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Director's Report By Paul McKnight

Annual Inspections were conducted during the week of May 22. Thank you to most tenants who had their apartments looking nice, notified us in plenty of time if anything was not working in their apartment, kept their pet put up while we were there, and cared about their apartment's presentation. There were 9 apartments that the inspector wrote up for poor housekeeping. I have made follow up visits to those apartments. Good job to those that were ready!

We are expecting a HUD inspection sometime late this summer or in early Fall. It is that time again! It happens every two to three years and it has been three years since our last one. These inspections are very important and we must be very ready. So please notify us soon as possible of anything not working in your apartment. If you have a fan in your apartment you must have the cover on it so that the blade would have no chance of hurting anyone. Even if the fan is not plugged in and currently running, if the fan is present without the cover it is a write up. Please make sure that one window in each room is accessible and that there is no blockage from anyone needing to get out that window in case of an emergency. Please make sure that all windows are able to open and close.

Be sure to start letting us know if there are any holes in the walls or doors, any doors not latching, any water facets leaking (even small leaks), any electrical plug in covers that are cracked, gapped from wall, or missing. If you are missing globes for any light fixtures, be sure to let us know now. Be sure there is no broken glass anywhere in the apartment or outside of the apartment.

Calling us the day before or the day of the inspection often does not give us enough time to make any repairs before the inspection begins.

Lack of Supervision of children is still a problem in some developments. I am still witnessing many young children with no adult supervision throughout our developments. There was a report that some of these unsupervised children were throwing rocks at the lawn mowing crew and then running out in front of the mowers. Please supervise your children so they are safe and are not interfering with other people's property. The unsupervised children have also been seen intentionally throwing lots of trash on the yards. This could be handled with the proper supervision that your lease states you are required to conduct.

Thank you for being patient while we were experiencing some office construction.

School Supplies -- Parents can start registering their children for school supplies for this fall. Children must be on the lease. **K-12**. Parents may call or come by the office providing the children's name, age and name of school. Office number is 618-524-8411.

Congratulations to Rebecca T for being awarded an educational scholarship for her continuing higher education!!

ECHO Scholarship opportunity available for Fall classes as long as you are registered for classes in the Fall semester. There is an application process, please contact MCHA office for application. Deadline to turn in application is August 24, 2017 at 3:00 pm.

The HUD-mandated non-smoking policy will start to become enforced on July 1, 2018. That is 12 months from now before implementation. You will be provided information regarding this policy at your annual appointment.

CALENDAR:

July 4: Holiday-Office Closed

Saints' Kids Summer camps held at Shawnee College Main Campus:

- Art Camp-July 10-13 from 8:30-11 a.m. Ages 10-18
- Coding Minecraft Camp-July 10-13 from 9-noon. Ages 11-14
- ELITE Youth Entrepreneurship Camp-July 17-20 from 8:30-4. Ages 7th -9th grade
- Dance and Cheer Camp-July 24-26 from 9-noon. Ages 4-12

The printable registration form and more details on each camp can be found online at www.shawneecc.edu/community_services/kids_activities.asp. You may also call 618-634-3266 for more info.

Massac County Housing Authority will pay the registration fee for any child on the parent's MCHA lease.



