

# Energy Assistance Begins November 1, 2016

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will begin taking application for low income families on November 1, 2016.

Applications will be taken until May 31, 2017, or until funding is exhausted.

LIHEAP provides a one-time payment to your energy provider to assist with payment of utility costs.

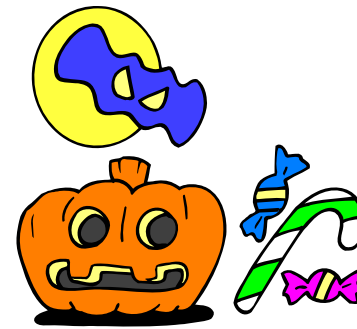
Assistance is also provided if your rent is greater than 30% of the household income and you do not have utilities in your name.

**If you are elderly, disabled, or currently have your utilities disconnected, applications are now being taken for assistance.**

The locations to sign up for LIHEAP are

as follows:

- Granite City Housing Authority  
2517 Nameoki Road  
Granite City, IL 62040  
876-4232
- Chouteau Township  
906 Thorngate,  
Granite City  
(618) 931-0323
- Nameoki Township  
4250 Highway 162,  
Granite City  
(618) 931-1230



## Neighborhood News



### 2017 Annual Plan: Changes Effective January 1, 2017 Public Meeting to be Held October 6, 2016

A Public Meeting discussing the 2017 Annual Plan for Granite City Housing Authority will be held:

**October 6, 2016**

at the individual Recreation Centers. A flyer will be distributed with the time of each meeting.

The Annual Plan is being updated to include updated Utility Allowances, Flat Rents, (see table at right) and any policy revisions. All changes will be effective January 1, 2017.

As policy changes impact your housing it is recommended that each resident attend a Public Meeting to be informed about the changes and how your residency at Granite City Housing Authority will be impacted. **Attendance at the public meeting will earn 8 hours of Community Service.**

#### PARKING ON CITY STREETS

All parking in Anchorage Homes is located on city streets and all city ordinances regarding parking are enforceable by Granite City Police Department. Parking is not assigned to any unit and is on a first come basis. Please park accordingly to permit the maximum number of vehicles to be parked on the street.

DEVELOPMENT	FLAT RENT	UTIL ALLOW
IL 5-3 Anchorage Homes	505.00	74.00
IL 5-4 Anchorage Homes	505.00	74.00
IL 5-5 Anchorage Homes	505.00	80.00
IL 5-6 Oak Tree Villas	650.00	91.00
IL 5-7 & 5-8 GCC		
One Bedroom	505.00	85.00
Two Bedroom	650.00	92.00
Three Bedroom	850.00	94.00
IL 5-9 Granite City Green		
One Bedroom	505.00	84.00
Two Bedroom	650.00	83.00
Three Bedroom	850.00	80.00
Four Bedroom	965.00	105.00

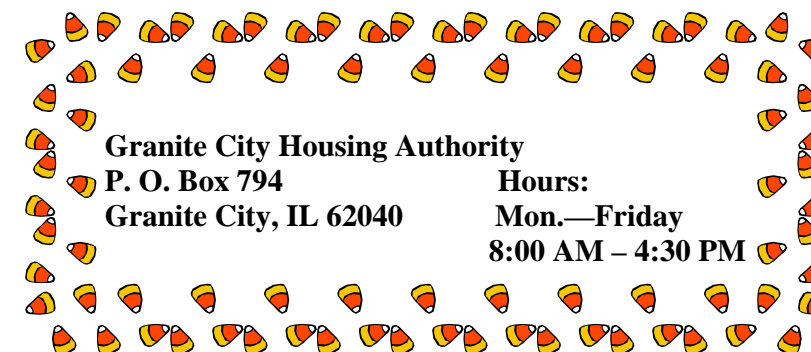
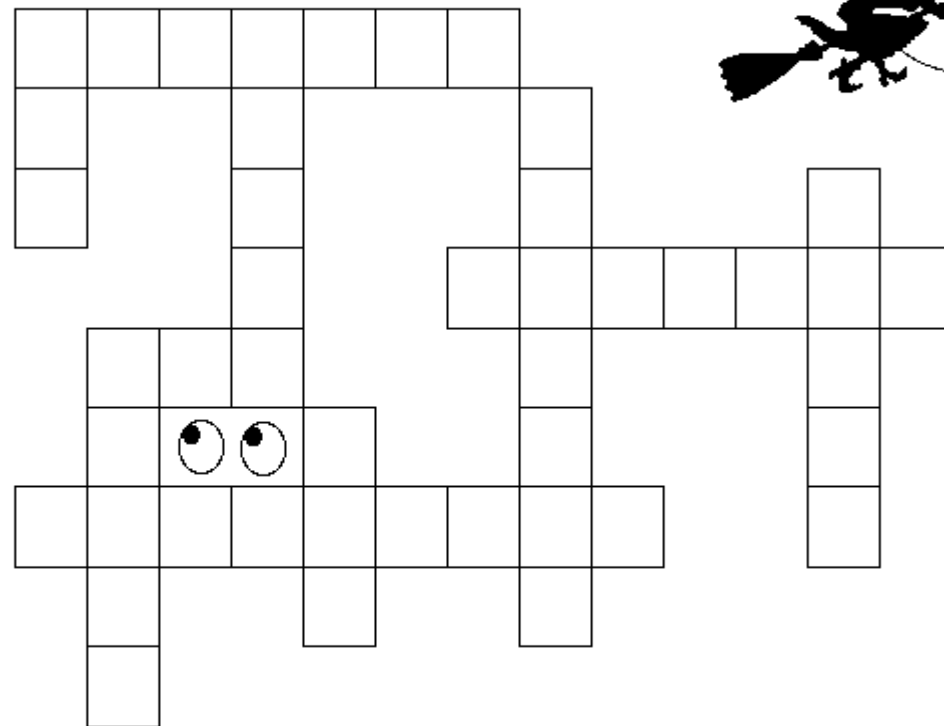
### Common Entry & Hallways

