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**NO SMOKING**

**PCHA**

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**Barry, Il.**

**62312**

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**217-407-0707**

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**217-407-0708**



## RECYCLE PIKE COUNTY!!

Free electronic recycling 24/7  
all electronics (no tube TV's or  
tube monitor's) 23204 365<sup>th</sup> St.  
Pittsfield, just south of the work  
camp. Appliances accepted.

Any questions call

**217-440-7482**





# PIKE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Rent is due by the  
25<sup>th</sup> of every  
month



Please pick up  
after  
your pet

PCHA has specific rules and regulations that must be adhered to by all tenants. These are listed very clearly in the Lease that all of our tenants, over the age of 18, sign the day they take possession of the apartment.

We have a copy of the complete lease on our [www.pikehousing.com](http://www.pikehousing.com) website. If you would like a copy of your lease sent to you, please call the office.

This being said, if you are violating one or more of the Lease rules and regulations, **YOU WILL RECEIVE A LETTER FROM THIS OFFICE.** In the letter you will be notified of the infraction(s) against you. You will be given a specific date to comply. If you do not comply, you will be at risk for "non-compliance" which can lead to a termination of your lease.

All rules and regulations set forth by this office apply equally to all tenants. All infractions are reported to and reviewed by this office. These are in place for the safety of all of our tenants and our staff. If you can not abide by the set forth rules and regulations, you will be expected to find appropriate housing elsewhere.

This notice is not implicating any one person or property.





## **LIHEAP ASSISTANCE**

LIHEAP assistance will be available through

**May 31, 2023.**

Income guidelines are:

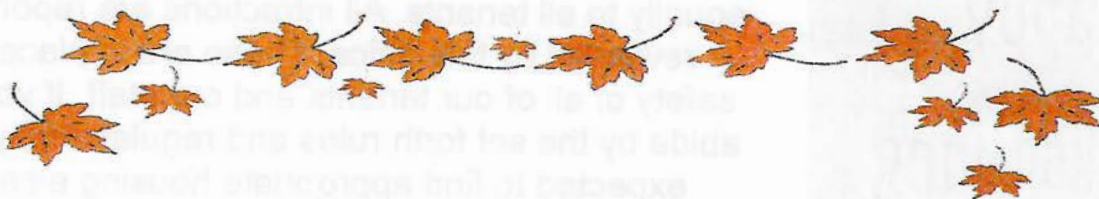
1-\$2,150.00 per month

2-\$2,873.00 per month

3-\$3,838.00 per month

4-\$4,625.00 per month

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



**New washers and dryers have been installed in the Landess Terrace, East Adams and Barry Community Buildings. The phone number to contact in case of a problem with the appliances is posted in all areas.**





## **CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM 2022**

Capital Fund Program 2022 has begun. There are two parts to this work.

1. **Landscaping & signage.** The contractor has begun removing dead trees and those that are too large & too close to buildings. New trees will be planted.
2. **Water heater replacement.** This work will begin the first week of December. As per the lease, you will receive a 48 hour notice prior to them arriving at your site. Not all water heaters are being replaced, due to some being replaced recently due to breakdown.

## **BARRY FOOD PANTRY**

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

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



### **MEALS PLUS FOR SENIORS**

**Eligibility:** Seniors aged 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**





## TENANT FIRE PREVENTION GUIDE

This tenant fire prevention guide has been developed to help educate you on fire hazards and the precautions that can be taken to prevent a fire. Tenants should read the information in this guide and keep it for future reference.

**Children Playing with Matches or Lighters:** Children are curious about fire. Often what begins as a natural exploration of the unknown can lead to tragedy. At home, children usually play with fire in bedrooms, in closets and under beds. These are "secret" places where there are a lot of things that catch fire easily. Here are some related safety rules.

- Supervise young children closely. Do not leave them alone even for short periods of time.
- Keep matches and lighters in a secured drawer or cabinet.
- Check under beds and in closets for burned matches, evidence your child may be playing with fire.
- Teach children not to hide from firefighters, but to get out quickly and call for help from another location.

