



# Spring

2021

## Skupien Community News

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### Rent Relief

Act 1-2021 was signed by Governor Wolf on February 5, 2021 and included in this bill was the Rental and Utility Assistance Grant Program which will distribute the \$569.8M Pennsylvania got as a result of Congress' second COVID Relief Package. Unlike the first round of rental assistance, there does not seem to be a uniform program with uniform forms being offered across all 67 counties. Though Act 1 gives PA's Department of Human Services the authority to implement the program, it does not clearly state they are to provide guidelines to the counties. Act 1- 2021 does give the counties a basic outline to build their programs. The Act defines rental assistance to include the following:

- Rent
- Rental arrears
- Utilities and home energy costs
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- Other expenses related to housing incurred due, directly or indirectly, to COVID-19, to the extent permitted by Federal law.

In addition to the state funds, 15 counties received direct funding from the U.S. Treasury. Because of the lack of a statewide program, PMHA has been contacting each county in an effort to identify individual programs on behalf of our members. As we are made aware of programs, we will be pushing them out to our members via email blasts. Not all counties are getting back to us, so we encourage you to keep your eyes and ears open as well. Most of these programs will be starting between March 1 and April 1 as the counties are eager to get the money into the hands of landlords and utilities.

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**Checks** must be written to **Skupien MHP** not A. Hunter. Rental payments can be made online at: [www.ahunter.com](http://www.ahunter.com)

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Because of the failure of the first program, counties are reporting this round of rental assistance will be more user friendly for both the tenant and the landlord, with less restrictions. Most programs will be done online, with a few counties allowing for paper applications. There are to be no rent caps and no language that will prohibit the landlord from seeking eviction in the future. Programs are to include utilities costs and arrears as well. In the Act, "utilities" is defined as, "separately stated electricity, gas, water and sewer, trash removal and energy costs, such as fuel oil" (some counties such as Dauphin are including firewood).

Note, "telecommunications services" such as cable and internet, telephone, delivered to the rental dwelling are not considered to be utilities."

**To file for assistance in paying your rent for one year, please contact:**

According to DHS's Compass website,  
**[www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us),**

online applications can be filed through the website and they will be forwarded to the appropriate office for processing.

**Also check our Facebook page:**

**A. Hunter Property Management, Inc.**

We will keep residents up to date as we receive information from various counties.

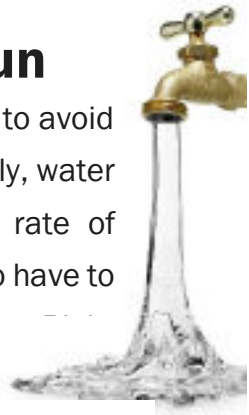
## Monthly Statements will be Mailed and Emailed

We are going to begin sending your monthly statements through the mail and through email. To ensure you get your statement, please contact the office to make sure we have your most up to date email address. You can also email your address to [lisa@ahunter.com](mailto:lisa@ahunter.com).

## Do Not Let Faucets Run

Residents, **do not** let your faucets run to avoid your water lines from freezing. Currently, water usage **has increased 215%**! If this rate of water usage continues, we are going to have to pass the cost on to you, the residents.

Right now, water bills are costing **over \$1,000 more** per month than normal. If that cost is split between each resident, rent increases will be astronomical. It is imperative that you have heat tape installed on your water lines and that it is operational. **This simply cannot continue without us increasing the rents to cover this cost.** In addition, we will begin monitoring and billing you for your actual usage. **Heat tape must be on in your homes!** Gallitzin Borough has threatened to turn off the water to the community, as it is affecting the water pressure in town. They are not happy. AND, if they decide to shut the water off, we have absolutely no control over them taking this action. **This is a very serious matter that needs your attention TODAY!**



## Mail is Slowwww

The mail has been soooo slowww the past several months. Some of our residents have not received their invoices. Did you know you can access your invoice on your tenant portal? If you are not already set up to view your account online, please give our office a call. Connie will be happy to get you set up.

