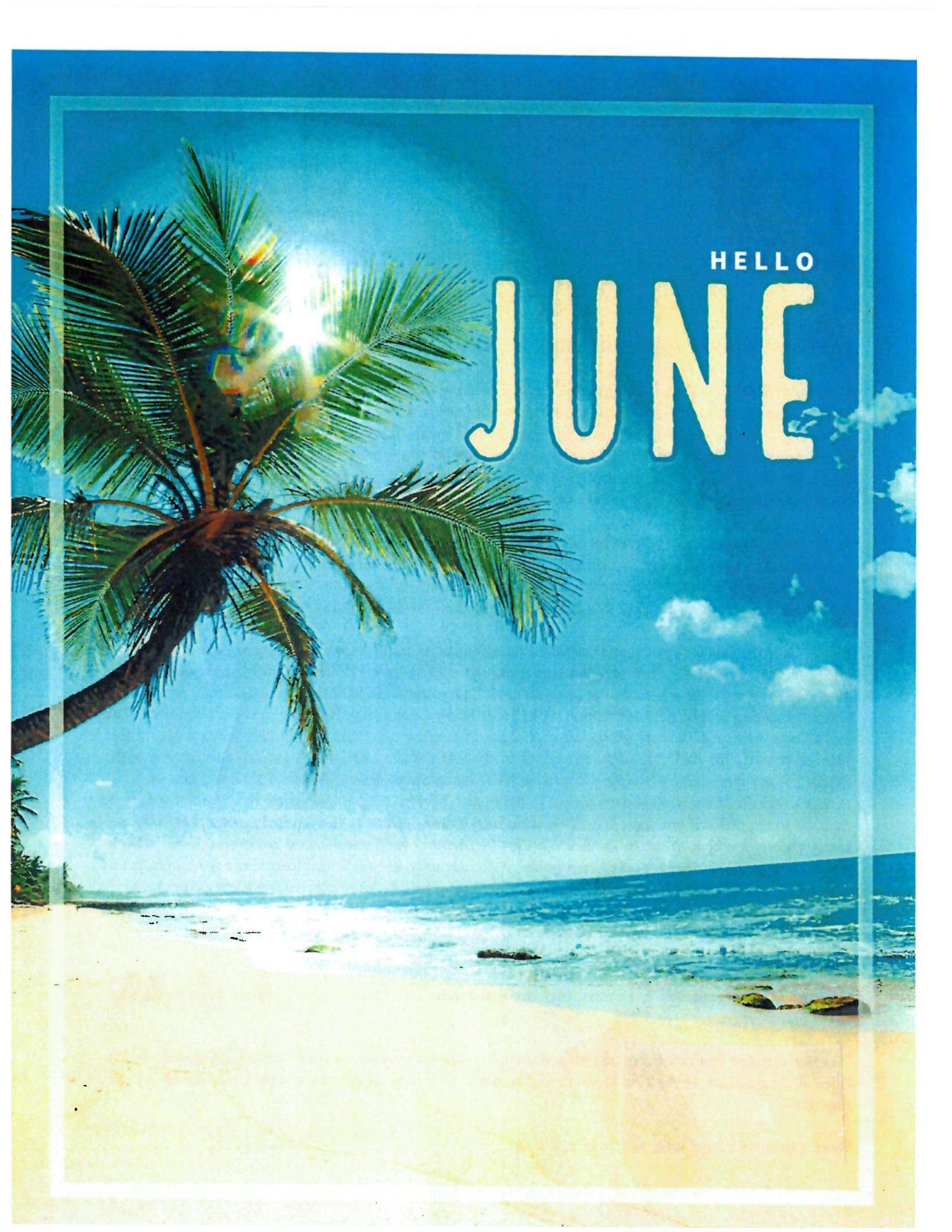


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JUNE





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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHRIS BRUNS - JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

In the May 2025 Newsletter, I mentioned that the housing authority was going to try and take steps to keep door to door salespeople from coming around our properties. Since that time we have ordered "No soliciting" signs for our properties and they are up. This means that no one (even if they have a peddler's license) can come on our properties and go door to door. If you see someone going door to door please feel free to tell them to leave the property immediately. If they do not, also feel free to call the police, these people are trespassing. It's very sad that these companies target our tenants exclusively!

In the event you need to report an income change, please remember that you need to report it to the housing authority and the State of Illinois (if you have a medical card, food stamps, TANF, etc.). The housing authority pulls information from the State of Illinois and if what you are reporting doesn't match then there is a problem. We have to use whatever income is showing and is the highest.

