

# Decatur Housing Authority Newsletter

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### **Decatur Housing Authority**

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

### **YARD MAINTENANCE**

Just a reminder, you are responsible for the exterior of your home and yard. Lawns should be always mowed and free of any yard waste or debris. Failure to maintain the exterior of your home will result in a warning of non-compliance in addition to a charge if DHA must mow or perform any maintenance to your yard. Please put all yard waste in proper bags and place them on curb for pick up. Be sure to call us if you have yard bags that need to be picked up.

Also, be sure to place your garbage in plastic bags tied up before putting it into garbage toter. The garbage company will not pick up trash that is placed in the recyclable toter or extra garbage bags placed on top or around toters.

Please pull your toters back to your unit once the trash and recycling has been picked up that day. Any fines assessed by the city will be billed to your DHA account.

If your trash or recycling was not picked up on your designated day, please call the office to let us know.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**May 1 - Rent Due\***

May 6 – Nurses Day

May 8 – Mother’s Day

May 30 – Memorial Day (**DHA Closed**)

*\*Please Do Not Slide Your Rent Payment Under Office Door at The High-rises. 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!~**

### **BATHROOM REMODELING AT SCATTERED SITES**

The contractor anticipates starting the bathroom remodeling the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>. You will receive a notice prior to their arrival with instructions on what you need to do to prepare for the remodeling. If you receive a notice that they are coming, and you are in quarantine due to Covid, please let the Housing Authority know prior to their arrival. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 423-7745 Ext. 3038. Sincerely, Diane Hackert



National Nurses Week  
May 6-12



### **PEST CONTROL and HOUSEKEEPING**

If you request treatment for pest control and you are not ready for treatment when Pest Control arrives at your unit, a \$25 charge will be added to your account. Please make every effort to ensure your unit is clean, free of clutter and food, and there is not anything on the floor.

Also, you can help keep pests away by storing any food in your cabinets in plastic containers and always make sure your garbage is picked up, placed in your tote and taken to the curb on your designated trash pickup day.

Do not store any garbage bags anywhere outside the exterior of the building other than in your tote. Please be advised that if your unit is not clean, you will be issued a warning. If housekeeping continues to be an issue, it is a direct violation of your lease, and you will be terminated.

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## DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY:

**Where:** Children's Department, Decatur Public Library

**What:** Scovill Mobile Zoo

**When:** Tuesday, May 31, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon

May 31st is the start of our Summer Reading Challenge! Come and register, pick up your reading log, and get a scratch-n-sniff bookmark just for signing up.

spend some time getting to know the animals from the **Scovill Mobile Zoo**. Families will be able to visit three different stations with a variety of zoo animals. The animals will be available in the Children's Area any time between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. You can learn about them from zoo staff, get up close, and even pet some! **Free**, and no registration required.



The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), and the Low-Income Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), has funds to help with your Energy cost.

## **BOOKING APPOINTMENTS THROUGH MAY 31, 2022.**

**Call (217) 428-2193 to schedule your appointment. YOU must have the following to be processed:**

- Current Power bill (must be in the name of a member of the household)
- Proof of income for the last 30 days (check stubs, award letter(s) from social security, unemployment, Child support, etc.)
- Social Security Cards for the entire household
- Current rent receipt, lease, or proof of home ownership showing name and address
- Link and/or medical cards (if applicable)

**No applications will be processed without proper documentation.**



**A warm smile is the universal language of kindness.**

## **50+ SUMMER KIDS ACTIVITIES** ...that don't involve screens

### Screen-Free Fun Outdoors

- Build a fort out of sticks
- Begin and cultivate a garden
- Lay have a picnic and read a book
- Go for a hike
- Have fun geocaching
- Gather frogs or bugs and set free
- Try to identify bird songs
- Go for a swim in a local lake
- Have a water balloon fight
- Go camping
- Go fishing
- Go for a swim in a local lake
- Set up sprinklers & a slip and slide
- Go berry or fruit picking
- Climb a tree
- Play an outdoor sport
- Ride bikes
- Try out canoeing or kayaking
- Play hide-and-go-seek
- Take part in a scavenger hunt
- Go berry or fruit picking
- Visit a National or State park

### Screen-Free Art for Kids

- Draw with chalk
- Paint outside
- Do squirt gun art

- Use foil to mold into sculptures
- Create from a cardboard box
- Create recycling
- Try photography
- Create jewelry with beads
- Create friendship bracelets
- Learn to sew

### Screen-Free Imaginative Play

- Play dress-up
- Put on a play
- Build a fort with sticks and fabric
- Build fairy houses outside
- Build creations with Legos or blocks
- Create an obstacle course for friends and family members

### Screen-Free Educational Activities

- Take a tour of libraries
- Visit an art museum
- Visit a science museum
- Learn about history in your town
- Visit historical sites
- Have kids begin a business
- Have kids take a cooking course
- Make musical instruments
- Begin a summer book club
- Play board games