For the safety of all residents in buildings with a common entry the entry doors must remain secured and locked at all times. Residents or guests of residents identified as blocking open the common entry doors will be cause for a violation of their Lease Agreement.

## Halloween Crossword

Fit all the words into this puzzle below

- CAT
- BAT
- BOO
- TREAT
- WITCH
- BLACK
- COSTUME
- PUMPKIN
- HAUNTED
- HALLOWEEN



## Neighborhood

## COOKING CLASSES: Community Service

All residents are reminded to be considerate of their neighbors. Not all residents prefer to interact with their neighbors. If your neighbor does not want to have a relationship with you, that is their personal choice. Please respect that each individual is different and may not want any social interaction.



## Emergency Calls

A friendly reminder to residents: Emergency calls should be for actual emergencies after 4:30 PM and before 8:00 AM on week days and all week ends. Calling non emergency items after hours disturbs the sleep on the Maintenance staff on call. Emergencies include items which may cause damage to the unit or the health and safety of the resident.

## HUD Source of EIV Data

U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) now uses the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH) to obtain employment verification on residents of public housing. This data will include employment across state lines.

The information will also provide employment information that is collected on Federal W-4 every time a firm hires a new employee. This data will be collected on all residents 18 years of age and older and working.

If you are needing Community Service Hours, please see the flyer on the Cooking Classes. Reservation must be made no later than the first Wednesday to have adequate food to cook.

Residents between the ages of 18 and 62, currently not employed or participating in a self sufficiency program must perform 8 hours of Community Service hours each month.

## Laundry Drying

To maintain the appearance of the property, residents are not permitted to hang laundry on the privacy fences for drying. Also, any items not permitted in the patio areas will be removed. Please help maintain the property in a manner such that the site is a source of pride for each and every neighbor.

## Burning of Candles

As we celebrate Fire Prevention week, please be aware of the dangers candles present. Here are some pointers on using candles in your home:

- Never leave a candle unattended
- Secure all candles in a candle holder of the proper size. Candles that are not secure can melt and fall out of items such as cups.
- Candles should not be set directly on a table or counter top or underneath any object such as a cabinet or shelf.



## Energy Conservation: Closing Storm Windows

To conserve on energy costs, please remember to keep your storm windows properly closed. Properly closed windows will have an insert at the top and at the bottom of the window. If you are having difficulty with closing your windows, please contact the Maintenance Department for assistance.

## Removal of Large Trash Items

The trash removal contractor will not remove large items such as couches, chairs, mattresses, etc. This includes any large items which will not fit into your trash can.

The Maintenance Department will remove any large items placed outside for disposal. Prior to placing the item(s) outside, please contact the Maintenance Department to schedule removal of any such item(s). The Maintenance Department can be reached by calling 876-0975.

Placing items outside without contacting the Maintenance Department will result in a charge for the removal of the item(s).

Please help us keep your home as neat and clean as possible.

## Adding New Family Members To Leases

U. S. Housing & Urban Development requires the Housing Authority have on file a certified birth certificate and Social Security Number for all family members.

If you have recently added a new family member due to a birth, please provide these documents as soon as possible.

## Saving on Your Power Bill: Some Helpful Tips

Some ways to save on your power bill:

- Set your thermostat lower when you are not home or sleeping
- Keep furnace registers clean and unblocked
- Use water temperatures such as “warm” or “cool” on your washing machine
- Wash and dry full loads of laundry
- Keep clothes dryer free of lint and inspect exhaust opening for obstructions
- Cook several items in your oven at one time
- Turn off lights in areas of your home that are not occupied

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Have a safe and Happy Halloween. Some safety reminders:

- Adults should accompany children
- Let children Trick or Treat only in neighborhoods you are familiar with
- Do not let small children go alone
- Wear reflective clothing
- Carry at least one flashlight.
- Check all Treats before eating. ( Reminder: Gateway Regional Hospital will X-ray all treats at no cost.)
- **Have A Great Time!!!!**