

### Ripley's Housing Mobile Home Community

Official Community Newsletter

Join Our Community



Ready for a Laugh?

Why did the scarecrow win an award?

Because he was outstanding in his field all fall long!

## Fall Insights: What's New in the Community!

What's Underneath Your Home? What is the heat tape installation process?

As cooler weather arrives, it's time to make sure your home is ready for freezing temps. Heat tape is an electrical cable that keeps your pipes from freezing by activating when temperatures drop below 32°F. To install, simply measure your pipe, wrap and secure the tape, insulate, and plug it in beneath your home. A quick check now can help prevent frozen pipes and costly repairs later!





#### Where the Flowers Are Farm

Join us at Where the Flowers Are Farm for a hands-on workshop where you'll transform a fresh pumpkin into a stunning floral arrangement. Supplies, instruction, and light refreshments included.

Date: November 16

Time: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Geneva Golf & Country Club

3100 Bidwell Rd., Muscatine, IA 52761

#### **Help with Household Bills**

Community Action of Eastern Iowa has supported local families since 1965, serving over 25,000 people each year across Cedar, Clinton, Muscatine, and Scott Counties. If you need help paying your bills or managing expenses, schedule an appointment to see what assistance programs are available to you.

## Understanding Mobile Home Property Taxes

Property taxes can be tricky, but here's a quick breakdown! In Hames communities, taxes are paid twice a year—in March and September—and are based on your home's size and age. Most single-section homes pay under \$200 per year, while newer or larger homes stay under \$500. These taxes apply to your home only, not the land—community ownership covers land taxes through lot rent. Garages and sheds are assessed separately by the county as "buildings on leased land."

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