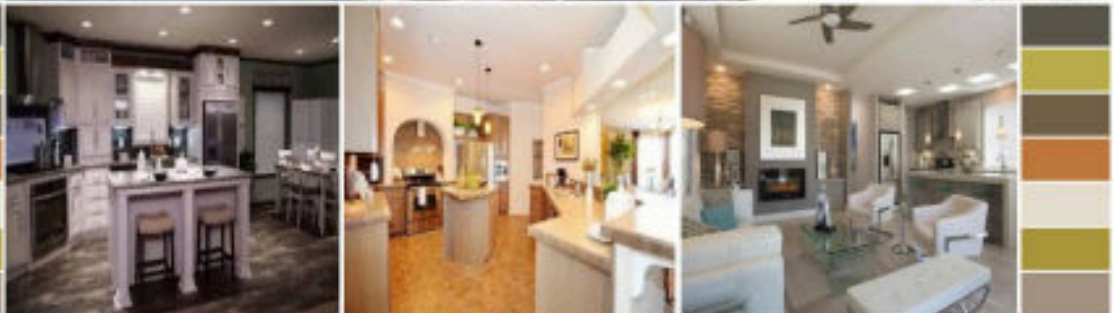
You can also pay your rent on line or over the phone. Connie will be happy to assist you, should you decide you would like to pay this way as opposed to through the mail. This will ensure you don't end up with a late fee on your account.

## Affordable Housing..

- Customized Homes
- 2-4 Total Bedroom(s)
- 2 Bathrooms
- Approx. 1000-2000 sq ft
- Energy Efficient
- Air Conditioning
- Vaulted Ceilings
- Hardwood Floors
- Slate Entry
- Family Room and Living Room
- Beautiful plumbing, faucets and the latest appliances
- Affordable
- Financing Available
- Homes must adhere to strict guideline administered by the Federal HUD Code



# A. HUNTER HOMES



MANUFACTURED HOUSING offers affordable housing and quality homes.

New models offer family friendly floor plans, beautiful flooring, drywall and the latest appliances. Choosing manufactured housing is affordable, the homes offer quality and energy efficiency, customization, and finally great financing options! With the demand for manufactured housing increasing, lenders are offering lending solutions to buyers.

*Call A. Hunter and let us help you move in to your brand new home.*

Call A. Hunter Homes at 717 274-2104

## Meet Our Staff



**Suzette Trey**  
**Administrative Manager**

Suzette is originally from the area. She is a graduate of Cedar Crest High School. Suzette joined the A. Hunter Property Management, Inc., team in 2001.

Suzette is pursuing her Real Estate License and is a huge asset to A Hunter Property Management, Inc. and the owners we manage for. Suzette handles all accounting, tenant screening, and management of the office team. She also works with our residents.

Suzette is proud to be an integral part of A. Hunter's growing company. She works hard to continue to learn and educate herself with regard to all aspects of the manufactured housing industry.

## Assistance Available for Residents Behind in Energy Bills

The COVID-19 pandemic has created financial challenges for hundreds of thousands of families in Pennsylvania, including problems in paying energy bills. If you are in need of help, contact your utility providers to find out whether assistance is available. A list of utility providers is available from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at the links below:

### **Electric Companies & Suppliers | PA PUC**

<https://www.puc.pa.gov/electricity/electric-companies-suppliers>

### **Water Utilities | PA PUC**

<https://www.puc.pa.gov/water-wastewater/water-utilities>

### **Natural Gas | PA PUC**

<https://www.puc.pa.gov/natural-gas>

In addition to programs offered directly through service providers, Dollar Energy Fund, <https://www.dollarenergy.org/>, works with more than a dozen electricity, water, natural gas and other utility companies to offer financial relief to customers in need. A list of participating providers is available below:

### **Pennsylvania Utility Help | Dollar Energy**

<https://www.dollarenergy.org/need-help/pennsylvania>

## Spring Inspections

Hello everyone. Our inspectors asked us to remind you that with Spring approaching, they will be looking to make sure weeds are maintained, lawns are mowed, skirting is properly attached without holes and homes are cleaned with no dirt or mildew. Please take a look around your home and make sure this work is done. We will begin writing individuals up in late April or May for these items. Thank you for your personal time and attention to this matter and for working hard to make sure your homes and lots are well maintained.



