

# Greater Metropolitan Area Housing Authority of Rock Island County

## **NEWSLETTER**



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#### www.gmaharic.org

to view Public Notices and Staff Directory for Contact Information

#### **WORK ORDERS**

Maintenance Requests can be submitted any time by visiting:

www.gmaharic.org/work-order or by calling Property Management

## EMERGENCY WORK ORDERS

Emergencies that occur outside regular business hours, on weekends, or during holidays, Must Call the After Hours Number at:

309-755-1297

### **Walk-In Office Hours**

Monday: 9:00am-3:00pm Tuesday: 9:00am-3:00pm Wednesday: 9:00am-3:00pm Thursday: 9:00am-3:00pm

Friday: 9:00am-3:00pm

Please contact the appropriate staff member to schedule an appointment outside of the Walk-In office Hours

#### The History of Saint Patrick

March 17th has been celebrated by many Irish families for over 1000 years.

During this day, Lenten prohibitions are typically lifted while many people dance, drink and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

The native Irish clover was used by Saint Patrick to explain the Holy Trinity which is why we see the usage of shamrocks so frequently this time of year.

The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in America and was introduced by a Spanish colony in an area now referred to as St. Augustine.

We now see this day celebrated in many ways and areas of the United States.

Spring is Around the Bend and so is Daylight Savings Time Do Not Forget to Set Your Clocks Forward by One Hour Sunday, March 12th, 2023

#### **REMINDERS**

Theft can happen at any time, please secure residences, vehicles, and valuables no matter where you may be.

Help further protect yourself and residence by looking into obtaining **Renters Insurance**.

Renters insurance is a policy that can help to cover theft, water backup damage, bodily injuries and more.

#### **OAK GROVE**

#### Furnace filters will be changed in April

Vehicles must park in their assigned space where applicable.

Visitors must use visitor parking

#### **WARREN TOWER/HEIGHTS**

In order to help keep animals safe,

Small Dogs are to be taken to the Front Area

Larger Dogs are to be taken to the Back Area

Animals are required to <u>always</u> be leashed,
picked up after, and accompanied outside.

Changes to Income and
Household Composition
must be properly reported to the
appropriate staff member
within 10 Days

Failure to comply with program requirements may result in repayment owed, lease violation, and additional adverse action.

Smoking of any kind is <u>prohibited</u> while inside of units, you <u>must</u> use designated areas <u>only where applicable</u>

#### **STREED TOWER**

The Cost of Water is Rising and Your Help is Needed

Keep an eye out for water leaks or drips from faucets, showers, running toilets, and report issues to management immediately.

#### WILLIAM YOUNG

Do <u>not</u> pull vehicles over sidewalk under any circumstance as this prevents safe use by residents, neighbors, and maintenance.

Please make sure your garbage can is <u>closed</u> and <u>secure</u> at all times to prevent animals from getting into trash.

#### MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

What I do in my home can have an affect on others?

When we do not adhere to property guidelines, we can disrupt the well being of our neighbors, and their families.

In addition to damaging property, smoke travels through vents, into windows, beneath doorways, and can cause harm to others health.

Cotton balls, Q-Tips, Floss, Bandages, Hair, Wipes, and Feminine Products are <u>never</u> to be flushed or dropped into drains.

This will damage the water system every single person relies on.

# Out, About, and Beyond

#### It's Tax Season

#### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance is Available

VITA at East Moline Public Library Main Phone: (563) 355-4310

740 16th Avenue East Moline, IL 61244

VITA at Western Illinois University Main Phone: (563) 355-4310 3300 River Drive Moline, IL 61265

AARP Tax-Aide - Rock Island Township Hall

Main Phone: (563) 355-4310

2827 7th Avenue Rock Island, IL 61201

Please visit: www.unitedwayqc.org/vita for more information on tax preparation assistance to file by the

deadline: April 18th, 2023

#### **March Events**

Silvis Library - 806 1st Avenue, Silvis IL

Tuesdays 6:30pm: Teen Tuesday Thursdays 6:00pm: Family Story Time Saturdays 10:00am: Book Buddies 03/20/2023 5:30pm- Adult Arts

Please call 309-755-3393 for registration information

East Moline Library - 745 16th Ave, East Moline, IL

Mondays 9:30am: Morning Yoga Tuesdays 10:30am: Storytime

Wednesdays 3:30pm: Kids Krafternoon

Please call 309-755-9614 for registration information

#### **Enjoy the Outdoors**

Phipps Prairie Park- Playground and Hiking Trails 12th Ave of the Cities, East Moline, IL 61244

Illiniwek Forest Preserve- Fishing and Hiking 1201 State Ave, Hampton, IL

Butterworth Park- Disc Golf and Playground 1400 23rd Ave, East Moline, IL

Sylvan Gateway Park- Cycling, and Fishing 2nd Street & 1st Avenue Moline, IL

#### St. Patrick's Day Events

03/18/2023 11:30am- Grand Parade - Begins at the corner of 4th Ave and 23rd St Rock Island, and ends at E. 3rd St and Perry St in Davenport

03/18/2023 1:00pm- River Center Davenport for the Post St. Patrick's Day Parade Bash

#### **Showing Respect to Ourselves**

The way we choose to lead our lives has a direct impact on our well being, and on those around us.

It is important we take pride in the upkeep of our household.

This is where we and our families are able to find solace.

Our home should be a place of clarity that helps us in our decision making, calms our minds, and prepares us for tomorrow.

Children all around watch how we behave, see what is important to us, and learn what is not. We must lead by example to aid in their balance, happiness, and success under all circumstances.

Take pride in your home and in your neighborhood.

Make sure trash goes into the garbage, and that you are helping to clear your neighborhood of garbage and debris.

Help children have a safe and sanitary place to live, learn, and play.

We all must work together for a better future.

#### **Community Resources**

#### **Food Pantries**

Watertown Ecumenical Food Pantry East Moline, IL (309) 764-1466

Saint Johns Lutheran Food Pantry East Moline, IL (309) 792-0755

Grace Bible Fellowship Moline, IL (309) 797-7001

YouthHope Moline, IL (309) 762-4577

Milan Christian Food Pantry Milan, IL (309) 278-3400

River Bend Food Bank Davenport, IA (563) 345-6490 LIHEAP Utility Assistance may be available, please contact: Project Now - 309-793-6391

Weatherization may help to reduce utility expenses, homeowners should contact (309) 793-6391 for inquiry

MidAmerican may offer Home Efficiency Kits to qualifying households, you can learn more by visiting:

#### midamericanenergy.com/homecheck

MetroLink offers discounted bus fares to Honored Citizens over the age of 60, or who may have a disability. To learn more contact: Centre Station - (309) 788-3360 1200 River Drive, Moline, IL

Senior Citizens are encouraged to see what assistance may be available to them by contacting: Project Now: (800) 788-6308 Alternatives (800) 798-0988

Central Management Office 621 17th Avenue East Moline, IL 61244

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