

SHA TIMES

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From the Director's desk



Hello SHA families and partners!!

It is hard to believe that we are half way through 2022!!-Yet, for SHA (and I'm sure for each of you) there is still so much more to accomplish the remainder of the year.

Soon we will celebrate two meaningful holidays. As we celebrate Independence Day (4th of July) let us be grateful for the blessings that freedom brings and for the opportunities it affords. As you participate in various public festivities – please exercise safety. While the world in which we live continues to be uncertain, continue to **be vigilant** and **be watchful**. If something or someone seems 'odd'; something or someone seems 'not right'-- **SAY SOMETHING!!** While we can't allow the current events happening around our country to cause us to retreat, we must support each other and ensure that we are diligent about the reality of our world right now.

Please know that our goal here at SHA is always to provide quality, professional service. However, as humans operating in an imperfect world – we sometimes fall short. We ask you for your patience as we work and strive to improve. On behalf of the entire SHA staff, 'Thank You', for your patience during these unique times.

Finally, show kindness and be a good neighbor. A good neighbor is one who helps and serves in good times and bad. Let's be kind to one another, practice compassion with everyone, and live within the fullness of your power and perfection in each moment. When you use kindness in your interactions with others, you give them the gift of acceptance, love and compassion.

Warm regards,

Dr. Jackie L. Newman
Executive Director

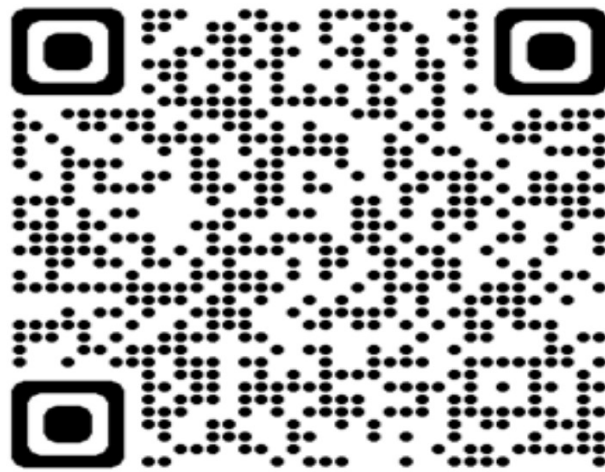


How are we doing?

SHA Customer Service– How are we doing?

SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR VISIT OR CALL.

TAKE TIME TO COMPLETE A SURVEY TODAY!



SCAN QR CODE FOR SURVEY

PLEASE VISIT
WWW.SPRINGFIELDHOUSINGAUTHORITY.ORG/SURVEY.ASPX



RENT REMINDER

MONEY ORDERS /CASHIER CHECKS

When paying with a money order or a cashier check:

- * Sign and print your name legibly
- * Make sure your address is printed on document
- * Keep the receipt for your records
- * Money Orders can be reissued immediately with a minimal charge (At Location of Purchase)
- * Cashier checks cannot be reissued for 90 days and may have a charge (At Location of Purchase)



Make Rent your FIRST priority.
Please ensure your account is paid in full.

Please visit the SHA's website for updates...
www.springfieldhousingauthority.org



RENT REMINDER



VISIT
WWW.SPRINGFIELDHOUSINGAUTHORITY.ORG
CURRENT BALANCE LOOK UP VIA THE SHA WEBSITE

4 steps to check your balance

1

Click Public Housing link on the left hand side.

2

Click the link [Click here for Public Housing Tenant Balance Lookup.](#)

3

Username is the Head of Household's Last Name

4

Password is the Head of Household's last four digits of their Social Security Number.



SHA Career Opportunities



Springfield Housing Authority's Career

The Springfield Housing Authority (SHA) is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer. The SHA team consists of a diverse workforce of approximately sixty-three (63) full-time employees and two (2) part-time employees, committed to our mission of providing decent, safe, and sanitary housing at an affordable cost for low and moderate income families and individuals. We are dedicated to providing well-managed, well-maintained, and high quality housing. Our focus is to build communities and neighbor-

hoods which promote self-sufficiency. The administrative support staff, housing professionals, and maintenance staff all contribute to fulfilling this mission and provide outstanding service to our community.

SECTION 3 PROGRAM:

The Springfield Housing Authority is committed to providing quality housing and economic opportunities for our residents as well as other qualified low and very low income persons who permanently reside in Sangamon County. Individuals are strongly encouraged to apply as part of SHA's Section 3 Program. The Section 3 Program is a provision of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 that helps foster local economic development, neighborhood economic improvement, and individual self-sufficiency.

REWARDS OF EMPLOYMENT:

SHA employees enjoy a rewarding, challenging, and professional environment in addition to a healthy work life balance. Employees are afforded the opportunity to learn from experienced housing professionals, complete training, and continue educational goals in order to grow professionally and achieve their maximum potential.

