

APRIL 2026

PCHA

Newsletter





**PCHA Inspections will be starting soon.
You will get notice of when your property will be inspected. Generally
inspections will begin in May.**

**Do not wait, start getting your home inspection ready now. You can see the
housekeeping expectations at our website www.pikehousing.com. A copy of
a blank lease is on the website and lists everything that PCHA expects. It
breaks down by room with the expectations.**

**If you change your phone number, email
address or mailing address, you need to
call the office with the new information.**

April is National Humor Month...

What do you get when you cross a tulip with a dog?

Collie-Flower





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Repositioning – The process is underway for the demolition of the 2 buildings at Landess Terrace and 1 building at E. Adams. We are almost finished with the HUD submission to get approval for the demolition activity of the final 16 units. In the meantime, we are moving forward with the invitation for bid process to make sure we can obligate our grant funds for this activity. The advertisement is out for the work currently, with a pre-bid meeting to be held on 4/1/2026, bid opening on 4/14/2026, and bid selection on 4/16/2026. We are going to try and relocate the people remaining in the building at E. Adams, but again I want to stress evaluating your options. We can offer you a unit (it may not be in your preferred location) that is income based and comes with the typical services we provide. You most certainly could wait for the TPV that would allow you to rent in the private market, however there are some concerns about that. The unit you would rent must pass a federal inspection in order to qualify. PCHA would have no involvement with the new rental. The services offered by the new landlord could be the same, could be different. Please take that into consideration as we begin to make offers of other places.

Spring Cleaning – Very soon we will be publishing the trailer schedule for spring cleanup. If you have stuff to get rid of that can't go in the regular trash we urge you to take advantage of this time where it is no cost.

Inspections 2026 – Very soon we are going to be scheduling annual inspections for 2026. Please start getting prepared now and be ready for this federally required activity. When we arrive we are not expecting the place to be spotless, but if the place has a dirt floor or floor with food and drink spilled and left, food left out all over, dirty dishes all over, garbage accumulation, pet urine/feces everywhere, fridge with food and drink spilled all over, etc. then we have a problem. Yes, the places are yours to live but also your places to take care of, remember that.

Mowing – Very soon mowing season will be here. We have a new company servicing the properties for the next 3 years. Recently, Baker Mowing of Barry won the bid to provide lawn care services to all PCHA properties. Let's give them a hand and make sure the yard areas are clear of any toys, trash, or anything else to make their job easier.

Tenant Financial Assistance – Anytime you find yourself getting behind on your account we encourage you to do a repayment agreement in order to get caught up. We have certain terms to follow, but if you can demonstrate a hardship you could qualify for a lower payment that might meet your household's budget. In addition, there are always groups like Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials, Pike County General Assistance, or Pike County Unmet Needs to seek help from. The very last and worst thing to do is to not doing anything or ignore the situation. If you need information on anything mentioned here please contact us so we can assist.

Office Hours – A reminder that we are here Monday through Friday 8am – 5pm. We are open by appointment only, but are always ready to set an appointment to meet with you to answer any questions you may have. In addition, to the right of the office door is a secure drop box that you can return paperwork, make payments, etc. It is a great tool that you can use any time 24/7/365.

Have a great month of April, Happy Easter, and thank you.

Regards,



Chris Bruns
Executive Director

Do not call or stop maintenance during normal business hours.

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 indoor temperature is 55 degrees or lower)
- Sewer line stoppage-this includes a clogged toilet
- CO/Smoke detector beeping or chirping
- Fire, flood or anything that threatens life, safety or property damage.

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.