PCHA has available for review and comment its Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) draft revision. The ACOP draft revision was approved at PCHA's 4/17/2025 Board Meeting and will be available for review for a period of at least 30 days, beginning 4/23/2025 through 6/16/2025, at which time a public meeting will be held at 1:00p.m. at PCHA's Barry Community Building to collect and review any and all comments received regarding the ACOP policy revision. At PCHA's 6/26/2025 Board Meeting it is planned to ratify the ACOP draft revision as final. The ACOP draft revision is available for review at the PCHA's Barry Community Building located at 842 Mason Street, Barry, Illinois 62312 and also on PCHA's website at www.pikehousing.com in the Public Notice section. Questions and comments may be directed to the office if you have any. **This is an important update as the federal government has made many changes, which affect the policy sections on income, verification, and reexaminations, which will have significant impact on the program.** As it currently stands, these changes are to be in effect as of 7/1/2025, however the housing software providers have had issues implementing these updates and there could be a delay from the federal government still. We are moving forward with what we need to do as an agency, but this will be the most significant change to the program in years.

The Capital Fund Grant 2023 work is nearing completion in Griggsville with Laverdiere Construction. A final punch list is expected in the next week and Laverdiere will have 30 days from that point to fix any items identified.

Please remember that being a good tenant doesn't involve just paying your bill. Following the rest of the rules of the program, being kind to your neighbors and staff, and taking care of your place are all just as important.

Have a great month of June, stay safe, and thank you.



DO NOT FLUSH ANY WIPES DOWN THE TOILET!

Even if they claim to be “flushable”

During normal business hours you must call the office for a maintenance problem. A work order will be prepared and the call will be documented.


For after hour/off hour emergencies only:

Please call 217-407-0707 and hit option 1 to be connected with a member of maintenance.

Emergencies Include:

- Gas leaks
- Broken water pipes
- Exposed electrical wires
- No heat (if the outdoor heat is 45 degrees or lower)
- Sewer line stoppage (not drain line)-this includes a clogged toilet
- CO/Smoke detector beeping or chirping

Also fire, flood or anything that threatens life, safety or property damage.

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BE SURE TO WATCH FOR THE FULL “STRAWBERRY” MOON IN JUNE

The Strawberry Moon in 2025 will reach peak illumination on June 11th, 2025, at 3:44 a.m. EDT (12:44 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time), according to The Old Farmer's Almanac. It's named for the time of year when wild strawberries ripen. While it won't appear strawberry-colored, its light can reflect subtle hues of gold and rose, especially near the horizon.



Easy Strawberry Upside-down Cake is REALLY EASY!

Uses simple ingredients and the cake turns out soft and fantastic tasting. It's so easy to make and you can use fresh or frozen strawberries.

Ingredients

2 Cups Strawberries - Enough to fill the bottom of a 9 x 13 pan
A small box of sugar-free Jello (dry)
1 Cup Mini marshmallows (optional)
1 (18.25 oz) Boxed cake mix

Instructions

1. Fill the bottom of 9 x 13 pan with fresh Strawberries, then sprinkle a small box sugar-free jello (dry) over berries, cover with mini marshmallows.
2. Mix a boxed cake mix as instructions on the package and pour over the strawberries and marshmallows and bake at 350 F for 30 - 35 minutes, until cake mix is cooked. Test with a toothpick.
3. Serve warm with ice cream or whipped cream and enjoy!



ANNUAL INSPECTION NOTICE 2025

BARRY & NEW CANTON

INSPECTION DATE: 6/9/2025 – 6/13/2025, 6/16/2025 – 6/20/2025

NOTICE DATE: 4/30/2025

According to the scheduling terms of Pike County Housing Authority (PCHA) policy, please be advised that PCHA will conduct the annual inspections of its apartments in BARRY & NEW CANTON during the time frame of 6/9/2025 – 6/13/2025, 6/16/2025 – 6/20/2025.

During the time leading up to the above dates, it is strongly recommended you make the premises ready to be viewed before the annual inspections begin. Negative inspection reports will affect your tenancy with PCHA, so please consider that as you make your preparation for staff arrival.

NOTE: A failed inspection does not guarantee an automatic re-inspection. This will be decided at PCHA's full discretion.

While PCHA does not expect the apartments to be spotless, it does expect them to be free from bad odors, debris, garbage, clutter, dirty walls/floors/doors, dirty dishes and old food, dirty stoves, dirty refrigerators, etc. If you have approved animals, staff do not expect to find urine and feces on the interior of the unit, overflowing litter boxes, or significant damages caused by the animals. Staff also do not expect to find pet waste or cigarette butts not being picked up in the yard areas around the units. This list is not exhaustive, but in short, we expect to find our places are being taken care of!

All of these terms and conditions are covered in your rental agreement with PCHA.

After inspection, you will receive a notice of pass/fail status of the inspection along with action items to be addressed or our elected course of action, if any. As always, you do not need to be present for the inspection, but can be if you so choose.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this notice and your help in performing this annual requirement. We look forward to seeing great results!