## Please Don't Feed Stray Cats!

Please don't feed stray cats! Our communities are becoming overwhelmed with kittens and cats. The cats are going under homes causing damage to skirting and creating other issues. Many people feel good feeding the cats because they think they are helping them. BUT FEEDING STRAY CATS HURTS THEM. Absolutely. The end result is horrific cases of diseased and malnourished packs of stray cats because people feed them. Feeding causes a bunch of cats to come together, they become dependent on human feeding, then they breed like crazy which results in a lot of cats in one small area. They fight, they spread disease between each other, and the population grows too large to feed. We know it's hard not to feed stray cats, but you are doing more harm than good. And, **feeding stray cats is prohibited.**

## Available Lots

**101 Skupien Court, Gallitzin, PA 16641**

**102 Skupien Court, Gallitzin, PA 16641**

**111 Skupien Court, Gallitzin, PA 16641**

Rental Fees & Utilities: Rent is \$175.00 per month and includes trash removal service. Security Deposit is \$100.00. 1 dog is permitted for \$15 per month. For more details call 717 274-2104 or visit our webpage at [www.ahunter.com/communities](http://www.ahunter.com/communities)



## Register Your Pets

Please make sure your pets  
Are registered with the office.

Pets that are not registered cannot live in the community. If you are in need of a Pet Lease, please contact us at 717 274-2104 or email us at [lisa@ahunter.com](mailto:lisa@ahunter.com)

## YOUR NEIGHBORS CALLED... They don't like your dog's poop



This has been a recurring complaint in our office. Every day a neighbor calls because you have not cleaned up after your dog. When you brought your dog into the community, you promised to clean up after it. So why are we continuously receiving complaints from your neighbors?

Your pet is your responsibility. Please do what you promised and please be respectful of everyone who lives around you. You must go out with your dog, so take a baggie with you and clean up after him.



## Community Notices and Items for Sale

This is your section. Please email us anything you would like advertised, announced or published in your newsletter. Email: [ahunternewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:ahunternewsletter@yahoo.com).

Summer Newsletter submission deadline: May 9th

# Don't Wait — Check the Date!

Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years



Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms.  
Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

1

Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling.



October 6, 2016



2

Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture.

3

Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture.



4

Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old.



A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.



Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.



Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.



Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

For more information about smoke alarms, visit [usfa.fema.gov](http://usfa.fema.gov) and [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

U.S. Fire  
Administration



FEMA





Today's manufactured homes are modern and are built with the same insulation and roofing as site-built homes. There are many floor plans to choose from as well as hundreds of options for colors, countertops, fixtures, flooring, cabinetry, and etc. Each model can be customized to suit you. Let us help you find your dream home.



# Find Your Dream Home





## Lemon Bars

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter, softened
- ½ cup white sugar
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 eggs
- 1 ½ cups white sugar
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 lemons, juiced

### Directions:

- 1: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175° C)
- 2: In a medium bowl, blend together softened butter, 2 cups flour and 1/2 cup sugar. Press into the bottom of an ungreased 9x13 inch pan.
- 3: Bake for 15 to 20 minutes in the preheated oven, or until firm and golden. In another bowl, whisk together the remaining 1 1/2 cups sugar and 1/4 cup flour. Whisk in the eggs and lemon juice. Pour over the baked crust.
- 4: Bake for an additional 20 minutes in the preheated oven. The bars will firm up as they cool. For a festive tray, make another pan using limes instead of lemons and add a drop of green food coloring to make a very pale green. After both pans have cooled, cut into 2 inch squares and arrange in a checker board fashion.



