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Barry, Il. 62312

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Please call the office if you change your phone number, email, or mailing address. We need all current information in order to contact you when neccesary.



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PIKE COUNTY UNIMET 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 of member of PCUN to fill out an application.
- 2. Those requesting assistance must be a resident of Pike County, II., 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.
- 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
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Annual inspections will begin this Spring. They will begin in May. This serves as your first notice of the upcoming inspections. We will notify each property again with the dates and properties that will be inspected closer to the inspection dates.

As of now the tentative inspection dates will be as follows. Excluding Holidays and weekends. Dates or property sites will be subject to change. You will be notified of any changes in schedule.

Barry 5/22-6/2

New Canton/Pleasant Hill 6/26-6/30

Griggsville 7/24-7/28

Pittsfield 8/28-9/15

Baylis/Perry 10/23-10/27

CLEANING PRODUCTS

We have had several of our tenants use the following cleaning products with excellent results.

Zep Heavy Duty Floor Stripper Liquid

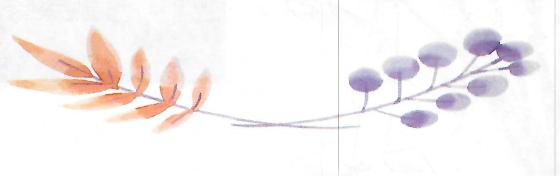
Zep Stain Resistant Floor Sealer/Polish

Clorox All Purpose cleaner for walls/door handles

Available to purchase at Walmart, Lowes & Home Depot.



Wipe down walls, doors, door handles. Keep floors clear of debris, swept and mopped. Clean windows, and wipe down widow shades. Clean top of stove and oven. Keep trash outside in the trash container.



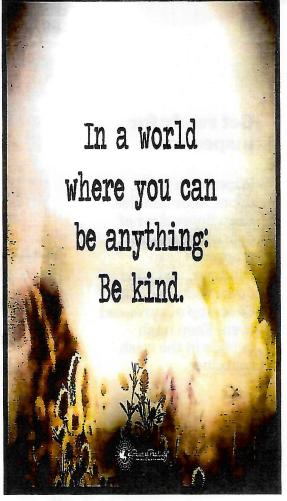
From the PCHA staff

We are here to help you with any questions or problems any of our tenants have. With that being said, I would like to remind everyone that appointments must be made to come into the office. Our doors are closed to the public. Appointment times are set specifically, as we are trying to help residing tenants, sign new leases for new tenants, and any other issues that requires meeting with a member of our staff. If you show up at a different time than your appointed time, you will be expected to wait until your appointed time to be allowed in the building. We ask that you call when you arrive to let us know you are here. If we do not answer the phone, please leave a voice mail with either Lee Ann or Tonya. If we do not answer the phone, we are busy helping someone. We will get to you as soon as possible, or at your appointment time. We have anywhere from 190-218 rented units at a time. This translates to more actual tenants. Calls will be taken on a first come first serve basis. unless a previous arrangement has been made.

As tenants, you expect and will be treated with respect. We, the PCHA staff, expect and will be treated with respect and will not tolerate







WE DO NOT ACCEPT CASH

If you pay with a personal check, it is not necessary to write your name and address on the envelope. Please make sure that all the lines are filled in, the amount in the box matches the amount written on the line. Make sure your check is signed and dated. Do not fill out a check in pencil, ink only. If it is filled out in pencil, it will be returned.

If you pay with a money order, please make sure your name and address are legible on the front. Make sure to SIGN the front of money order. We receive money orders every day that are not signed or we cannot make out the signature. Do not fill out a money order in pencil, ink only. If it is filled out in pencil, it will be returned



Do not sign the back of check or money order!!

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New Ways to Pay in 2023

We have 2 ways to take your payments in 2023 using your credit/debit card or checking/savings account.

The first and best way to do this is to create a tenant account. To create a tenant account you simply need to go to www.pikehousing.com to the tenant tab and click the register/log in link. Once you do this, on the right hand side you can register for a new account or if you have already done this, you can log in to your existing account. You will need to know your tenant ID #, you can contact the office and we will give it to you or it is also on your monthly statement that you receive. By doing this you can see your payments, make/schedule payments, see charges on your account, and create maintenance requests. Best of all, starting in 2023, there are no longer processing fees and you can pay any amount.