217-407-0707



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Community Hospital

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

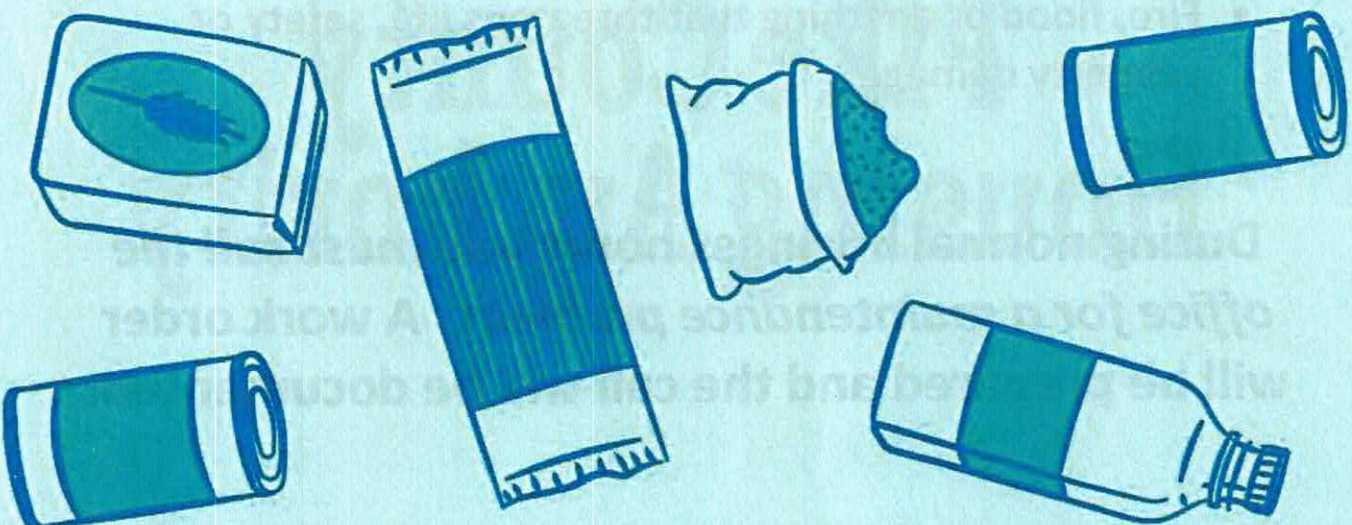
Griggsville Fairgrounds

516 Oak St

Griggsville, Illinois

Distribution begins at 1:00 pm
and food is first come, first served.

Available to approximately 200 Pike County Illinois families.
Open to Pike County Illinois residents only.



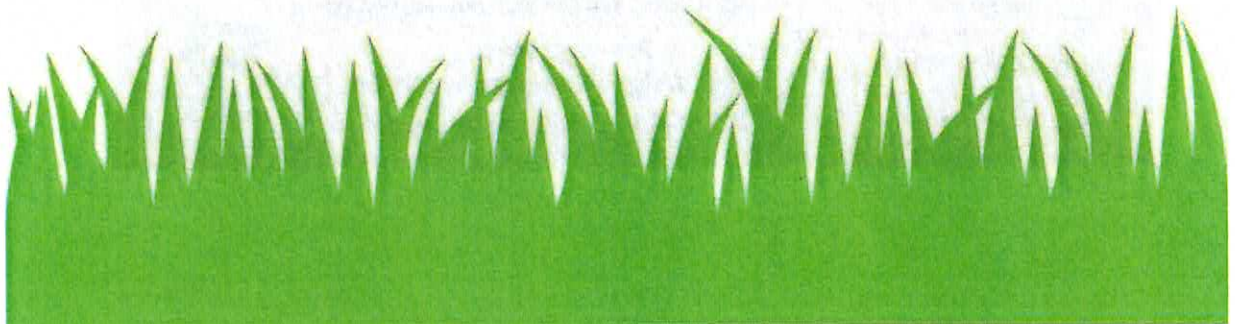
Spring is finally here...

Mowing is starting soon...

Tenants need to make sure *everything* is picked up out of their yards. Including any toys, dog leashes, animal waste or anything that is more than 2 foot away from the buildings. We are not responsible for any item(s) that are destroyed by mowers because it was left in the yard.

YOU MUST PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS!!!

This is to be done year round. We have areas where no effort is being made to pick up after your animal. If maintenance has to remove the animal waste from your yard, you will be charged \$15.00 service fee *each time*. Picking up after your pet is part of the Lease Addendum A Pet Policy. If you are not taking care of your animals waste, indoor or outdoor, you will risk lease termination. This Pet Policy is signed by every tenant and is a part of your permanent file. As with any part of your lease, this can and will be used for lease termination for non-compliance.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

APRIL 11, 2026

Western Illinois Fairgrounds

516 S Oak St., Griggsville, Illinois

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ONLY
NO BUSINESS, FARM OR COMMERCIAL WASTE ACCEPTED

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Oil Base and Latex Paints
- Used Motor Oil
- Pesticides & Herbicides
- Old Gasoline
- Pool Chemicals
- Cleaning Products
- Acids & Medications
- Batteries
- Antifreeze
- Fluorescent Lamp Bulbs
- Drain Cleaners
- Lawn Chemicals
- Paint Thinners

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Explosives / Fireworks
- Controlled Substances
- Smoke Detectors
- Farm Machinery Oil
- Lead Acid Batteries
- Propane Tanks

THANK YOU TO THE WESTERN ILLINOIS FAIR ASSOCIATION
AND ILLINOIS EPA FOR HELP HOSTING THIS EVENT!

