

The Housing Authority of Walker County is a public housing agency that administers low income housing programs throughout Walker County. Currently, we manage public housing units in Dora and Oakman. Our section 8 program manages over 300 vouchers countywide. We are not currently accepting applications for section 8. Please check our website at www.walkercountyha.org for updates. We are currently open for business Monday-Friday of the hours 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Please feel free to come by and see us. We are currently accepting applications for public housing on Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 2012

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	6	7	8
	13	14 <i>Late Fee</i>	15
	20	21	22
	27	28	29

JANUARY 2013

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	3	4	5
	10 <i>Late Fee</i>	11	12
	17	18	19
	24	25	26

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COMMUNITY

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some upcoming projects that will be affecting your communities. Recently, we have completed work at all complexes under Capital Fund Grant 2011. Part of these projects that are completed includes: painting of doors, shutter replacement, porch columns and stove/refrigerator replacements. Stove and refrigerator replacement is an ongoing process and we hope to complete that by February 2013.

We are currently in the planning stages for future capital projects and items that may be included are: storm door replacements, flooring replacement, parking lot and sidewalk resurfacing and bathroom remodels where tubs are concerned.

Newsletter R

The Housing Authority of Walker County recently received a second award for its "HAWC" newsletter publication. After winning the State of Alabama (AAHRA) this summer, we received an award from the Southeastern Regional Council (NAHRO) for best agency news publication. The awards were

Income Reporting

By TYRA HARRIS

within 10 calendar days of the change. You must submit changes in writing with verifying documentation along with the completion of the "CHANGE OF INCOME OR CIRCUMSTANCES FORM" which will initiate an interim review if needed. Calling the office is not acceptable reporting of changes in your income or family composition.

If you fail to report changes in household composition,

income, assets, or student status within 10 calendar days of the change, your assistance may be immediately terminated. You may also be charged retroactively to the date the change should have been reported. If there is retro rent, you will be required to pay that amount or be evicted and even prosecuted for fraud. So please report changes. This form will be available on our website soon.

Property Information

* Please return your garbage can to the back side of your apartment after the garbage run.

* Please pick up any trash in and around your yard to avoid charges.

* If you have a pet, please go through the proper procedure as specified in your lease.

* Watch your children carefully as they ride bicycles in and

around parked cars. You will assume the liability for someone else's damage.

* Do not store things outside the back of your apartment such as aluminum cans.

* Do not pour or dump food leftovers near the perimeter of the woods.

* Please make sure your garbage is bagged before placing in your can.

Weather Tips!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- shut doors to unused rooms.
- Keep your thermostat constant.
- Open blinds on sunny days.
- Avoid letting children run in and out as much as possible.
- Dress warmly when

- indoors as well.
- Please do not use portable electric space heaters.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS Happy Birthdays

- Haley Austin
- Jayquan Bennett
- Ricky Booker
- Skyler Alan Davis
- Logan Druyor
- Kayla Kiggins
- Toya Howard
- Linda Kilpatrick
- Za'Kylah La'Nette Williams
- Anne Meadows
- Pelatih Morgan
- Peninnah Morgan
- Rebekah Muir
- Gloria Reed
- Dana Scott
- Madison Smith
- Kilea Woods

The Housing Authority office had Halloween Trick-or-Treaters throughout the week. Thanks to the HAWC staff of Deborah and Lynn for making goody bags for the children.

We plan on many other future events designed to make our residents feel more at home and part of the "HAWC" community. If you have any suggestions for any type of event, please feel free to drop by the office and let us know. Remember, we are here for you and we need your assistance to make our communities better!

Holiday Safety!!!

The Christmas Holidays is a joyous time for most of us. It's a time to enjoy a few days off and time out of school for children. However, there are some things that we all must pay special attention to so that our holidays are more enjoyable..

- Please make sure that you unplug trees and lights before going to bed.
- If you wish to hang some seasonal decorations, please do not use nails or damage the property in anyway.
- Please dispose of gift wrap-

pings and leftover food items in a safe and sanitary manner.

- Please be sure and keep your doors and windows locked.
- Beware of your surroundings when shopping especially after dark.
- Please be considerate of your neighbors when hosting a party of family or friends not to disturb them after normal hours.
- Please have children put

PET INFORMATION

The Housing Authority of Walker County has been having problems with animal control. Over the past few months, there have been several instances where residents have pets and have not been through the proper channels with the office to meet lease requirements. There is a housing authority pet policy in place and it

will be enforced. Additionally please do not sit food out for strays. Feeding stray dogs and cats will only increase the population of unwanted animals. The uncared for animals cause problems with garbage containers, yards, nuisance to children and others that do not want animals in their areas. This also causes an increase with wild animals