Benefits:

The Springfield Housing Authority offers a competitive total compensation package which includes the following benefits to eligible employees:

Vacation – begin at 12 days annually; Sick – 12 days annually; Holidays – 14 days annually; Medical, Dental, Vision and Life insurance; Retirement is contributed by SHA at 11.5% of an employee's salary; and an Employee Assistance Plan

[HCV Specialist](#)

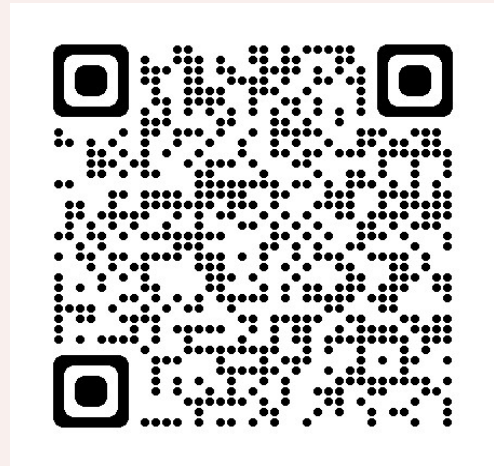
[Management Associate](#)

[Contract Administrator](#)

[Occupancy Specialist](#)

[Caretaker](#)

[Section 3 Compliance Manager](#)



Scan me!

Open Positions and How to Apply. Please visit Springfield Housing Authority at:

<http://springfieldhousingauthority.org/careeropp.aspx>



Skill Trades



Skilled Trades Essentials Program

Do you like working with your hands? Do you want a career with great income potential?

Then the skilled trades may be a good fit for you. Capital Area Career Center (CACC) is offering a Skilled Trades Essentials Program to give you a head start in the skilled trades industries.

Our program focuses on industry safety and introduction to the trades, welding, building trades, and HVAC and electrical systems. In addition, we will cover financial literacy, entrepreneurship, GED prep, and soft skills development.

Program Basics:

- July 5th - August 11th: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
- 3 additional Saturdays in August and September
- You will learn Welding, HVAC/Electrical, or Building Trades
- You will select one trade to specialize in.
- Stipends and Job Placement available for successful students

Who Qualifies:

- Out-of-School youth ages 16-24 who meet certain eligibility criteria.
- There is no cost to the student for this program.
- Contact Robert Ferriell at CACC for more details on eligibility: 217-529-5431 ext. 126

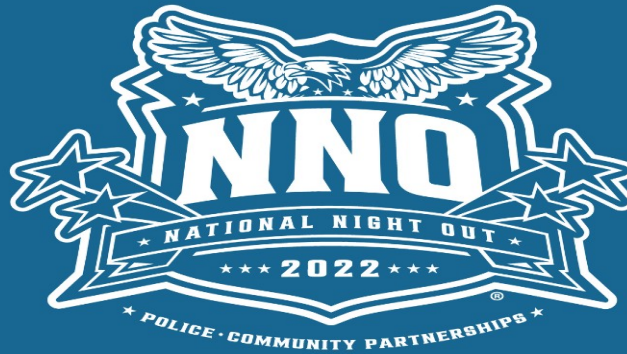
For questions and more information contact Robert Ferriell, rferriell@caccschool.org, 217-529-5431 x126

"Equal Opportunity Employer / Program and Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities"

No individual shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, subjected to discrimination under, or denied employment in the administration of or in connection with any such program because of race, color, religion, sex, (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), parental status, national origin, age, disability or political affiliation or belief, or military service.



SHA upcoming event!



**THE SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY
WELCOMES YOU TO**

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2022

AUGUST 2, 2022 TIMES VARY BY LOCATION

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS AN ANNUAL COMMUNITY-BUILDING CAMPAIGN THAT PROMOTES POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND NEIGHBORHOOD FELLOWSHIP TO MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS SAFER, MORE CARING PLACES TO LIVE.

An illustration of a neighborhood at night. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of several houses with some windows glowing yellow. In the background, there are rolling hills and a night sky with a crescent moon and several small stars. The overall color palette is dark blue and black with yellow highlights.

**TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING COMMUNITIES
SAFER, MORE CARING PLACES TO LIVE AND WORK**



Suggested Workshops

SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY WELCOME TO THE ROAD TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM & HOMEOWNERHIP



OPEN TO ALL
SPRINGFIELD HOUSING
AUTHORITY RESIDENTS

Your Income and Expenses

You will learn to understand your expenses that will help you decide how to save share and spend your income.

Your Spending and Savings Plan

You will learn how to use a monthly spending and savings plans to guide how you use your money.

Credit Reports and Scores

You will learn how to read and understand your credit report and the importance of the FICO score. (Instructions on how to obtain your free credit report will be given prior to the workshop).

Your Money Values and Influences

You will explore how you think and learned about money and how it influences your life choices.

To register, call 217-753-5757 ext. 244 today!
Workshops start at 10:00 am.