## Strawberry Spinach Salad

\*this is one of my personal favorites\*

### Salad Ingredients:

- 10 oz Spinach
- 1 cup sliced strawberries
- 2 Tbsp slivered almonds

### Dressing Ingredients:

- 3 Tbsp Sugar
- 3 Tbsp Mayo
- 2 Tbsp Milk
- 1 Tbsp Vinegar
- 1 Tbsp Poppy Seeds

### Directions:

- 1: Mix Salad ingredients
- 2: Mix Dressing ingredients
- 3: Add dressing just before serving



## Egg Salad

### Ingredients:

- 8 eggs *hard boiled*
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 1 ½ tsp yellow mustard
- 1 green onion *thinly sliced*
- 1 rib celery *finely diced*
- 2 tsp fresh dill *chopped*

### Directions:

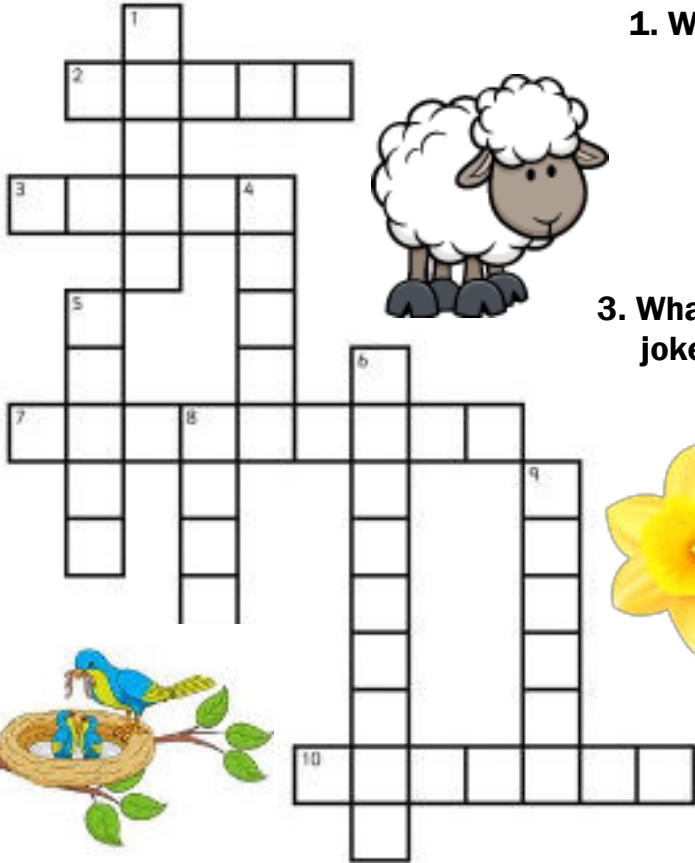
- 1: Boil, cool and peel the eggs. Cut in half, remove the yolks and chop the whites.
- 2: Mash the egg yolks with the mayonnaise, mustard, salt and pepper (to taste) until smooth and creamy.
- 3: Add the chopped egg whites, the green onion, celery, and the chopped fresh dill. Blend carefully and serve cold on bread, a salad, or a wrap.