Best Regards,



Chris Bruns

Executive Director

Pike County Housing **DOES NOT ACCEPT CASH**. Payment must be made by check, money order, debit or credit card. You can call the office to make payment by check or card, at no extra charge.

When you receive paper work from our office. Please fill it out and return it **ASAP**. You can use our secure drop box located at our office for after hour returns.

- ✚ PCHA must be notified with any change in your information, such as, changes in income, emergency contact information, phone #'s, mailing address, etc.
- ✚ **Do not allow anyone to move into your apartment without PCHA approval.** We have to approve of **ALL** members of the household. If you need an Addition to the Household form, please call or go to www.pikehousing.com to download form.
- ✚ Rent and deposits need to be paid on time. If rent is not paid by the 25th of every month, a \$25.00 late fee will automatically be charged. **Any** outstanding balance on the account will get a \$25.00 late fee added.

NATIONAL PROBLEM GAMBLING
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Cleaning checklist



Start with general areas around your home that don't usually get cleaning attention:

- ☐ Go room to room organizing and decluttering.
- ☐ Dust ceiling fans and light fixtures.
- ☐ Clean all door knobs and light switches.
- ☐ Wipe down baseboards and walls.
- ☐ Clean the inside of the windows and window sills.

Kitchen

- ☐ Organize the pantry and cabinets by discarding expired food/cleaning shelving.
- ☐ Clean out the refrigerator by discarding expired food and wiping interior shelving.
- ☐ Deep clean the oven and stove.
- ☐ Clean small appliances like toasters, microwaves, and coffee machines.
- ☐ Wipe down countertops and cabinets.

Living Room

- ☐ Organize cabinets and bookshelves.
- ☐ Clean and dust all electronics.
- ☐ Dust and polish furniture.
- ☐ Vacuum or wipe down all upholstery.
- ☐ Clean curtains or wipe down blinds.

Cleaning checklist



Bathroom

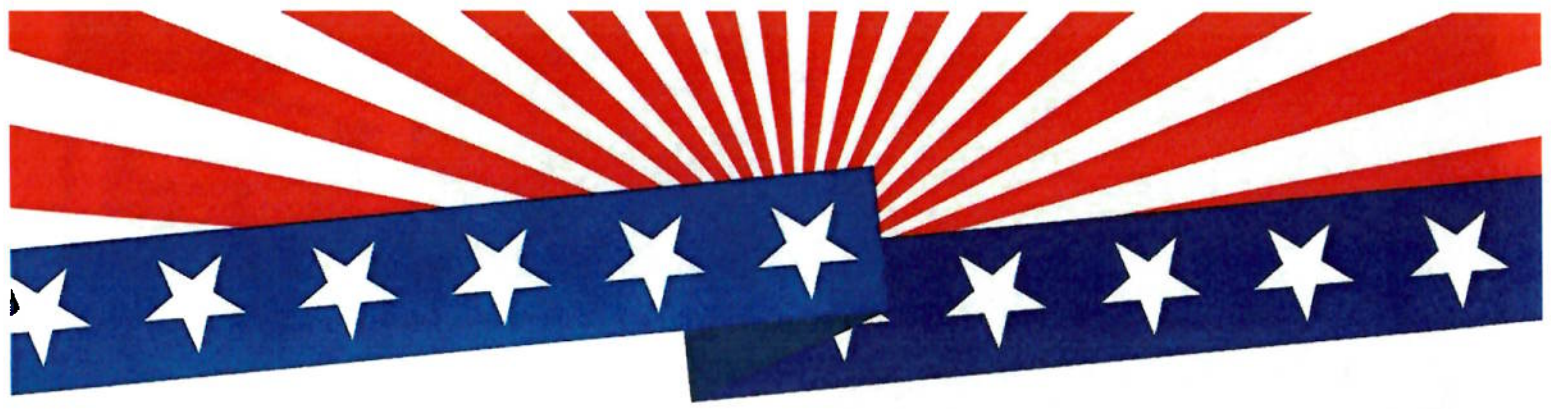
- ☐ Organize toiletries in the cupboards.
- ☐ Clean mirrors and glass surfaces.
- ☐ Disinfect toilets, wipe down sinks and counters, and scrub the bathtub.
- ☐ Wash shower curtains or remove water stains from glass shower doors.
- ☐ Clean bath mats.
- ☐ Clean grout if needed.

Bedrooms

- ☐ Change bedding and wash the mattress cover.
- ☐ Rotate and flip the mattress.
- ☐ Clean under the bed, dressers, and nightstands.
- ☐ Dust all furniture and fixtures.
- ☐ Organize closets and purge clothing you no longer wear.