- 1. Your Income and Expenses**
Offered on Thursday July 28 & November 17
- 2. Your Spending and Savings Plan**
Offered on Thursday August 25 & December 15
- 3. Credit Reports and Scores**
Offered in September 22 & January 26
- 4. Your Money Values and Influences**
Offered in October 27 & February 23

Workshops sponsored by



1st Pop-up Farmer's Market



Lakiesha Purchase, Alderwoman of Ward 5, held it's 1st Pop-up Farmer's Market with our senior high-rises from Bonansinga and The Villas at Vinegar Hill through the Springfield Housing Authority. Alderwoman Purchase commented; It was such a pleasure to engage & interact with our seniors as we provided fresh produce, educational information on healthy lifestyles, and senior supportive services during this event.



Stone Soup anyone???



Stone Soup is a European folk story in which hungry strangers convince the people of a town to each share a small amount of their food in order to make a meal that everyone enjoys, and exists as a moral regarding the value of sharing.



Grass Cutting Tips

8 tips to stay safe while mowing the lawn



Tips from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (aaos.org)



Use a stick or a broom handle, not your hands or feet, to remove debris from the lawn mower.



Keep lawn mowers in good working order. When using a lawn mower for the first time in a season, have it serviced to make sure it is working properly.



Drive up and down slopes, not across them, to prevent mower rollover.



DO NOT allow children to ride as passengers on ride-on mowers and keep children out of the yard while mowing.



Always turn off the mower and wait for the blades to stop completely before removing any of the parts or crossing gravel paths.



Only use a mower with a control that stops the mower blade from moving if the handle is let go.



Wear sturdy shoes with good traction and pick up objects from the yard before mowing begins.



DO NOT pull the mower backward or mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary.



Please note: When mowing your lawn, cut away from the unit/home.



Plumbing Reminders

Please **do not** Flush

Even though a product may be small enough to be flushed, does not mean it should be. Flushing items that are not meant to be flushed, including those labeled *flushable*, can lead to problems in the sewer system, at the wastewater treatment facility, and for the environment.



SANITARY WIPES



FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS



MEDICATIONS & SUPPLEMENTS



CHEMICALS



TRASH



METALS & PLASTICS



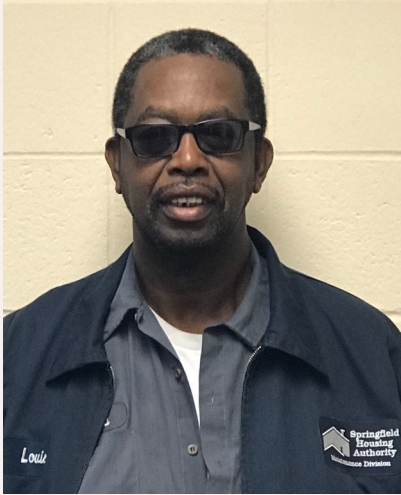
FATS, OILS & GREASE

Please note: Report any running water or leaking toilets/sinks to prevent high utility bills. SHA Affordable Housing maintenance number is extension 341

Also,
Do not Flush: Toys and/or Diapers



Who me???...Yes you!!



Louis Jordan –Caretaker

I have been employed by the Springfield Housing Authority for twenty years. I started out as a section 8 inspector and I am now a caretaker. I enjoy my job and take pride in my work. What we do is important and vital to the community.

It is rewarding to see the units come together and know the families that we serve are moving into clean, safe, affordable housing.

I believe it takes a team to achieve this common goal and I am proud to be a part of it.

In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, reading, riding my motorcycle and hunting and fishing.

Free Passes for Access Day

ROSS COORDINATOR

1+1 Time

WANT MORE INFORMATION OR WANT TO SIGNUP FOR THE ROSS PROGRAM ???
COMPLETE BELOW & DROP INTO DROP BOX IN YOUR BUILDING

FULL NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ UNIT NUMBER _____

WHAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED?

Contact Information is 217-753-5757 ext. 420 or email me at adriennek@sha1.org

Interactive Ross Board

Craft



Family Self Sufficiency

We have offered an assortment of Zoom workshops on finance, credit, budgets and life skills in the past. Now we want to provide you with topics that **YOU** choose. Below please find our three (3) minute survey you can do from your phone or computer. Thank you in advance and from the FSS team



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Housing Coordinator
Ext 209

Housing Counseling Program

Have you ever thought about buying a house that you would turn into a home? Do you know what it takes to be ready to purchase? How much money you need and what credit score? These and other questions will be answered in our Home Buyer Workshops. Over the course of two Saturday's, you will learn from a Housing Counselor, a PNC loan officer, a realtor and others related to navigating the road to purchasing a home. Workshops are offered on the following days with locations to be announced. Registration is required and limited to 20 people per workshop dates. To register, please call 217-306-7264.

10:30 AM – 2:30 PM both Saturdays

July 16th & 23rd
August 13th & 20th
September 10th & 17th
October 15th & 22nd

Lunch and water will be provided at each class. Certificates of Completion will be given to attendees that are at BOTH classes.



April is Fair Housing Month

National Fair Housing Month is celebrated to be grateful for the Fair Housing Act which was passed in April. A law that forbids discrimination in buying houses through different schemes. These include discrimination in the rental, sale, and financing of houses based on color, race, and even gender.

