

Decatur Housing Authority January 2022 Newsletter

Decatur Housing Authority
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After-Hours Emergency Number *:
217-423-3400*
(after 4:30pm & weekends)

(* Do NOT call after hours number during
Normal working hours -M-F 8am – 4:30pm)



THE NEIGHORLY THING TO DO IN 2022

The ultimate goal is to live in peace and harmony, and even though that's not always possible, you can at least do whatever it takes to prevent hostilities and long-lasting hard feelings. But as we all have settled into what has been an unusual time for quite some time, it may be time to revisit some age-old adages, like: love thy neighbor, do unto others, sharing is caring and a friend in need is a friend indeed. DHA asks that you observe and respect your neighbor's personal space and privacy. Be mindful that you have neighbors that live really close to you, so "Be aware of noise levels," you don't know what your neighbors are emotionally or physically could be going through. Don't be the neighborhood gossip or BULLY.

If you have an issue with a neighbor, go directly to that person and discuss it in an adult manner. If you feel threatened, you can call the police and report to incident to DHA.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 4 - Rent Due*

January 17 – Martin Luther King, Jr Day (DHA Closed)

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.



DISTURBANCES

A reminder to all residents to be considerate of your neighbors who may work or may not be feeling well. Please keep from disturbing residents' peaceful enjoyment of their accommodations throughout the day and during late hours.

Keep in mind of the following lease violations can result in an eviction notice:

- All music/noise must be kept at a minimum between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am.
- Drinking or being intoxicated/loud in the common area, which includes hallways and balconies.
- Visitors may not be in your unit if you are not home. You are held responsible for your visitor's actions and any lease violations.

If you are aware of a person who is violating the lease, please call property manager, Jassmin Hobbs at 423-7745, ext. 3016.

****Calls are kept confidential****

REPORT CRIMES

If you witness a crime or are a victim of a crime your first call should be to the Decatur Police Department through their emergency number (911) or their non-emergency number (217) 424-2711.

While it is important for DHA Management to be aware of criminal activity that occurs on our premises, **you must call law enforcement**. DHA will work with DPD during their investigation and utilize our resources to aid in their investigation.



HAPPY NEW YEAR
2022

SERVICE COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Melissa Aldridge
DHA Service Coordinator
217-423-7745 Ext. 3026

One kind word
can warm three
winter months

Tracey Green
ROSS Service Coordinator
217-423-7745 Ext. 3019

NECF MOBILE FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY DATES ARE:

- ❖ **Lexington** – Thursday, January 20 @ 11:30 AM
- ❖ **Concord** – Tuesday, January 25 @ 11:30 AM
- ❖ **Hartford** – Tuesday, January 27 @ 12:30 AM

If you are not signed up with the mobile food pantry and are elderly or disabled and would like to sign up for a delivery, please contact your Service Coordinator at (217) 423-7745 ext. 3026.

***Please pick up your mobile food pantry order on the designated day.**

WELCOME TRACEY GREEN!

Tracey Green is now in the office as your new ROSS Service Coordinator! Tracey brings years of experience with her and can help connect you with several community resources.

If you live in a scattered site and need assistance with job search, life skills, education, childcare referrals, money management, housekeeping, etc., she is here to help you so be sure to say 'hello' and introduce yourself if you see her around.

DECORATE YOUR DOORS CONTEST

Special thanks to all who participated in Decorate Your Doors! Once again, the Lexington set the standard with two full hallways that were sure put a little jingle in your step. The holiday cheer was clearly evident as your Service Coordinator danced her way down the halls of the 4th and 5th floors singing Christmas Carols! Thank you to the neighbors who made it happen! Winners are:

Hartford

- 3rd Place – Wanda Crum
- 2nd Place – Latonian Johnson – Latonian was caught decking the halls all over!
- 1st Place – Christine Phillips

Lexington

- 3rd Place – Carol Lyda
- 2nd Place – Chundra Graves
- 1st Place – Wahidah Mahdi

Concord

- 3rd Place – J'nae Franklin
- 2nd Place – Troy Neal
- 1st Place – Angela Maple



COME PLAY FREE BINGO

Learn Strategies to *Help Prevent Chronic Disease*

- January 11, 2022 – Hartford @ 1:30 PM
- January 12, 2022 – Lexington @ 1:30 PM
- January 13, 2022 – Concord @ 1:30 PM

Contact Melissa Aldridge RSC, at 423-7745 ext. 3026 if you have any questions.

****IF YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!***



Each year on the third Monday of January we observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and reflect on the work that still needs to be done for racial equality. This January 17, make the holiday more than just a day off and take time to reflect and take action on civil rights issues across the globe.



HOW TO MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION YOU CAN (FINALLY) KEEP

- Take a Deep Breath, Relax, and Pick One Measurable Goal
- Pace Yourself—Change Doesn't Happen Overnight
- Set Mini-Goals and Celebrate Each Win
- Track Your Progress
- Seek Support and Encouragement – your Service Coordinator is here to help!