



Decatur Housing Authority
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Terri Goodman, Executive Director

Emergency Number:
217-423-3400 (After hours)

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 1 – Rent Due*

November 3 – Election Day

November 11 – Veterans Day (DHA Office Closed)

November 26 – Thanksgiving (DHA Office Closed)

November 27 – (DHA Office Closed)

**Please note due to COVID-19 rent will not be collected in the high-rise buildings. PLEASE DO NOT SLIDE YOUR RENT PAYMENT UNDER OFFICE DOOR AT THE HIGHRISES.*

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.

FIRE ALARMS AT HIGH-RISES

We have changed our contractor who provides fire alarm monitoring for the Harford, Lexington and Concord High-Rises.

The new vendor is SEICO, Inc. For those of you who are new residents, the smoke detectors in your apartment can be waved off if they activate due to smoke from burnt food. If your device activates please open your window and wave it off until it resets. Do not tamper with the device or try to remove it as this will cause damage to DHA property. Do not open your apartment door and let the smoke out into the hallway as this will activate the general alarm which calls the fire department. They consider this a false alarm, and the Housing Authority is charged for this call.

If you have any questions or issues, please call me at 217-423-7745 Ext. 3038. Thank you. Diane

CAPITAL FUND PLANNING

The planning process for the 2021 Capital Fund Program is underway. I encourage all residents to provide input in this process. Due to Covid-19, and the need to practice social distancing, I will not be having group meetings this year. I would like to receive comments from the residents in writing which can be mailed to me at the office at 1808 E. Locust, Decatur, IL 62521 or sent via email to dhackerter@deaturhousing.com. Remember, this funding is for all DHA properties.



**BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS
AT 524-528 WEST MACON STREET**

The work at the Macon Street Apartments is moving right along. The waterproofing and caulking on the outside is nearing completion and they will be making repairs to the ramp in the back soon. They will be starting inside in a few weeks. Please try to avoid areas where the work is taking place.

If you have any questions, please call me at 217-423-7745 Ext. 3038. Thank you. Diane Hackert

ATTENTION POOLE ST TENANTS

We have received several complaints regarding tenants not cleaning up after their dogs. If your pet defecates in another tenant's yard, you **must** clean it up. As a reminder, your pet agreement states the following:

- 5. *TENANT represents the pet is quiet and housebroken and will not cause any property damage or annoy other tenants, guests, or staff.*
- 6. *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 and under the control of the resident or other responsible individual at all times. Pets may not be chained/tethered outside the resident's unit. When the pet is in the unit and the tenant is not at home, the pet must be caged.*

If you have any questions, please contact Jassmin at 217-423-7745 ext. 3016 or Kapora at ext. 3124.



SERVICE COORDINATOR'S CORNER

High-Rises & Macon
St. Apartments

Melissa Aldridge
217-423-7746 Ext. 3026



Scattered Sites & Garden
Apartments

Melissa Aldridge (Interim)
217-423-7746 Ext. 3026

FROM THE DESK OF THE SERVICE COORDINATOR

With cold weather approaching and the need to spend more time indoors now would be a good time to remove some of the excess possessions that we all seem to accumulate.

Think about it:

If you cannot see the surface of your kitchen counter, how can you wipe it clean? And if your habits include leaving dirty dishes out overnight, you're basically inviting critters like cockroaches and rodents into your home. You might even have accumulated so many things that you have trip hazards or blocked exits.

Three questions to ask when attempting to get rid of excess items in your home to restore order and safety are:

- Do I use it?
- Do I love it?
- Can it make me money?

If you answer NO to all these questions it is time to part with it.

If you would like help in coming up with a Safety Plan to restore safety and order to your home, please contact your Service Coordinator.



Decorate Your Doors Competition

This year we will hold our Second Annual Decorate Your Doors Competition at the high-rises.

It is a joy and a pleasure to guests, DHA Staff and fellow neighbors to walk through the buildings and see the holiday cheer spread. It is time to make plans and prepare to decorate your door!

Judging will take place on *Friday, December 18* and prizes to the winners will be given before Christmas!



MESSAGE FROM KELLIE MARLOW



Happy Thanksgiving to all tenants!

I want to thank DHA for giving me valuable experience while working as the ROSS Service Coordinator in addition to the experience with assisting tenants to become self-sufficient (especially during the pandemic). Please continue being good neighbors, continue working and paying bills and most importantly, take care of yourself and others. Be sure to communicate with DHA staff and as always, work together for the GOOD.

Sincerely, Kellie Marlow

MESSAGE FROM MELISSA

As Kellie's colleague I would like to take a moment to say good-bye to her and wish her well as she moves on. I also want to let all her active ROSS Clients know that I am available to assist them if they are in need.

I am also available to any of the resident's living in the scattered sites should you need assistance. As always, my clients living in the high-rises and Macon Street apartments should contact me at any time.

I can be reached directly at (217) 423-7745 ext. 3026.

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3!

I urge you all to exercise your right to vote and make your voice heard. You can locate your polling place at <https://ova.elections.il.gov/PollingPlaceLookup.aspx>.

If you need help locating your polling place do not hesitate to reach out to me at (217) 423-7745 ext. 3026.