April is the month when we celebrate National Fair Housing Month. In this month we feel grateful for the Fair Housing Act that was passed on April 11, 1968. This law was designed to protect Americans from facing discrimination in selling or buying houses. It is also a basic human concept, and entitlement for people. As a community, we have the right to be free of any form of discrimination. In our communities, people belonging to diverse backgrounds should be warmly welcomed as our neighbors.

In the past, people used to show discrimination towards others in terms of housing. Some of the most damaging discrimination examples are found in the past, including minority neighborhoods that were located far from quality schools, public transportation, and jobs.

The Fair Housing Act was signed by President Johnson and it was passed after the death of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was in Memphis on April 4, 1968, to support the sanitation workers strike when he was shot and killed. As a result of the tragedy, Congress collectively passed the 1968 Fair Housing Act.

Fair Housing Month Timeline

1976

Discrimination Based on Gender Added
To refuse to sell or buy a property to and from a person based, on their sex, is added in the Civil Rights Act.

APRIL 11, 1968

Fair Housing Act is Passed
As a result of the assassination of Dr. King Jr., congress passes the Fair Housing Act.

1866

Civil Rights Act Forbids Discrimination
The Civil Rights Act makes it illegal to discriminate in housing.

APRIL 4, 1968

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dies
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is shot and killed at the age of 39.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY



May is Mental Awareness Month

What Is Mental Health?

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood.

Over the course of your life, if you experience mental health problems, your thinking, mood, and behavior could be affected. Many factors contribute to mental health problems, including:

- Biological factors, such as genes or brain chemistry
- Life experiences, such as trauma or abuse
- Family history of mental health problems

Mental health problems are common but help is available. People with mental health problems can get better and many recover completely.

Early Warning Signs

Not sure if you or someone you know is living with mental health problems? Experiencing one or more of the following feelings or behaviors can be an early warning sign of a problem:

- Eating or sleeping too much or too little
- Pulling away from people and usual activities
- Having low or no energy
- Feeling numb or like nothing matters
- Having unexplained aches and pains
- Feeling helpless or hopeless
- Smoking, drinking, or using drugs more than usual
- Feeling unusually confused, forgetful, on edge, angry, upset, worried, or scared
- Yelling or fighting with family and friends
- Experiencing severe mood swings that cause problems in relationships
- Having persistent thoughts and memories you can't get out of your head
- Hearing voices or believing things that are not true
- Thinking of harming yourself or others

- Inability to perform daily tasks like taking care of your kids or getting to work or school

Mental Health and Wellness

Positive mental health allows people to:

- Realize their full potential
- Cope with the stresses of life
- Work productively
- Make meaningful contributions to their communities

Ways to maintain positive mental health include:

- Getting professional help if you need it
- Connecting with others
- Staying positive
- Getting physically active
- Helping others
- Getting enough sleep
- Developing coping skills

Learn more about the importance of prevention and wellness.

Get Help

Learn how to talk about mental health or how to get help for yourself or someone you care about.



Kids Corner!



Counting to 5

Count and write the number of dog bones in each dish. Circle the dishes that have the same number of bones.



Craft Project



Lincoln Library came to Brandon court to assist children with decorating pots and planted Christmas tree cacti



SMART GOALS

Write your goals for the new school year:

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Community Resources

SUMMER



BREAKFAST 8:00-8:30 and LUNCH 11:30-12:00



Free to children up to 18 years of age

School	Address	Dates	Breakfast	Lunch
All Summer Food Service sites will be closed Monday, June 20, and Monday, July 4, 2022.				
Franklin Middle School	1200 Outer Park Dr.	June 13-July 15	8:00-8:30	11:30-12:00
McClelland Elementary School	801 N. 6th St.	June 13-August 12	8:00-8:30	11:30-12:00
Lindsay Elementary School	3600 Fielding	June 15-August 12	8:00-8:30	11:30-12:00
Southeast High School	2350 E. Ash St.	June 15 - July 21 Monday-Thursday ONLY	8:00-8:30	12:00-12:30
Springfield High School	101 S. Lewis St.	June 15 - July 21 Monday-Thursday ONLY	8:00-8:30	12:00-12:30
Wilcox Elementary School	2000 Hastings	June 15-August 12	8:00-8:30	11:30-12:00
Lee School	1201 Bunn Ave.	June 16-July 8	8:00-8:30	11:30-12:00
Feitshans Elementary School	1101 S. 15th St.	June 21-July 28	8:00-8:30	11:00-11:30
Grant Middle School	1800 W. Monroe	June 21-July 15	8:00-8:30	11:30-12:00
Lincoln Magnet School	300 N. 11th St.	June 21-July 15	8:00-8:30	11:30-12:00
Washington Middle School	2300 E. Jackson St.	June 21-July 15	8:00-8:30	11:30-12:00
Enos Elementary School	524 W. Elliot	June 23-July 22	8:00-8:30	11:30-12:00
Harvard Park Elementary School	2501 S. 11th St.	June 23-July 22	8:00-8:30	11:30-12:00
Marsh Elementary School	1100 Avon	June 23-July 22	8:00-8:30	11:30-12:00
Matheny-Withrow Elementary School	1200 Pope	June 23-July 22	8:00-8:30	11:30-12:00
Ridgely Elementary School	2040 N. 8th St.	June 23-July 22	8:00-8:30	11:30-12:00