Pre-register at

<https://signup.com/go/mCYytKj>

Call 217-440-5101 for information



Do you have a new phone number?

Call the office at 217-407-0707

So we can update your file

Please do not interrupt our maintenance crew, mowers or Big River Pest Control technician to report a problem. If you have something that you need reported, you must call the office.

217-407-0707

A work order will be put into the system.

If you are having trouble paying your rent, call the office. You may be eligible for a repayment agreement. Do not ignore your account balance, if left unpaid and no repayment arrangement has been made, your account will be flagged for rent demand with possible lease termination for non-payment.

If a member of your household turns 18, please contact the office. PCHA requires that the household member signs the apartment lease as an adult.

If that household member is employed, 2 full consecutive pay stubs are required. If you have a household member who turns 18 and will be moving out of the apartment, please call the office.





8 Ways to Improve Your Financial Well-Being

**Rent is due
by 25th of
each month**

1. Set and commit to a budget
2. Have an emergency fund
3. Save money consistently
4. Pay off debts in small bites
5. Track the due date of your bills
6. Set alerts in your checking account
7. Don't over apply for lines of credit
8. Check your credit report yearly



Sign up for our Recurring Debit Program. You choose the date your rent is deducted from your account every month.

Call the office for more information

217-407-0707



Drop off your rent with check, cashier's check or money order in our convenient secure drop box located next to our door at our office.



Pay your rent over the phone with a debit or credit card with no additional fee.



Report changes in income to the office within 10 days.

Provide documentation for the income changes, such as, 2 full pay stubs & an end of employment letter from your previous employer.

SPRING CLEANING

TRAILER SCHEDULE

4/13/26-4/24/26

BARRY

4/27/26-5/1/26

NEW CANTON

5/4/26-5/8/26

PLEASANT HILL

5/11/26-5/15/26

PITTSFIELD

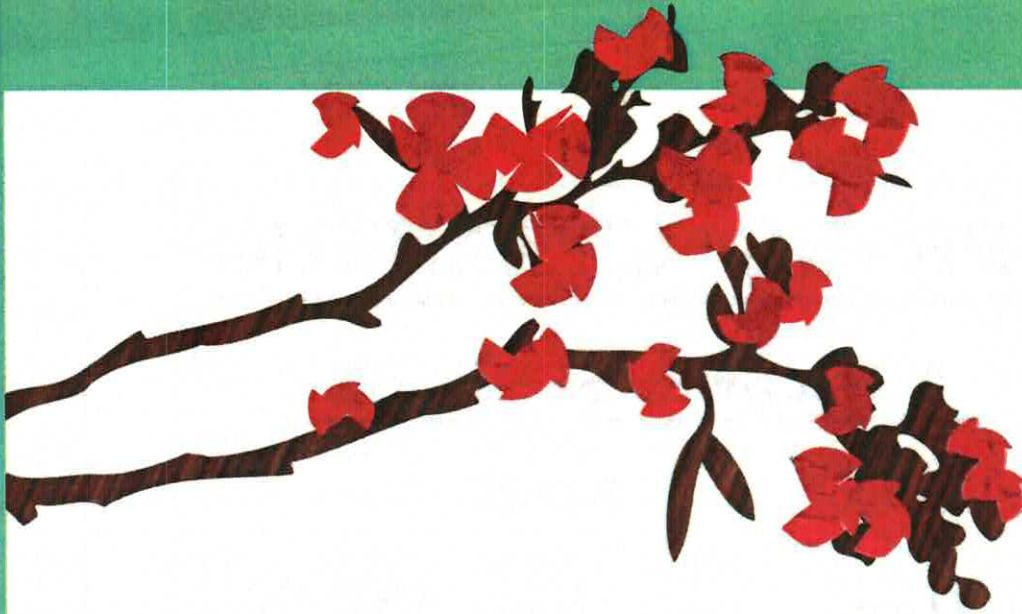
5/18/26-5/22/26

GRIGGSVILLE/BAYLIS

**All sites will have 2 trailers out,
with the exception of**

Pleasant Hill





If you are a tenant that participates in our Recurring Debit program, when you get a new card, you will need to fill out a new Recurring Debit form. Even if the only thing that changes is the expiration date, you need to fill out a new form.

If you receive forms in the mail or email, you need to complete them, sign, date and return to this office no more than 10 days after you receive them.

Thank you