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## COMMUNITY NEWS

I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with an update to our modernization projects that are currently taking place. At complexes Howard R. Brown and James Baird, painting of the doors on all of the units has been completed. Additional painting on the porches will continue in the next few weeks. The shutters for all of the buildings have been ordered and installation should begin the week of June 18th. For apartments in the Averitt and Corey Communities, porch columns have been ordered and installation should begin around June 20th. None of the remaining projects will interfere with your normal daily routine. Some other potential projects for Brown and Baird may include replacement of front and back security screen doors

as well as some parking lot construction to repair broken concrete. We will begin addressing some of your needs and request soon through various resident meetings. Please be on the lookout for notice of scheduled meetings. We need your participation! Please don't forget to visit our website at [www.walkercountyha.org](http://www.walkercountyha.org). There will be news updates, forms, prior newsletters and other information available. Soon, you will be able to check your current balance due by registering on the website. Applicants will soon be able to view their position on the waiting list as well as apply directly via our website. If you know of anyone who needs our assistance, please share this information with them. As always, we welcome your comments on how we can

improve our services to you. Lastly, the Housing Authority of Walker County's staff and Board of Commissioners would like to wish all of our residents a safe and Fourth of July!!!

**Kevin T. Fowler, Executive Director**



## HOLIDAY TIPS!!!!!!!

As we approach the Fourth of July Holiday, we want our residents to enjoy this wonderful occasion with your family and friends. While doing so, the HAWC management office wants to remind everyone of a few critical points that will make your holiday more enjoyable and safer for everyone in the com-

munity.  
1) Please remember that fireworks are illegal in the city limits of Dora and you can be fined. It is also a violation of your lease. We have many elderly residents and the loud noise is very disturbing. Additionally, fireworks create a great deal of unwanted trash that will have to be cleaned

up. There is also a potential for a fire or injury. 2) Remember, that is it a lease violation to use a grill of any kind for outdoor cooking on the housing authority premises.

Please be courteous of your neighbors to insure that everyone has a happy, safe and enjoyable Fourth of July.

# Change in Income Reporting By TYRA HARRIS



We are having an increasing problem with our residents failing to report income changes. If you are a Public Housing resident, you are required by your lease agreement to provide the Housing Authority of Walker County with information about your job, your income and the people living in your unit

You are required to report any changes in income or household composition

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.

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## General Property Information

As you know, the key to maintaining a clean and attractive property is effort by the residents. There are a few general housekeeping issues we would like to go over with you in hopes of improving our wonderful communities.

\*Please do not store inoperable vehicles on HAWC premises. This includes flat tires.

These vehicles will be subject to towing.

\* 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.

## NEW GARBAGE CANS

By now you may have noticed the new garbage cans that were delivered to your apartments over the past few weeks. Your new can is identifiable by your apartment number on the can. These garbage cans are approximately 30% larger and should alleviate the

problems many of you faced with overflow before garbage day runs. In addition to size, these cans also are substantially more durable. As a result of that, there is a greater cost of replacement. The current cost to replace one of these cans is \$150. So please do

not pour hot grease or deface them in any way. Also, please remember your garbage should be placed in secured trash bags before you deposit trash into the can. Please help us by maintaining your garbage can in a clean and proper condition.

# JUNE-JULY BIRTHDAYS Happy Birthday from HAWC Staff!

Allen Maleek  
 Helen Alston  
 Courtney Borwon  
 Abria Cain  
 Mi'yra Cain  
 Mavette Clay  
 Avian Goodman  
 Nadya Hammond  
 Tiffany Harkness  
 Brittane Holt  
 Anthony Jackson  
 John Jackson  
 Katheryn Lee  
 Alecia Patrick  
 Scott Angel  
 Sharen Sexten  
 Thadeus Williams  
 Braydon Wright  
 Jahari iTyree Boyd

Brittany Deskins  
 Christian Hogg  
 Mary Jo Hollis  
 Jacob Holt  
 Chantennile Howard  
 Phyllis Jackson  
 Sonja James  
 Felecia Kilgore  
 Kaylee Lucas  
 Pepper Mccullar  
 Alissa Nicole Pickle  
 Tyquan Poe  
 Mia Reese  
 Jocelyn Roby  
 Khalil Seay  
 Virginia Thacker  
 Debra Uptain  
 Carrie Ward  
 Annette Williams



## CHILDREN PLAYING!!!!

School has been out for almost a month and the weather has been wonderful for all of our children. However, we have been experiencing a lot of complaints from our different communities about children riding bicycles and playing ball in the parking lots. Several of the complaints that the HAWC management office has received has involved possible damage to several cars over the past month.

We have designated areas at all of our communities for children to have fun, ride bikes and play ball. If your child damages property belonging to someone else, you will be liable for the costs of repair, not the housing authority. Should you incur damage to your property, you are urged to file a police report as a first step. Secondly, you should file your claim with your automobile insurance agent.

It is perfectly permissible for children to have bikes, battery powered cars and scooters. However, these toys need to be picked up and put in their proper place after use and not left in parking lots and your neighbor's yard. So, let's keep our neighborhood looking nice and have our children put their toys where they belong when they are through playing as to not cause problems for other residents.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Recently there have been several calls to the management office to report a variety of issues. Residents need to call their local law enforcement agency (Dora Police Department 205-648-9110 and Oakman Police Department (for Oakman Residents) 205-622-3200) for issues that are not

related to the property itself or problems within the lease. If you suspect any illegal or suspicious activity, please notify the police department as well as the management office. If you personally witness a crime, or are a party to a crime please notify the Police Department at your community. Additionally,

please be aware that the HAWC office is in frequent contact with these law enforcement agencies and is notified of calls for service to our apartments and will address these concerns with the affected resident as needed.





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**SERVING OUR RESIDENTS AND  
COMMUNITY IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY**

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. If you know someone who needs our assistance, please tell them to come see us immediately. 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 and section 8 on Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

*June 2012*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Rent Due	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Late Fee	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Late Fee	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Close 12	30

*July 2012*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Rent Due	3	4 Closed	5	6	7
8	9	10 Late Fee	11	12	13 Late Fee	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Close 12				