Sites Closed: June 20 and July 4

Summer Food Service

Sixteen District 186 schools will provide meals through the Summer Food Service Program this year. Free breakfast and lunch will be served to children 18 years of age and younger at the locations listed below. If you need additional information, please contact Food Services at (217) 525-3046.



NEWS YOU CAN USE

ADVOCACY IS AN ACTIVITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP THAT AIMS TO INFLUENCE DECISIONS WITHIN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS. ADVOCACY INCLUDES ACTIVITIES AND PUBLICATIONS TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC POLICY, LAWS AND BUDGETS BY USING FACTS, THEIR RELATIONSHIPS, THE MEDIA, AND MESSAGING TO EDUCATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLIC.

IT STARTS WITH YOU



CALL THE WHITE HOUSE:
COMMENTS: 202-456-1111
SWITCHBOARD: 202-456-1414

SEND A LETTER TO THE WHITE HOUSE:
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 PENNSYLVANIA, N. W.
WASHINGTON, DC 20500

YOU CAN MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Advocacy

MEAL TRAIN SIGN-UP

About this Meal Train Plus

Salvation Army, in partnership with Heartland Continuum of Care, will be providing meals to those who are currently staying at the temporary shelter until they can be moved to a partner agency. The Overflow Shelter is seeking PRE-BAGGED MEAL options. The shelter will be opening later in the evening than previous years, so a bagged/boxed meal option works best for staff and clients. This may include a sandwich, chips, and dessert. The shelter will be accepting of ANY donation; however, due to staffing vacancies, grab-and-go meals are ideal. Even if meals can't be put together, the shelter will take boxes of individual snack-size bags of chips; individual fruit cups; individual bagged desserts or snacks; pre-made sandwiches, etc. - and can assemble for the evening. The Overflow Shelter is looking for 50 meals each evening. ***DROP-OFF LOCATION IS: 221 N. 11th street (1st entry to the right on Jefferson) ***Due to staffing levels, the recommended drop off meal time is 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. You may also deliver your donated meals days in advance if that works better for your schedule. There may not be staff available to assist if you arrive later in the evening for delivery. *** Hot meals also need to be packed in individual disposable containers and these meals can be delivered between 6:30 - 7p.m. If your group would like to serve the meal please notify the Salvation Army in advance. Please call Harold at (217) 622-9742 or (217) 303-4473 when dropping off the meals. If he cannot be reached please call Will Salmon, the Shelter Director at (217) 299-8825. If you have any other questions/inquiries/ help with sign-up or need to cancel a particular order, please call (217) 789-2270.

Volunteer: Meals On Wheels Delivery Drive

Our organization is providing free, one-on-one assistance to people with Medicare and their families via telephone and face-to-face sessions, public education presentations and other programs. Through the CMS Medicare Rx Volunteer Initiative, volunteers at our organization will be given the opportunity to work directly with people with Medicare to help them understand their prescription drug plan options and join a plan that will best suit their prescription drug needs if they choose. Volunteers are needed to assist in delivery of hot/cold, nutritious meals to our senior community in Springfield, Illinois. Volunteers are provided with mileage reimbursement, and extreme gratitude from our senior community!

Apply on LinkedIn

DRIVERS - PLEASE BE ALERT!

With summer underway and more children playing outside, please remember as you are pulling in and out of your driveway, to go slow and watch for pedestrians. Also watch your speed and slow down as you travel down neighborhood streets in your car. It's not only kids playing outside, but more people are on their bicycles, walking/running, or taking their pets for a stroll. Please be cautious when you get behind the wheel and be aware of your surroundings when leaving your home and driving on city streets. Also, when approaching intersections, stop before the crosswalks (white lines). If you block the crosswalks, it makes it more challenging for pedestrians to travel safely across the street.



NEWS YOU CAN USE

RENTAL ASSISTANCE STILL AVAILABLE THROUGH IDHS

For those who missed the window to apply for this round of assistance through IHDA, the Illinois Department of Human Services is accepting applications for up to \$25,000 in rental assistance on a rolling basis through the Illinois Rental Assistance Program.

www.illinoishousinghelp.org

UTILITY BILL ASSISTANCE

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps eligible low-income households pay for home energy services*. Energy costs can place severe stress on a family's budget—sometimes forcing households to make painful decisions regarding which bills to pay and which necessities to survive without. To apply for utility assistance, begin your pre-application process to get connected with a local agency that can help.

www.illinoishousinghelp.org

FREE LEGAL AID FOR EVICTION PREVENTION

IDHS created a state-funded network of 16 non-profit organizations providing free legal aid, mediation services and connections to other resources - including rental assistance - to increase housing stability. Mediation is an opportunity for landlords and tenants to resolve issues with the help of a knowledgeable and neutral party.