**Kitchen Safety:** Cooking fires are a leading cause of home fires. The majority of cooking fires start with the ignition of common household items (wall coverings, paper or plastic bags, curtains, etc.). Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires. Here are some related safety rules:

- Never leave cooking food on the stovetop unattended, and keep a close eye on food cooking inside the oven.
- Keep cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles (potholders, towels, rags, drapes and food packaging).
- Clean the exhaust hood and area around the stove regularly and wipe up spilled grease as soon as the surface of the stove is cool.
- Turn pot handles inward so they can't be bumped and children can't grab them.
- If a small grease fire starts in a pan, put on an oven mitt and smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner. Don't remove the lid until it is completely cool. Never put water on a grease fire and never discharge fire extinguisher onto a pan fire, it can spray or shoot burning grease around the kitchen, actually spreading the fire.





**Electrical Safety:** Faulty or misused wiring, switches, outlets, cords and plugs, fuse and circuit breaker boxes, lighting fixtures and lamps are the leading cause of electrical fires. Here are some related safety rules.

- Replace or repair loose or frayed cords on all electrical devices.
- Do not run extension cords across doorways or under carpets. It is better not to use extension cords.
- Avoid overloading outlets. Consider plugging only on high-wattage appliances in each receptacle outlet at a time. If a circuit breaker trips or a fuse blows frequently, decrease the number of appliances on that line.
- If outlets or switches feel warm, shut off the circuit and have them checked by the maintenance staff.

**Candle Safety:** Nationally, home candle fires have doubled in number over the last decade. The increasing popularity and demand for candles increase the risk of fire and fire deaths. To keep safe follow these safety rules.

- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire (clothing, books, paper, curtains, Christmas trees, flammable decorations).
- Don't place lit candles in windows where blinds and curtains can close over them.
- Keep out of reach of children.
- Place candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface and do not use candles in a place where they could be knocked over by children or pets.

**Maintaining the Utility Room:** Fires can be started in utility rooms and closets where furnaces, hot water heaters and clothes dryers are kept.

- Keep at least and 18 inch clearance around furnaces, hot water heaters and clothes dryers. The pilot lights of these appliances can ignite combustible material newspaper, cardboard, clothing and plastic items).
- Do not store flammable chemicals, such as gasoline and paints inside. The vapors from the flammable chemical will seek an ignition source and can explode.
- The lint traps on clothes dryers should be cleaned after each use. Remove built up lint behind clothes dryers.
- Never leave home with the clothes dryer running.





# HEAVY DUTY CLEANERS FOR YOUR HOME

As a result of the in home inspections over the last few months, we noticed that a lot of tenants are having a hard time finding household cleaners for floors. On a re-inspection of one of our units, the difference in the floor was unbelievable. The floor looked great! The walls had been wiped down and cleaned with an all-purpose cleaner and the results were amazing!

## **ZEP HEAVY DUTY FLOOR CLEANER**

(stripper liquid floor cleaner)

## **ZEP STAIN RESISTANT FLOOR SEALER/POLISH**

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## **CLOROX ALL-PURPOSE CLEANER**

(for walls & door handles)

Products are available for purchase at Lowes, Home Depot and Walmart.



# Thanksgiving Day

## Word Search

**DIRECTIONS:**  
Find and circle the  
vocabulary words  
in the grid. Look  
for them in all  
directions including  
backwards and  
diagonally.

AMERICA  
CANOE  
COLONY  
CORNUCOPIA  
ENGLAND  
FALL  
FAMILY  
FEAST  
FREEDOM  
GRATITUDE  
HARVEST  
HOLIDAY  
INDIANS  
MAIZE  
MAYFLOWER  
MILES STANDISH  
NEW WORLD  
NOVEMBER  
PILGRIMS  
PLYMOUTH  
PUMPKIN PIE  
PURITANS  
SQUASH  
STUFFING  
THANKSGIVING  
TURKEY  
YAMS