If you do not wish to create an account, we have another method for you to use to pay with your credit/debit card or checking/savings account. You go to the same web page www.pikehousing.com, go to the tenant tab and go to the pay your bill link. You will be taken to a page that asks for your billing information, payment amount, credit/debit card or checking/savings account information. You will need to know your tenant ID #, you can contact the office and we will give you the information or it is also on your monthly statement that you receive. With this method you can also schedule payments as well. Best of all, starting in 2023, there are no longer processing fees and you can pay any amount.

If you do not want to go to the www.pikehousing.com page, you can scan the QR code below with your phone and it will take you to the same place.



Of course if you prefer, we will be glad to help you, please contact the office for assistance.

Recurring Debit Authorization Form

Please choose one recurring debit type below (initial in space before): Debit/Credit Card Information (MC/Visa/Amex/Discover): Name as it appears on Card: Card Number: _____ Card Expiration: Card Security Code (3 digit code on back): **Checking/Savings Account Information:** Name of account holder: _____ Routing Number: Account Number: ____ Please list address (Street or PO Box/City/State/ZIP) where you receive mail for the above selection: **Current Telephone Number:** Current Email Address (If Any): Date(s) to process payment (1st, 2nd, etc., list all if more than one): Debit Amount: \$_____ Tenant Number: _____ It is understood that by signing below that I am authorizing Pike County Housing Authority to debit the debit card, credit card, checking account, or savings account for the amount indicated above on the date(s) indicated above.

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It is understood that it is my responsibility to cancel this automatic withdrawal by notifying the Pike County Housing Authority, in writing, at the earliest possible date prior to the debit.

It is understood that it is my responsibility to update the Pike County Housing Authority with any new information as it becomes available. This information shall include, but is not limited to, card numbers, card expiration dates, account numbers, address information, phone numbers, email addresses, debit date(s), and debit amounts.

Pike County Housing Authority is not responsible for any fees that may be charged by the debit/credit provider or financial institutions for use of this service.

Pike County Housing Authority is not responsible for the misrepresentation of any information being collected through the use of this authorization form.

Pike County Housing Authority will be responsible for any fees that may be charged by the debit/credit card provider or financial institution for incorrect debit dates and amounts caused by incorrect data entry into the service.

Debit/Credit Card or Checking/Savings Account Holder Authorization:

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You May Be Eligible For Child Care Assistance

The State of Illinois offers childcare assistance to low-income families.

Your family may be eligible for assistance, and you should submit an application if you are:

- Receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), or a
- Teen parent enrolled full-time in elementary or high school or GED classes to obtain a high school degree or its equivalent, or a
- Working and your monthly income does not exceed 225% of the current Federal Poverty Level for your family size*, or
- You need childcare assistance to participate in education or training.

*Current income guidelines, as of July 1, 2022:

Family of 2 with a gross income of less than \$3,433 per month Family of 3 with a gross income of less than \$4,318 per month Family of 4 with a gross income of less than \$5,203 per month Family of 5 with a gross income of less than \$6,088 per month Family of 6 with a gross income of less than \$6,973 per month Family of 7 with a gross income of less than \$7,858 per month Family of 8 with a gross income of less than \$8,743 per month Family of 9 with a gross income of less than \$9,628 per month

To request an application please contact:

West Central Child Care Connection 510 Maine Room 610 Quincy, IL 62301 1-800-782-7318 or 217-222-2550

OR download an application from the Parent Services option on our website @

www.wcccc.com

Once your completed application is submitted with two of your most recent check stubs or a copy of your RSP plan, it will be reviewed based on eligibility factors of the program and an Approval or Denial notice will be sent to you within 10 days.

Please keep in mind, if your application is approved you will:

Need to pay a weekly copay to your provider based on income and family size

SERVING THE COUNTIES OF: ADAMS • BROWN • CALHOUN • CASS • GREENE • HANCOCK • JERSEY • PIKE • SCHUYLER

ARE YOU STORM READY?

THUNDERSTORM WATCH

A Severe Thunderstorm Watch is issued when a severe thunderstorm is possible.
Stay tuned to forecast updates, monitor sky conditions, and know where to take shelter.

BE PREPARED.

THUNDERSTORM WARNING

A Severe Thunderstorm Warning is issued when a severe thunderstorm is <u>happening or about to happen.</u>

TAKE ACTION!