For assistance, call: [1-855-631-0811](tel:1-855-631-0811)



Hello Families

How has your experience been in the Affordable Housing or Housing Choice Voucher program? Springfield Housing Authority would like to add your positive story or testimony in our quarterly resident newsletter.

For more information:
 Call: 217-753-5757
 Email: latinafasha1.org
 Subject line: Newsletter Story

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LOOKING FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOME?

For those looking for a new place to call home, ILHousingSearch.org allows you to search thousands of affordable, subsidized and market rate units throughout Illinois. You can customize your search based on your specific needs, budget, and desired location.

The service is also available through a toll-free, bilingual call center at [\(877\) 428-8844](tel:877-428-8844).



What's Happening in Springfield

FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE TO HISTORIC SITES

The Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau announced a **free Saturday shuttle service** allowing you to explore Lincoln's New Salem, the Lincoln Tomb, War Memorials, and the African American History Museum + save you gas!

Shuttle to Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site in Petersburg

This shuttle is available **every Saturday morning now through August 6**. Individuals are picked up from the north side of the Historic Union Station building (500 E. Madison Street). The shuttle will depart this location at 8:30 a.m. and return to the same location around 11:30 a.m.. Again, this shuttle is free but **reservations are required**.

Shuttle to Oak Ridge Cemetery/Lincoln Tomb and African American History Museum

This shuttle is available **every Saturday afternoon now through August 6**. The shuttle departs every half an hour from 12-noon until 4:30 p.m. with a free hop on, hop off service from the north side of Union Station (500 E. Madison) to the African American History Museum and the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery. You can also explore the War Memorials located at the cemetery as well. **Reservations are not required** for the hop on, hop off shuttle.

SPRINGFIELD VISITORS CENTER - IT'S FOR RESIDENTS TOO!

Do you have out-of-town guests, family coming in for a wedding, or looking for new things to do with your family for an afternoon or day off? Our **Visitors Center** is here to provide helpful resources, ideas and answer your questions! It is located at 1 South Old State Capitol Plaza - the first floor of the Lincoln-Herndon Law Office, across from the Old State Capitol. It is **open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** If you can't stop in, they are also only a phone call away! Call 217.789.2360.

OLD CAPITOL FARMERS MARKET

Every Saturday and Wednesday through October
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on 4th and Adams Street

EBT will be accepted, SNAP recipients can come to the information desk and receive a Healthy Ways card that spends just like SNAP benefits, making wholesome holiday meals available to all families across Springfield.



LEVITT AMP SPRINGFIELD FREE CONCERT SERIES

Free Thursday night outdoor summer concerts on the Y-Block, located between Jackson Street and Capitol Avenue. **Opening acts perform at 6:00 p.m. with the headliner taking the stage at 7:00 p.m..** A family-friendly event. Bring blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy music outside.



What's New?!

Moving to Work Demonstration Program

Moving to Work (MTW) is a demonstration program for public housing authorities (PHAs) that provides them the opportunity to design and test innovative, locally designed strategies that;

- use Federal dollars more efficiently
- help residents find employment
- become self-sufficient
- increase housing choices for low-income families.

MTW allows PHAs exemptions from many existing public housing and voucher rules and provides funding flexibility with how they use their Federal funds. PHAs in the MTW demonstration have pioneered a number of innovative policy interventions that have been proven to be successful at the local level, and subsequently rolled out to the rest of the country's PHAs. Currently, there are 109 MTW PHAs nationwide and HUD plans to expand the program to an additional 30 PHAs by 2022.

Moving To Work A SUCCESS STORY



Below is a thank-you letter from a recent graduate of the County of San Mateo Housing Authority's in California Moving-to-Work program. The mother began the program with an annual salary of \$13,245; upon completion, her annual salary was \$46,340. As her salary increased, so did her savings. The Housing Authority recently gave her an escrow payout of \$20,765, which helped her purchase her first home.

To the Housing Authority:

I have been with the program for 6 years. I would just like to thank you for all your help. I would like you to know what this program has done for my children and me. When I first started the program, I was living in a room and on welfare with my daughter, who was 6 at the time, and my 4 year-old son. They are now 13 and 10. At the time, I had just left my husband and wasn't sure what was going to happen to us.

This program came like a blessing to my family. I was able to get a job at United Airlines and was there for three years. After the 9/11 attacks, United Airlines laid off thousands of employees, and I was one of them. Without this program, I would have ended up on the streets with my kids.

I immediately got a job working for a restoration company called Olympia Restoration. I worked there as a technician for three months and was pro-moted to a lead shortly after that. I worked there for two and a half years. Thanks to the program, I was able to save some money and take my kids to Disneyland for the first time. I was also able to purchase my first vehicle, a Chevy Tahoe.

