

# MAY 2023

## NEWSLETTER

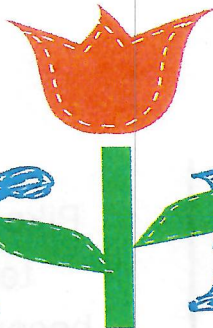
GET READY FOR SPRING CLEANING!!

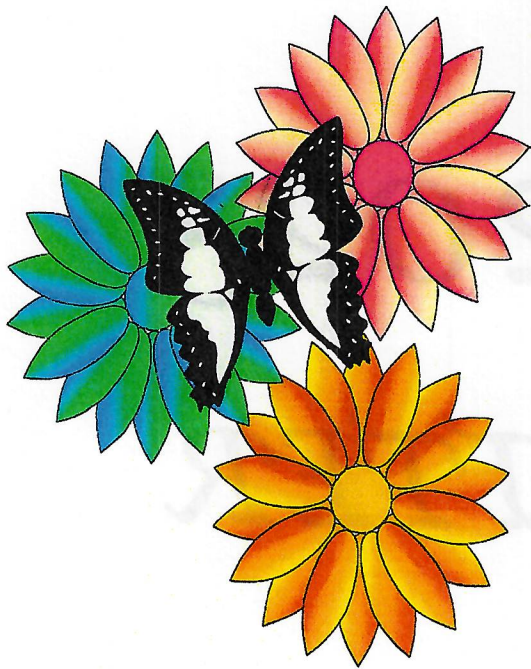
SPRING TRAILER SCHEDULE & INSPECTION SCHEDULE

DE-CLUTTER, CLEAN AND GET READY TO HAVE

A GREAT INSPECTION!

Spring





Pike County Housing Authority  
838 Mason St.  
PO Box 123  
Barry, Il. 62312  
217-407-0707

## Site Improvements

Exterior Improvements being done by  
Roady Exterior on sites,

71-1 Barry

71-2 Barry

71-3 Pleasant Hill

will start by 5/15/23. Funds provided by  
the Capital Fund 2021 & 2022. Total  
cost \$704,000.00.



*New signage being installed and  
completed by Trotter construction. Funds  
provided by the Capitol Fund 2020.*

**Total cost \$197,000.00.**



# NO SMOKING

Pike County Housing Board is needing a  
tenant, who is in good standing, to  
become a board member. If interested in  
the position, please call the office.

217-407-0707





## MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a national holiday in the United States, celebrated on the last Monday in May. Memorial Day originated during the Civil War, to remember the soldiers who had died during the war. Today, we honor all service men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice for their country in all the wars of our nation's history.

Arlington National Cemetery holds a special military ceremony, where a wreath is placed on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This tomb represents all the soldiers and sailors who have bravely given their lives to defend our country and our freedom.



Memorial Day Commence Flags will be fling over Meomiral Day Weekend. Towns and cemeteries in Pike County will be displaying their flags, some communities will have ceremonies remembering our service men and women.





**PIKE COUNTY HOUSING**  
**838 MASON ST**  
**BARRY, IL.**  
**62312**

## **PCHA RULES**

PCHA has specific rules that must be followed to reside on the property. All rules and guidelines are listed in the lease that you must sign when you move in. By signing this lease, you agree to abide by the PCHA rules and regulations. If you would like a copy of your lease, call the office. It is also located on our website.

## **NO SMOKING**

PCHA properties are no smoking Federal properties. Use of prohibited tobacco products is restricted. No cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes and hookahs, or marijuana. This policy applies to all Resident's and their guests.

## **UNAUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS MOVING IN**

This is an ongoing problem within the PCHA properties. Unauthorized individuals are not allowed to move into ANY PCHA property. This is for the safety of all tenants, their families, guests, and PCHA staff. Also, due to income not being factored into rent. If you are housing an unauthorized individual, you are putting your residency at risk. This is a serious lease violation, which can lead to a lease termination.

Allowing anyone to move into the residence without PCHA approval is discussed at lease signing. Everyone who signs the lease is made aware of this regulation.

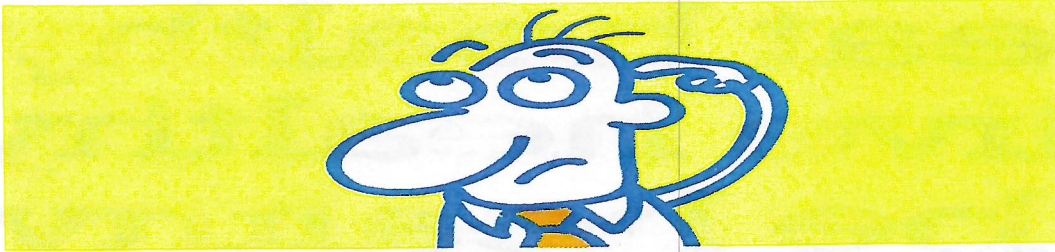
## **RENT**

Rent must be paid by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. A late fee of \$25.00 will be added to the account the next day. If your account is 60 days behind you will be receiving an eviction notice for non-payment. If you are having trouble paying your rent, call the office, you may be eligible for a repayment agreement, and we can suggest agencies that provide assistance. Any changes in employment or income need to be reported to this office within 10 days.





