



**OCTOBER 2022**

**Terri Goodman, Executive Director**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- October 1 – Rent Due\***
- October 3 - Columbus Day**
- October 9-15 – Fire Prevention Week**
- October 31 - Halloween**

*\*\*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! ~**



**LIHEAP APPOINTMENTS**

If you need assistance with paying your energy bills, be sure to contact Decatur Empowerment Opportunity Center to schedule an appointment.

To get an appointment please call: **(217) 428-2193** or online appointments (*one per household/per call*) at [www.empowerdecatour.org/energy-services/](http://www.empowerdecatour.org/energy-services/)  
**First come, first serve until appointments are gone.**

**ATTENTION HI-RISE TENANTS**

Carolyn Foster’s office is no longer located at the Hi-Rises and is now located at our main office, 1808 E Locust St.

Although Carolyn will continue to have recertification appointments at your specific Hi-Rise office (will be noted on your recert letter), going forward, we request that you **DO NOT** slide any requested documents, paperwork, or Request a Change Form (yellow paper) under the office door at the Hi-Rises

All documents for Carolyn should be turned in at the main office on Locust Street.

Thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Carolyn at 217-423-7745, ext. 3024.



**CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM PLANNING MEETINGS**

It is time to start planning for the next year of funding for the Capital Fund Program. The first meeting will be held at the Concord on October 19, 2022, at 2:00pm in the dining room. Please plan to attend so you can provide your input on improvements that are needed at the properties. I will be putting-up flyers letting you know when and where the next meeting is happening. If you are unable to attend the planning meetings, I am happy to receive your comments via phone at 217-423-7745 Ext. 3038. Thank you. Diane Hackert



**Decatur Housing Authority**

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[www.decatourhousing.com](http://www.decatourhousing.com)

**DHA Public Housing Staff:**

**Terri Goodman,**  
Executive Director

**Diane Hackert, ext.3038**  
Facilities Director

**Jassmin Hobbs, ext. 3016**  
Property Manager

**Tracey Green, ext. 3019**  
ROSS Service Coordinator

**Carolyn Foster, ext. 3024**  
Leasing Specialist  
Hi-Rises & Scattered Sites

**Colby Dearing, ext. 3039**  
Accounting Specialist

**Jeff Calvert, ext. 3030**  
Maintenance Superintendent

**Rebecca Hutchinson, ext. 3001**  
Office Assistant

**Emergency Number:**  
**217-423-3400\***

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



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### HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

#### Costume Safety

- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks
- When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first
- Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation

#### Trick or Treating Safety

Here's a scary statistic: Children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year. Lack of visibility because of low lighting at night also plays a factor in these incidents.

Keep these tips in mind when your children are out on Halloween night:

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time children should return home
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home
- Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.

#### Safety Tips for Motorists

National Safety Council offers these additional safety tips for parents – and anyone who plans to be on the road during trick-or-treat hours:

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween

### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

In 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) named the second week of October (9th thru 15th) Fire Prevention Week in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. Fire Prevention week is the perfect time to educate and talk with your whole family about fire safety and to make sure your family has a Home Fire Escape Plan.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- **3 of every 5** home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no working smoke alarms
- Less than **50%** of homeowners have an escape plan
- Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of home fires

## **FIRE PREVENTION**



- Create & practice a home escape plan.
- Know 2 ways out of every room in your home & have a stationary meeting place designated outside.
- Go outside & stay outside- never go back into a burning building.
- Check smoke detectors monthly & replace if older than 10 yrs.