There were some hard times along the way, but I was able to overcome them with the help of my case worker Judy Dell'Ara. She always made sure that I was well informed of my responsibilities and was very helpful with any questions I had. She truly made this experience a pleasant one for me. Judy became a good friend and inspired me to succeed in whatever I do in life.

My kids and I would not be where we are today if it weren't for your help. I was able to set goals for myself and accomplish them. Because of the housing program, I was able to provide a home for my children, purchase 2 vehicles, and save money for our future. Being a single parent is hard, but thank to all of you, I am no longer afraid to stand on my own. This program changed our lives. We will be forever grateful to you all.

Sincerely,
The S. Family



RENTERS INSURANCE

WHAT'S IN YOUR APARTMENT?

The Case for Renters' Insurance



If you had to replace ALL of these items at once, would you be OK?



Cellphone
\$500



Laptop
\$1,200



Jewelry
\$1,000



TV
\$500



Furniture
\$1,500



Wardrobe
\$1,000



Speakers
\$200

\$20k Average amount of property owned

Individuals with renters insurance **37%**

\$20 Average monthly cost for renters insurance

Also cost \$20...



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MOVIES



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Company's that offer Renter Insurance in Sangamon Cty

State Farm
American Family Insurance
Farmers Insurance
Insure One Insurance
Progressive
& many more..

Call Today!

Why You Need



Renters Insurance



Volunteer Opportunities

Alzheimer's Association Community Educator - Logan/Macoupin/Mason/Menard/Sangamon Counties with Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter
Flexible Schedule |

Springfield, IL, 62704

Chapter Support Volunteer-SPRINGFIELD: Use your skills to help a local nonprofit support entrep with SCORE Decatur
Flexible Schedule |

Springfield, IL, 62711

Advocate with The Borgen Project
Flexible Schedule |

Springfield, IL, 62703

Volunteers needed for the SUT Springfield Illinois Chapter with Simply United Together
Flexible Schedule |

Springfield, IL, 62703

Trails and Rails Docent with National Park Service
Flexible Schedule |

Springfield, IL, 62701

Share your knowledge with a small business owner with MicroMentor | An initiative of Mercy Corps
Flexible Schedule |

Springfield, IL, 62703

For a full list of volunteer opportunities visit: Volunteer Match.org

What Is Volunteering and Why Is It Important?

Volunteering—also known as volunteerism—is when you give your time to help another person, organization, or cause. Volunteer opportunities include both in-person volunteering and virtual volunteering. They can also cover a wide range of areas, such as community development, education, agriculture, wildlife protection, health and wellness, helping children, and even transportation. But, why is it important to volunteer?

Here are 5 of the top reasons:

1. Make a Difference in the World
2. Connect With Others
3. Learn New Things
4. Nonprofits Rely on Volunteers
5. It's Good for You

The importance of volunteering doesn't just involve the work you are doing to make the world a better place. It's also important because it's good for you!

Research shows that volunteering is beneficial for both your body and mind. This is because many volunteer opportunities involve physical activity, which helps you get your body moving and can lead to lower blood pressure, along with other health benefits. Volunteering can also lead to reduced levels of stress, help deal with anxiety, improve your self-confidence, and help to make you happier overall. While these benefits are a nice bonus, your main reason for volunteering should always be to help make the world a better place.



Affordable Housing

DIRECT DEBIT

Make your rent a priority each month, as the eviction process will be followed to keep tenant accounts paid in full each month per HUD regulations. Those who leave with a balance will be reported to HUD's Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System. This means those with balances will not be allowed to receive assistance from another housing authority until any past balances are paid in full. **Direct debits will be withdrawn from your account on the FIFTH (5TH)** of each month. You will not be held responsible for any late fees and save money on checks/money orders and transportation. Enjoy the benefits and savings of utilizing our direct debit program. Direct debit may be utilized on any debit card. Call Accounts Receivable to sign up today at **217.753.5757 Ext 227** or visit our website.

INCOME CHANGES

Be sure to report **ALL** household income, including temporary employment, unemployment, child support, social security and/or TANF. In addition, be sure to report any decrease in income, including no income. Income changes for all residents are accepted from **8:30 to 11:30 am or 1:00 to 4:00 pm**. Your Occupancy Specialist will verify the total income, including unreported income. Your rental payments will be based on the household's total income. **All income is reported to EIV and SHA will discover any unreported income.**

CHECK YOUR BALANCE ONLINE

To check your current balance, visit our website at www.springfieldhousingauthority.org. The Username is the Head of Household's Last Name. The Password is the Head of Household's last four digits of their Social Security Number. For more information, contact Accounts Receivable at **217.753.5757 Ext 227**.

WALK-IN HOURS FOR CURRENT RESIDENTS

Walk-In hours for current Public Housing residents are **Wednesdays from 8:30 to 11:30 am or 1:00 to 4:00 pm**.