Don't forget to pick up outside of your units as well. Pick up and remove all pet feces off the ground. Make sure outside toys are put away when children are done playing with them each night. Pick up any trash or debris out of the yard.

Annual Inspections are starting soon. Use this checklist to help get prepared.

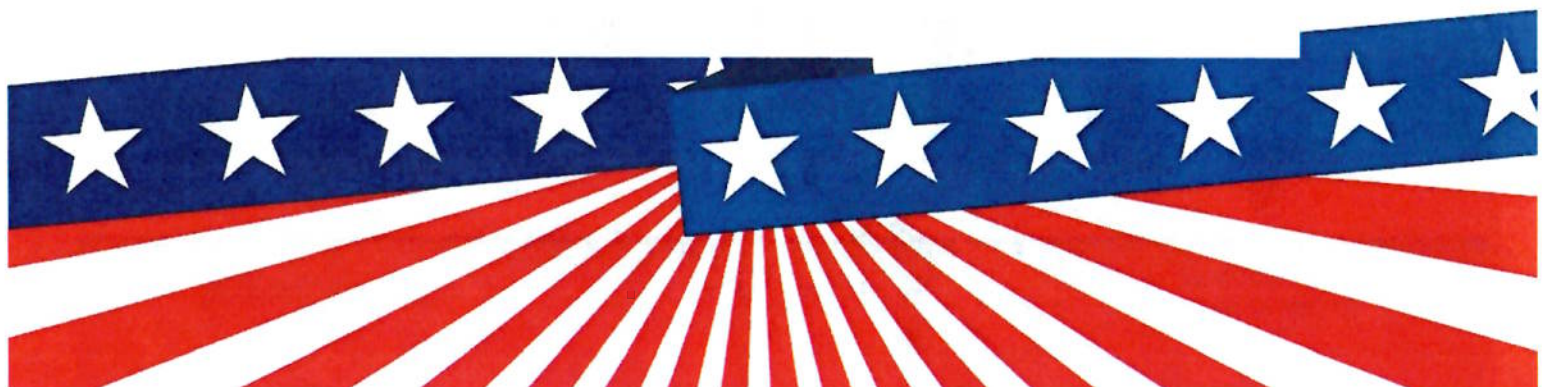


Flag Day in the United States is a holiday celebrated on **June 14th**, commemorating the adoption of the Stars and Stripes by the Second Continental Congress on that date in 1777. It's a day to honor and show respect for the American flag, which symbolizes independence, unity, and Americanism.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag; manner of delivery

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces not in uniform and veterans may render the military salute in the manner provided for persons in uniform.





Taking a Media Break for Your Well-Being

There are risks to mental health from social media use, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Such risks include depression, social comparison, cyberbullying, exposure to harmful content and sleep disruption. Social media use also has the potential to worsen loneliness, anxiety and self-worth.

For some, quitting social media altogether may be an unrealistic goal. Focus instead on creating a healthy relationship with social media by: Unfollowing accounts that leave you with negative emotions; Deleting any negative comments or messages; Striving not to compare yourself to others; Protecting your mental health.



Please do not interrupt our maintenance crew, lawn maintenance or Big River Pest Control technician to report a problem.

If you have something that you need repaired or reported, you must call the office.

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A work order will be put into the system.





TRAILER SCHEDULE

EAST ADAMS	JUNE 2-6
GRIGGSVILLE	JUNE 9-13
NEW CANTON	JUNE 16-20
BARRY	JUNE 23-JULY 3

RENT AND ALL
OTHER CHARGES
ARE DUE EVERY
MONTH BY THE
25TH

OFFICE CLOSED TO
PUBLIC

APPOINTMENTS
ONLY

PLEASE PICK UP
YOUR YARD!

LEAVE SCREEN
DOORS UNLOCKED
ON PEST CONTROL
DAYS

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Green Beans

- **Protects Bone Health**
- **Aids Weight Management**
- **Protects Gut and Digestive Health**
- **Improves Heart Health**
- **Maintains Eye Health**
- **Rich in Vitamins**
- **Helps Anemia**

Fresh Green Beans

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
½ teaspoon red pepper flakes, or to taste
1.5 pounds fresh green beans, trimmed

2 cloves garlic, minced
½ teaspoon coarse kosher salt
2 tablespoons water

1. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add red pepper flake and stir to coat the pepper in the oil.
2. Add green beans and cook, stirring often until the beans are blistering and browning in areas, 5 to 7 minutes.
3. Add garlic and salt and cook, stirring constantly until the garlic is fragrant and browning, about 30 seconds.
4. Add water and immediately cover with a well-fitting lid or sheet of aluminum foil. Steam the green beans, covered, until they are bright green and crisp tender, 1 to 2 minutes. Serve immediately.