the control of PCHA. NO TENANT has any claim to any portion of the hallway, except by their doors. Personal property, posting notices, in the hallway etc., should not be done.
- Pets in the Building: Pets are allowed on all of our properties. Tenants must use the hallway to go in and out of the building with their pet, at any time. If a pet makes a mess, the tenant is required to clean it up, as on all of our properties.

Tenant Relations: We have tenants moving in and out of our properties. If you do not want to associate with anyone else, don't, you are not under any obligation to associate with anyone.

**DO NOT BE RUDE, INCONSIDERATE, TROUBLESOME, ETC.**

We are monitoring these situations. If you feel threatened or violated by anyone, call the police. Everyone living on our properties, has the right to be here. NO ONE should be causing issues for other tenants. If you cannot comply with this, you need to make other housing arrangements.





# PIKE COUNTY UNMET NEEDS

“When all else fails...”

In the summer of 2003, a coalition of private, public, and charitable Pike County, IL organizations formed to assist individuals and families with unexpected needs. This coalition was named, Pike County Unmet Needs. PCUN is unique in that it pools both the resources and the experience of community representatives from public agencies, institutions, churches, not-for-profit organizations, and private citizens in a team effort to explore reasonable solutions for individuals and families in need.

## TYPES OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED:

Housing \* Healthcare/Medical \* Utilities \* Transportation \* Food

## HOW TO GET HELP:

1. Contact a caseworker or member of PCUN to fill out an application.
2. Those requesting assistance must be a resident of Pike County, IL, and a minimum of 18 years old.
3. All applications must be completed fully and have a privacy release signed in order to be processed. Information released to PCUN is strictly confidential.
4. Applications are reviewed and discussed at a PCUN meeting to determine if they qualify for assistance. PCUN usually meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
5. Decisions may include, but not limited to: referral to other resources, requesting more information regarding the application, providing assistance as requested, or denial of assistance.
6. Payments will be made to vendors only and not directly to individuals.
7. Assistance for each applicant is limited to only once per year through PCUN. After receiving assistance and applicant may reapply after 12 months have passed.

## CASEWORKERS

Carla Allen  
Pike Co General Asst.  
121 E. Washington  
Pittsfield, IL 62363  
217-285-2726

PCHA  
838 Mason St  
Barry, IL 62312  
217-407-0707

Two Rivers Regional Council  
120 S. Madison  
Pittsfield, IL 62363  
217-285-5424





# **BARRY FOOD PANTRY**

**Tuesday Evenings  
4:30pm-7:00pm**

**Friday Mornings  
8:30am-Noon**

## **MEALS PLUS FOR SENIORS**

**Eligibility:** Seniors age 60+ and spouses/partners under 60 who are primary home-based caregivers for their eligible spouses/partners. Eligibility is determined through an assessment process.

**Donation Policy:** Seniors aged 60+ are encouraged to donate what they can afford to support the program. No eligible senior will be denied a meal because they cannot contribute to the cost of the meal.

**Call 217-285-6150**

**For more information**



# Fall Word Search



ACORN  
APPLE  
AUTUMN  
CHESTNUTS  
CHILLY  
CIDER  
COBWEB  
FALL  
FOOTBALL  
GOURD

HALLOWEEN  
HARVEST  
HAY BALE  
HAYRIDE  
LEAVES  
MAIZE  
NOVEMBER  
NUTS  
OCTOBER  
PUMPKIN

QUILT  
RAKE  
SCARECROW  
SEPTEMBER  
SLEET  
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