# IS IT WORTH IT?



**DO YOU REALIZE...IF YOU COMMIT FRAUD ON AN APPLICATION TO OBTAIN ASSISTED HOUSING OR COMMIT FRAUD ON YOUR YEARLY RECERTIFICATION FOR ASSISTED HOUSING, YOU COULD:**

- BE EVICTED FROM YOUR HOME
- REQUIRED TO REPAY ALL OVERPAID RENTAL ASSISTANCE YOU RECEIVED
- FINED UP TO \$10,000
- IMPRISONED FOR UP TO FIVE YEARS
- PROHIBITED FROM RECEIVING FUTURE ASSISTANCE
- SUBJECT TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENALTIES

**Do You Know...** You are committing fraud if you sign a form knowing that you provided false or misleading information.

The information you provide on housing assistance application and recertification forms **will** be checked. The local housing agency, HUD, or the Office of Inspector General **will** check the income and asset information you provide with the Federal, State or local governments and with private agencies. Certifying false information is fraud.

**So Be Careful!** When you fill out your application and your yearly recertification for assisted housing from HUD make sure your answers to the questions are accurate and honest. You must include:

All sources of income and changes in income you or any members of your household receive, such as wages, welfare payments, social security and veterans' benefits, pension, retirement, etc.

Any money you receive on behalf of your children, such as child support, AFDC payments, social security for children, etc.

Any increase in income, such as wages from a new job or an expected pay raise or bonus.

All assets, such as bank accounts, savings bonds, certificates of deposit, stocks, real estate, etc. that are owned by any member of your household.

The name of everyone, adults and children, relative and non-relative, who are living with you and make up your household.

# eat healthy live healthy be healthy

## TIPS FOR HEALTHY LIVING

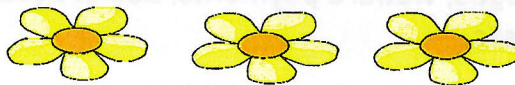
**EAT HEALTHY:** Include at least five serving of fruits and vegetables along with the lean protein sources, low fat dairy products, whole grains and healthy fats. Choose healthier cooking habits like baking, grilling and roasting over frying.

**STOP SMOKING:** Quitting smoking is one of the most important thing you can do. You can live longer and better, and lower your chance of a heart attack, stroke or cancer. For help all the Illinois Tobacco QuitLine at 866-QUIT-YES.

**GET MOVING:** Strive for 45 minutes of moderate physical activity on most, if not all days of the week. Focus on fun activities such as dancing, gardening, swimming and walking.

**MAINTAIN A HEALTHY WEIGHT:** According to the American Obesity Association women who are overweight are at greater risk for stroke and developing chronic diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease. Focusing on healthy eating and staying active can help you maintain a healthy weight.

**BE GOOD TO YOURSELF:** Balancing work, home and play; reducing stress, and getting plenty of sleep are just as important as a healthy diet and exercise to living a happy, healthy life. Sometimes that means simply “kicking back” and allowing some of life’s little stresses to roll off your back!



## Pike County Senior Center

Our meal site is open; Call 217-285-6150

for a reservation by 8:40 am the day you would like lunch.





# INSPECTION DATES 2023

BARRY

5/22-6/2

NEW CANTON &

PLEASANT HILL

6/26-6/30

GRIGGSVILLE

7/24-7/28

PITTSFIELD

8/28-9/15

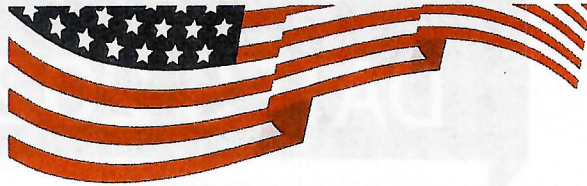
BAYLIS &

PERRY

10/23-10-26

Get ready by wiping down wall, doors, appliances, etc. Make sure trash is kept in appropriate trash receptacles. Clean and mop floors. Make sure your home smells clean and fresh. Pick up any pet feces out of your yard and keep yard clear of toys and dog ties.

You will receive a notice on your door before inspections at your property. Inspections will take place if you are not home. You will receive a letter from this office letting you know if you fail or pass. If you fail, you will be given details to the reasons why you failed. We will then give you a new date for a re-inspection. If you do not pass the re-inspection, this will be considered a violation of your lease, and leave you subject to eviction.



# MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBERING & HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