PH OCCUPANCY SPECIALISTS

AMP 1 & 4

Ext 257

AMP 2 & 7

Ext 202

AMP 3

Ext 217

AMP 6, 8 & 9 (VILLAS)

Ext. 256

YARD WORK

You are responsible for the exterior of your home and yard. Lawns should be cut and free of any yard waste or debris **at all times**. Failure to maintain the exterior of your home will result in a non-compliance charge in addition to a minimum charge if SHA has to perform maintenance. Any fines assessed by the city will be billed to your SHA account.

WASTE REMOVAL

Please note that regularly scheduled waste pick-up may be delayed due to holidays or weather. To ensure timely pickup, please make sure that your totes are in their designated pickup location prior to 7AM on your scheduled pickup day. The location must be free of any obstructions as this may cause a delay in service if Republic Services determines that it is not safe. To report a missed pickup, please contact Republic Services at 217.522.7797.

PEST CONTROL

If a Public Housing resident requests pest control but is not ready for treatment when Pest Control arrives at their unit, a \$50 charge will be added to their account for most infestations. However, tenants will be charged \$100 if their unit is not ready for bed bug treatment.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPLICATIONS

Applications for Affordable Housing, including Lincolnwood Estates and the Villas at Vinegar Hill, are accepted every **Monday & Tuesday from 8:30 to 11:30 am or 1:00 to 4:00 pm**. All applications **MUST** be submitted in person. Telephone, mail, internet, and fax applications will **NOT** be accepted. For information on what documents to bring with your application, please visit our website.



Housing Choice Voucher

WALK-IN HOURS FOR TENANTS & LANDLORDS:

Mondays
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Wednesdays
8:30 - 11:30 am
1:00 - 4:00 pm

All other times are by
appointment only.

NOTE: Paperwork must always be given to your specialist. It **cannot** be dropped off at the front desk

HCV WAITING LIST IS OPEN

The waiting lists for the HCV Program is open!

HCV applications are accepted in person only on

Tuesdays from 8:30am-11:30am & 1:00pm-4:00pm. For more information, visit our website.

HCV SPECIALISTS

A - D

Ext 230

E - LE

207

Li - Sa

Ext 218

Sc - Z

Ext 273

Special Projects

Ext 273

INCOME CHANGES

Income changes for all residents are accepted from **8:30 - 11:30 am or 1:00 - 4:00 pm** on the following days:

July 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, & 18

August 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

September 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15

October 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17

If your income increases or decreases by \$100, you **MUST** report it to your specialist.

If you are reporting a new job, you must report it the month following your hire date.

Five (5) paychecks are **NOT** needed to report new income as staff have processes to verify new income.

FAMILY CHANGES

All family members **MUST** be approved by SHA prior to moving in. In the case of birth or adoption of children, you must notify your caseworker. Family composition changes can be requested in person during regular walk-in hours.

30-DAY NOTICES

All tenants interested in moving **MUST** submit a 30-day notice during **the following dates & time only:**

TO MOVE JULY 31, 2022:

Monday, June 27, 2022 1:00pm-4:00pm
Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:30am-11:30am & 1:00pm-4:00pm

TO MOVE AUGUST 31, 2022:

Monday, July 25, 2022 1:00pm-4:00pm
Wednesday, July 27, 2022 8:30am-11:30am & 1:00pm-4:00pm

TO MOVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Monday August 24, 2022 8:30am 11:30am & 1:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday, August 29, 2022 1:00am-4:00pm

HAP & UTILITY PAYMENTS

All HAP and utility payments are processed during the first five business days of the month. Please wait until **AFTER the FIFTH (5TH) business day** before you call to check on a payment.

ONLINE PAYMENT INFORMATION
Please visit the "Landlord" section of our website to review and confirm electronic payments. To retrieve your user name, password or ask questions regarding our program, **217.753.5757 Ext 219.**

LANDLORD

ORIENTATION

SHA invites you to learn more about the HCV program by attending one of the monthly new landlord orientations, which are held on the first Monday of each month at 9:00am. Visit our website for more **i n f o r m a t i o n .** Springfieldhousingauthority.org

LANDLORD REFERRAL PROGRAM

Refer a new landlord who leases to a tenant for at least six months and receive \$50 as part of our new referral program.

Only owners are eligible for this new program, which allows for a maximum of four referrals in a 12-month period.

For more information about this program, call at **217.753.5757 Ext 219.**





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SHA WILL BE CLOSED

TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:

July 1st & July 4th– Independence day

September 5th-Labor day

October 10th– Columbus day

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

- Nico Cole, Engineer B
- Christopher Duncan, AMP 2 Seasonal Caretaker
- Jesse Kimbrough, AMP 2 Caretaker
- Crystal McClure, AMP 3 Occupancy Specialist
- Paula Mitchell, FSS Specialist
- Alissa Shoup, HCV Specialist
- Regina Smith, HCV Specialist
- Marcus Key, FSS Specialist
- Skylar Rider, Journeyperson Painter (Express)
- Dave McClure, HCV Inspector
- Haydee Franklin, HCV Administrative Assistant

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Mary Blackford
Inspector