Happy Easter





# KIDS PAGE



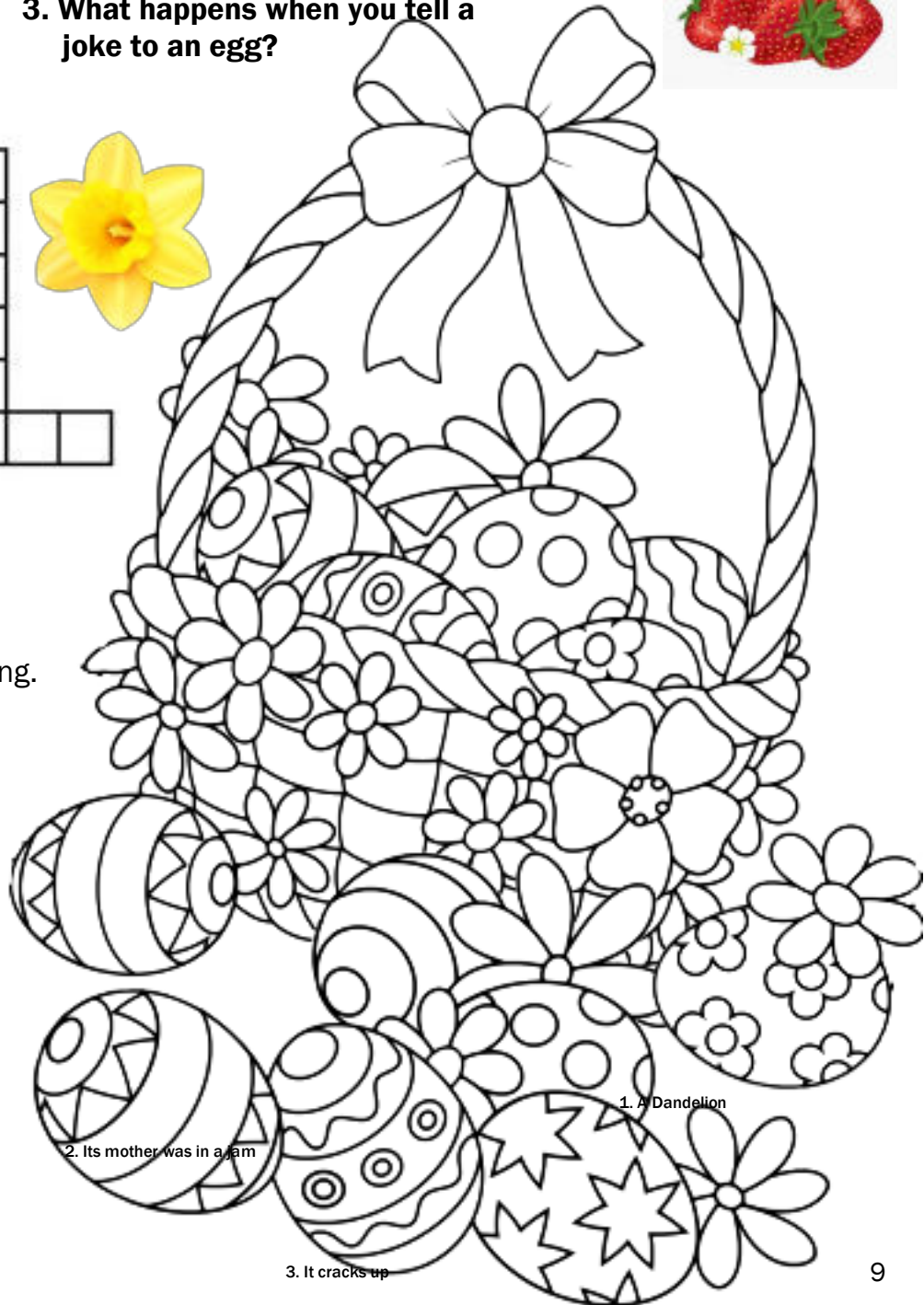
1. What do you call a plant that roars?



2. Why was the baby strawberry sad?



3. What happens when you tell a joke to an egg?



## Across

- 2. Baby sheep born in the Spring.
- 3. Birds build these to lay eggs in.
- 7. You might see this in ponds in spring.
- 10. Pink and white flowers that grow on trees.

## Down

- 1. Flower which you can make into chains.
- 4. We plant these to grow fruit and vegetables.
- 5. A spring month.
- 6. Yellow spring flowers.
- 8. Plants start to \_\_\_\_\_ in spring.
- 9. Baby birds are called \_\_\_\_\_.

**crossword puzzle answers**  
blossom, chicks, daffodils, daisy, frogspawn, grow, lambs, March, nest, seeds

1. A Dandelion  
2. Its mother was in a jam

3. It cracks up