

Decatur Housing Authority Newsletter



2022

TERRI GOODMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*We rise
by lifting
others*



KIDDIE POOL AND LAWN CARE

Tenants living in DHA scattered homes, lawn care is **your** responsibility, per your lease agreement.

Part of maintaining your lawn is ridding your yard of debris, weeds and keeping shrubs and bushes trimmed. Your lawn can be tagged for the presence of weeds and unruly landscaping, as well as grass in excess of 5-inches tall. If the maintenance crew comes under the directive of DHA Management to remove debris or rid your yard of weeds or to trim landscaping, you will be charged accordingly.

Additionally, if you live in a site that DHA mows as part of their regular lawn maintenance schedule, it is **required** that you keep your lawn free of toys, garbage, rubbish, decorations etc. that may interfere with mowing. If maintenance crew must stop to rid your yard of items prior to mowing, there will be a charge added to your account.

We are seeing kiddie pools being left in yards with dirty standing water which is a breeding ground for mosquitos, algae and bacteria. Therefore, all **kiddie pools** must be emptied and put away when not in use or you will receive a lease violation.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 1 - Rent Due*

*You can pay rent by mail, drop box at main office (1808 E Locust St.) or pay at Busey Bank. Just a reminder, if paying at Busey Bank, you **must** pay full amount and have your statement with you.*

~Rent payment is #1 PRIORITY! ~



DUMPING

We have been noticing more and more items and/or furniture being dumped in various places in the Hi-Rises and in yards/curbs without a request for a pickup (workorders) on said items.

Going forward, if you leave any furniture or various items such clothes, toys, garbage bags without prior approval or have not called in a work order for a pickup, you will receive a lease violation, a charge for labor in searching cameras (to find the responsible party) along with the cost of pickup and a dump fee per item.

Please do not leave furniture laying around on any of the DHA properties or in yards. Do your best to make arrangements to have items picked up either by DHA or from a friend or family member. We appreciate your help in keeping the properties clean.

Please call DHA with any information.
(217) 423-7711

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***after 4:30pm M-F & during
weekends & holidays**

AUGUST IS NATIONAL WELLNESS MONTH

National Wellness Month focuses on self-care, managing stress and promoting healthy routines. Create wholesome habits in your lifestyle all month long and see how much better you feel! Research has shown self-care helps manage stress and promotes happiness. These small steps can lead to many more healthy habits in your lifestyle:

- Increase your water intake
- Add more fruits and veggies to your meals
- Monitor your sleep and adjust for better sleep habits
- Join a yoga, walking, or aerobics class
- Learn to meditate

Visit www.wellnessmonth.com for a calendar of daily challenges for small ways you can choose to be well each day. Small, daily acts of self-care lead to a lifetime of wellness.



Richland Community College

Evening Registration Events

Stop by the Student Success Center on the Richland Community College campus for one of our Evening Registration Events to register for classes starting on August 15.

Evening Registration Events are scheduled:

August 1st - August 4th (3-7PM)

August 8th - August 11 (3-7PM)

Register by August 12 at richland.edu/registration.

Apply for scholarships for credit and non-credit courses at richland.edu/scholarships.

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DPS EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

BOTH new and returning families MUST register students for Extended Day in the [EZ Child Track Parent Portal](#), using a desktop, laptop, or tablet for easy access. Families who have previously used Extended Day will need to re-register students for the 2022-23 school year. If you're at all interested in using the Extended Day Before and After School program, even for a short time just a couple days a week, you have to register your students now.

DPS Extended Day Program
FREE Before & After School Program
for PreK-8 DPS Students
Including All PreK-8 Macon-Piatt Special Education students
Monday - Friday, 6:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

EVENTS AROUND DECATUR:

Farmers Market – June 4-October 29

Central Park, Downtown Decatur. Fresh produce grown by local farmers,
Sat. 8am-12pm, \$ to purchase goods,
217-428-3380 or 217-520-5098

Finders Summer Market – July 11

Decatur Conference Center & Hotel, Pop up marketplace event, shopping at more than 80 booths and tents with vintage, handmade, salvage, boutique and artisan goods, live music, food trucks, 9am-3pm, \$, 217-454-6365.

Rock Springs Conservation

Teddy Bear Walk and Campfire Stories

Bring your favorite stuffed animal as we take a walk on the Rock Springs-Fairview Bike trail, then make s'mores together and listen to stories to celebrate Campfire Day. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. – **register online by Aug. 5th**

August 6 at 6:00pm

Midstate Soccer Complex -(near Stephen Decatur Middle School) will start at dusk, or roughly 8:45 pm. Tickets are required for all attendees aged 2 and up and are available for just \$2.

August 7 – Frozen II

Movie Night at The Devon – July 9 **7:30 pm – 9:30 pm.**

The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater Movies in the Park series. **free.**

August 11 – Ghostbusters Afterlife

**Guests are encouraged to bring camp chairs or blankets to sit on while viewing the movies. Concessions will be available for purchase and outside food or drink is not permitted.*

AUGUST IS BLACK BUSINESS MONTH

2022 Statistics and Growth

134,567

Number of Black-owned employer businesses in the U.S. in 2019

3,115,000

Nonemployer businesses with Black owners in 2019

1.2 MILLION

Number of self-employed Black entrepreneurs in the U.S. in 2022

28 PERCENT

Increase in Black business ownership from pre-pandemic to to Q3 2021

\$164.75 BILLION

Total annual sales for Black-owned businesses in 2021

32 PERCENT

Of Black-owned businesses are in the healthcare industry

35 PERCENT

Of Black-owned businesses are owned by women

smartbiz.

Source: census.gov, sba.gov



PACK YOUR BACKPACK DAY!



Pack Your Backpack! – August 7, 2022

Bring your friends and family to a special “**Pack Your Backpack Day**” at Overlook Adventure Park! Everyone gets \$6 unlimited mini golf! School supplies and a drawing for 4 fully packed backpacks!

School supplies include pens, pencils, notebooks, erasers, crayons, folders, colored pencils, rulers & glue sticks!