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS ADVISES KEEPING AN EMERGENCY KIT.
USE THIS CHECKLIST TO HELP PUT YOUR KIT TOGETHER.

Towels

Water

Batteries

Flashlight

Non-Perishable food items

First Aid Kit

Tape

Medication







Assistance Animals and Fair Housing:

NAVIGATING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Types of Assistance Animals



Assistance Animal

- Assistance animals are not pets.
- Trained or untrained animals that do work, perform tasks, provide assistance, and/or provide therapeutic emotional support for individuals with disabilities.
- Can be any common domestic household animal.
- Assists a person with a disability-related need.
- Covered under the Fair Housing Act.
- A reasonable accommodation must be granted where there is a nexus between a person's disability and the requested accommodation, i.e., the assistance that the animal provides to that person. The reasonable accommodation can be supported by a letter from a person knowledgeable about the individual's need for the assistance animal, such as a health care professional, but such a letter is not required. A reasonable accommodation may be made at any time.
- Unique animals are not necessarily excluded, but the requester may need to provide more information about why the animal that is not a common household animal is needed to meet the disability-related need.

Disability Definition

Under the Fair Housing Act a person with a disability includes (1) individuals with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; (2) individuals who are regarded as having such an impairment: and (3) individuals with a record of such an impairment. Remember the term "major life activity" means those activities that are of central importance to daily life, which includes but is not limited to seeing, hearing, walking, breathing, performing manual tasks, caring for one's self, learning, and speaking.

Service Animal



- A type of Assistance Animal under the Act. Only type covered under the ADA.
- Trained to do work or perform a task directly related to a disability.

Protections Under the Law

Housing providers may be subject to the requirements of several civil rights laws, including but not limited to the following:

- Fair Housing Act (FHA): The Fair Housing Act covers housing-related transactions and prohibits discrimination because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), familial status and disability.
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): Titles II and III of the ADA provide protections for individuals with disabilities across a range of areas, including housing.
- Rehabilitation Act of 1973: Section 504 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in any program, service, or activity that receives federal financial assistance. In addition, housing providers have an obligation to provide reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified persons with disabilities.

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Due to recent events, we are asking all tenants to make sure they have put into place exactly what and who is entitled to belongings in the event of your death. In this issue we have a copy of a Final Affairs Form. We ask that you fill it out completely and return it to our office to go into your personal file. Please take the time to fill out and return this form.

If you filled out the Final Affairs Form, but did not fill out the tenant information at the end of the form, YOU WILL NEED TO FILL OUT AND SEND IN THE FORM IN THIS ISSUE. The tenant portion is on the back and highlighted.



MOWING HAS STARTED...Pick up after your pet.
Pick up any yard debris or animal ties. Do not stop the
mower during mowing or any other yard work. This is an
independent contractor NOT an employee of Pike County
Housing Authority.

SPRING CLEAN-UP TRAILER DATES

Barry 4/40-4/21

New Canton 4/24-4/28

Pleasant Hill 5/1-5/5

Pittsfield 5/8-5/19

Griggsville 5/22-5/26

Perry 5/30-6/2

Baylis 6/5-6/9





Final Affairs Form

This form gives the Pike County Housing Authority (PCHA) information on how to handle final affairs in the event of death. This form is designed for single adult households who may not have a final will. Completion of this form does not obligate anyone outside of the household for any balances that may be due. Any time your wishes or your designees information changes a new form should be completed. PCHA will act off of the information from the last completed form received.

Please review and complete the sections below carefully.

1.	Do you have someone PCHA can contact in the event of death and would receive the
	refund of any credit balance? NO YES
	If <u>YES</u> , then complete the section below with that information.
	Name:
	Mailing Address:
	Phone:
	Relationship:
	If <u>NO</u> , and you would want the refund of any credit balance to go to something else, then complete the section below with that information. This could be anything you desire, such as a church, animal shelter, not-for-profit, etc. If the above is marked "NO" and this section is left blank, PCHA will assume ownership of the refund of any credit balance.
	Name:
	Mailing Address:
	Phone:
2.	Do you have someone who will be responsible for the removal of furniture and other items from the apartment in the event of death? NO YES
	If <u>YES</u> , then complete the section below with that information.
	Name:
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