

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

## MARCH 2014



### Newsletter

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### FROM THE CEO

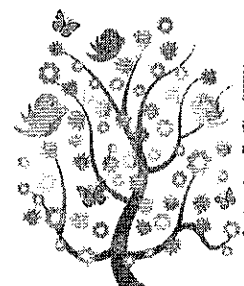
The beginning of the year has continued to stay busy for Montgomery County Housing Authority. Be sure to read the newsletter to stay informed.

Let's hope spring will arrive soon! Warmer temperatures are welcomed by everyone, I'm sure!

Flu season has arrived at full force. Please do not call the office for a routine work order if someone in the household is sick. If you are sick, and have an inspection, routine, or preventative maintenance; or an appointment at the office, please call and reschedule. This will protect not only you, but others as well.

All Long Avenue, Hull Homes and Elmer Cobetto Homes residents please pay your rent with deposit slips. If you need deposit slips or have any questions, please contact the office.

Please see the newsletter for more details regarding electronic recycling days at Montgomery County Recycling Center.



Have a great month!

*Kelly A. Mononey,*  
Chief Executive Officer

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## OFFICE CALENDAR, RESIDENT & DEVELOPMENT NEWS



### March

This office will be closed on the following dates & times in March:

March 27th-  
Thursday  
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Staff Meeting

### Other Dates to

#### Note:

March 9th- Sunday  
Daylight Savings  
Time Begins

March 17th- Monday  
St. Patrick's Day



March 20th-  
Thursday  
First Day of Spring



Welcome To:

Kirk Terrace in  
Litchfield:

Gary H. & Savannah H.  
& Family

Graham Reineke Homes  
in Raymond:  
Lance D.

### Get Well Soon



Shirley B.  
Irene G.  
Tammy P.  
Debra P.

We hope it will make  
your day brighter  
knowing we are thinking  
of you!

### With Sympathy Our Condolences To:

To Julie Noyes on  
the recent passing of  
her father.

To Kirsten Fenton on  
the recent passing of  
her grandfather.

To the family and  
friends of Litchfield  
Resident, Christine  
Lucas on her recent  
passing.

We are thinking of  
you during this  
difficult time.

### Resident Meeting News:



Our resident activity  
this month is Bingo!  
March 5th & 19th at  
Ash-Arnette  
Community Building in  
Litchfield  
312 E. Palmer St.

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### MAINTENANCE NEWS

#### Cockroach Prevention

If you are experiencing problems with cockroach infestation, there are several measures you can take to help prevent them. Preventative measures are the key to successful control. Cleanliness in the home and elimination of favorable breeding sites lessens the possibility of an infestation. Inside the home, eliminate all possible hiding areas and food sources.

- \*Proper sanitation, both indoors and outdoors, effectively limits cockroach populations.
- \* Do not leave unwashed dishes, kitchen utensils, and uncovered food out

overnight.

- \*Clean up all spilled liquids.

- \*Areas beneath & behind cabinets, furniture, sinks, stoves and refrigerators should be cleaned often, as should cupboards, pantry shelves & storage bins where particles of food frequently accumulate.

- \*DO NOT use your own bait (pesticide/insecticide)! **CALL THE OFFICE!** We will bait for cockroaches and must use our own in order for it to work properly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office.

#### Preventative Maintenance Notice

The Preventative Maintenance schedule for **March** is as follows:

Kirk Terrace in Litchfield:  
Units: 328-450  
Units: 551-675

Our Maintenance Staff will be in your unit to perform annual preventative maintenance.

#### UPCS Inspection Notice

The Uniform Physical Condition Standard (UPCS) inspection schedule for **March** is as follows:

Tami Joyce, Housing Inspector, will be conducting these required annual inspections **following** Preventative Maintenance. If she has not been in your unit yet, she will be this month.

*Kim Micklewitz,*  
Maintenance Department

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### MCHA PROGRAM NEWS

#### Windy Weather

With spring coming, the weather can become rather windy. Please make the proper precautions to prevent any damages. Please make sure your storm doors are latched tightly. If they are blown open by the wind, they may get damaged. If this happens, you may be responsible for any repair/replacement charges. Also, it's possible your trash can may blow away causing potential damage. Please make sure the trash cans are secure with the lids placed on top. In addition, any outside furniture, toys, etc. needs to be secure. To help keep our developments looking nice, please keep trash & debris picked up from your yard. Thank you for your cooperation!

*Tammy Butler.*

Public Housing Specialist

#### Parking

We have received many phone calls regarding parking spots. We would like to remind everyone that we DO NOT have assigned parking.

*Tammy Butler.*

Public Housing Specialist

#### Recycling

Mongtomery County Recycling Center will have their free electronic recycling days at the end of April. At this time, the date(s) have not been scheduled. Please listen to WSMI and/or read the local newspaper for the dates. They will advertise closer to time. This would be a great time to recycle any unwanted electronic items that may be taking up space in your homes!

*Claudia Collins.*

Housing Programs Coordinator

#### Spring Cleaning Tricks

Fill a dish wand with half vinegar and half with dawn dish soap. Keep the wand in your shower. Before taking a shower, use the wand to clean then rinse off.

To clean fan blades, toss a pillow case over the blade then slowly pull off. All of the dust and dirt will stay contained in the pillow case.

Clean your burners without scrubbing. Place in a sealed Ziplock bag with  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of ammonia. Leave over night then wipe with sponge.

Spend less time shining your faucets and tiles by polishing them with turtle wax. The wax acts as a protective, preventing water and soap buildup.

*Tami Joyce.*

Housing Inspector

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### INFORMATION & RESOURCES

#### Coupon Sites

Whether you want to save a few dollars or decrease your weekly or monthly grocery bill, coupons can help you do just that. The internet has made it simple to find coupons online.

BeFrugal.com is a great resource for coupons when you shop online or they offer printable coupons you can take to your local grocery store. The website also allows you to view your grocery list before you head to the store and print the coupons you will need for brand name groceries.

Also there are many stores that carry coupons specifically for their store. For instance, Walgreens and CVS both have websites that customers can go to in order to print coupons.

All it takes is a tiny bit of effort to save lots of money!

#### National

#### Nutrition Month

March is National Nutrition Month.

Healthy eating tips and tools can be found at [eatright.org](http://eatright.org). This website provides many helpful resources to encourage healthy food choices. Included on this website, is a resource called MyPlate. Instead of the symbol MyPyramid, the U.S. Government's primary food group symbol is MyPlate. This was changed in June, 2011. For more information regarding MyPlate, please visit the website mentioned above. Remember, raising awareness can be very helpful to others. Spread the word!

#### Recipe

Since March is National Nutrition Month, we thought we would share a light, healthy and simple recipe, which is also great for spring!

#### Strawberry Spring Salad

Ingredients:

- 3 tbsp white wine vinegar
- 3 tbsp water
- 1 tbsp honey
- 2 tsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 3 cups quartered strawberries
- 1 (10 oz) bag Italian-blend salad greens (about 6 cups)
- 4 tsp toasted pine nuts (optional)

Preparation:

Combine first 6 ingredients, and stir well with a whisk. Combine strawberries and greens. Add vinegar mixture: toss to coat. Add pine nuts. Enjoy!

~MyRecipes.com~

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# Saint Patrick's Day Word Search

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