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# TENANT NEWSLETTER



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## IMPORTANT

### *Reminders*

- ◆ Please report to MCHA when repairs are needed  
**618-532-1894**  
It is very important that you speak with a person as voicemails may delay repairs
- ◆ Windows and doors should never be blocked (this is a fire hazard)
- ◆ **Don't tamper with smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors (these are installed for your safety)**
- ◆ Please do not block sidewalks
- ◆ Burn barrels & fire pits are not permitted
- ◆ Yards are to be kept free of trash and uncluttered.
- ◆ Toys and outdoor furniture must be stored when not in use.



### Don't Forget:

*You **MUST** have an appointment if you come into the office and need to speak or meet with staff. We are currently closed for walk-in appointments. Documents can go in the drop box or be emailed, faxed or uploaded on the web., Please call the office at (618) 532-1894 to schedule an appointment.*

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# NEW YEAR, NEW FACES



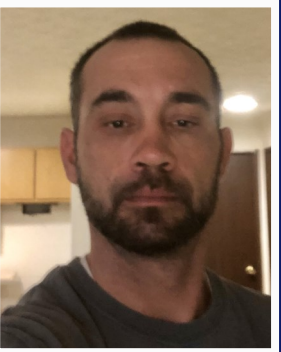
"Hi, I'm Jennifer. I started with MCHA in November 2020 as the Deputy Director. I grew up in Centralia and am happy to be serving this community and our surrounding areas. I look forward to filling this position to the best of my ability and I hope to be part of a team that focuses on growing and improving our Marion County Communities."



"Hello I am Collin, the new Modernization Manager at MCHA. I grew up in Centralia until I started my business classes at Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville. I accepted this opportunity because I have a passion for helping to better the community and the citizens that live in the community. I have a passion for helping people and thought this was a good place to get my foot in the door to a journey of helping the great citizens of Centralia."



"Hello, my name is Robert. I am currently training to be an AMP manager. I am a graduate of SIUE. I have always had a passion for helping people and hope I can make your experience the best it can be."



"Hi, my name is Anthony. I am the newest member of the maintenance staff with 20 years of experience in the construction industry. I was born in Florida, but have been in this area since I was 8. My favorite part of working in this position is getting to do work that I like and enjoy."



With Flu season going from December to February and COVID-19 still spreading it is more important than ever to protect ourselves and others from unwanted germs. Here are a few things you can do to stop the spread:

## Healthy Practices

- **Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after being in a public place.**
- **Wear a mask when in public places or when close contact cannot be avoided.**
- **Stay 6 feet apart from others whenever possible.**
- **Try avoiding crowds.**
- **If you are feeling unwell, stay home and call your health care provider**



## A Review of the MCHA Pet Policy

- Pets must be maintained within the resident's unit. When outside of the unit (within the building or on the grounds) dogs and cats must be kept on a leash or carried. They must be under the control of the resident or other responsible individual at all times.
- Pets owners are not allowed to permit pets to deposit waste on MCHA property. In the event this happens, pet owners are required to immediately clean up the waste.
- The pet owner shall be responsible for the removal of waste from any public housing property by placing it in a sealed plastic bag and disposing of it properly.
- The pet owner shall take adequate precautions to eliminate any pet odors within or around the unit and to maintain the unit in a sanitary condition at all times.

For more information please review the pet policy rules.



## Parking

## Reminder:

If you have an aid, or someone else coming into your home to assist you, be sure they have a parking pass.



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## So long Kenny, We wish you well!

Please join us in congratulating Kenny on his upcoming retirement!! He has been working with Marion County Housing for nearly 20 years. He started out on the maintenance team, then maintenance supervisor for Salem, followed by being the maintenance supervisor for both Salem and Centralia, and ending his career with MCHA as the Modernization Manager. Kenny is a very dedicated hard working employee with a vast set of skills and knowledge. He is going to be greatly missed by both the staff and tenants! Kenny is looking forward to doing more fishing and sitting at the retired persons table at Sharon's Café. We wish him all the best in his retirement!!

## Resident Journalist

Do you have an inspiring or uplifting story you would like to share? Do you have great information about our communities or community resources? Are you a student looking to enhance your college resume? Submit your story or article to this address or use the drop box to potentially have it published in the next newsletter:

MCHA/Attn: Newsletter

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Centralia, IL 62801

Or email to [info@mchahomes.org](mailto:info@mchahomes.org) with the subject as newsletter.

## NEW & IMPROVED



The community room at Lincoln Court has been remodeled with new paint, wall décor, and seating options! We are excited for residence to use this room, but due to current gathering restrictions we are not able to at this time.



## Looking forward into 2021!

*A note from the Director*

In 2021 we are looking for ways to improve tenant spaces in spite of Covid-19 restrictions. We will continue to upgrade laundry rooms, hallways, community rooms and exterior upgrades. We are excited for phase 5 when we will be able to reopen our community rooms. Some of the work we will be doing outside in our communities include yard work, parking resurfacing, guttering and roofs. In 2020 we moved in 99 new families in spite of the pandemic and restrictions. I want to encourage everyone to remain vigilant with social distancing, hand washing and being safe. Look out for one another and always report problems so we can help find solutions.



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