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## First Edition Newsletter

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our residents, commissioners, staff and community members for all of their valuable contributions in the success of the Housing Authority of Walker County. I want to welcome you and hope that you enjoy the first edition of the HAWC (Housing Authority of Walker County) Newsletter. We will produce future issues of the newsletter approximately every two months or if there is something of urgent nature to share with our communities.

Inside each newsletter, you can expect to find information relating to policy issues, ongoing and upcoming projects, birthdays, calendars, community moderni-

zation reports and articles from HAWC staff members. In addition, we will notify you of any upcoming inspections, lease changes, fee changes and any other relevant information to you as the resident. So please take some time every few months and read through what we have to offer to in our new and exciting newsletter.



Housing Authority of Walker County Newsletter!!!!!!!!!!

I would also like to mention, that as an added convenience, you will be able to view our current or past newsletters on our website at [www.walkercountyha.org](http://www.walkercountyha.org). Just visit us there and click on the "public relations" tab and you will see "newsletters". These newsletters will be available in pdf format and are downloadable and printable. If you have any problems with this feature please feel free to contact us. As always, we welcome your comments on how we can improve our services to you.

**Kevin Fowler, Executive Director**

## HAWC is now ONLINE!!!!!!!!!!

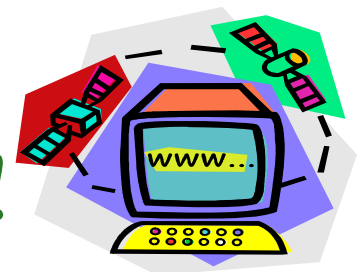
The Housing Authority of Walker County is now online. You can visit our website at [www.walkercountyha.org](http://www.walkercountyha.org) and on Facebook for updates and relevant housing and contact information.

The HAWC website offers a lot of new information. On our site,

public housing residents will be able to download forms and applications for friends and family as well as this newsletter. In the very near future, you will be able to apply online and check your current balances due. Section 8 residents will be able to download recertification information

as well as other forms.

Please continue to check our site on a continual basis for changes and upgrades as we continue to make the Housing Authority of Walker County the most resident and/or applicant friendly agency around.





# 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 Housekeeping

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 make sure you return you garbage can on pick-up days (we charge if we return

it)

\*Do not pour grease or dump food items outside of your apartments (lease violation)

\*Keep your yards (front and back) debris free and clean

\*Do not store dangerous items behind your apartment

\*Please remove any inoperable vehicles from the premises

\*Do not hang anything on windows other than the blinds provided.

Please pay special attention to these items as they will assist us and you in keeping your community clean. If you see anyone not doing their part, please let us know and we will address the matter with those individuals.



# Resident Council By DEBORAH YELDELL

The Housing Authority of Walker County is looking for interested residents (public housing) in our communities to become more involved.

It is the goal of the Resident Council to assist the members of the public housing

community in making our homes a safe and decent places to live. Additionally, the council wants to provide leadership and a strong working relationship with the HAWC management team. This can only be accomplished if the residents become involved. If

you are interested in serving on the Council please contact us at 648-5963 or e-mail us at the following:

[info@walkercountyha.org](mailto:info@walkercountyha.org)



# SECTION 8 (HCV) By LYNN JETTON

## What is the HCV Section 8 Program?

Section 8 is a housing assistance program funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The purpose of the Section 8 Program is to provide rental assistance to eligible low-income families.

Section 8 is different from other subsidized housing programs in that Section 8

allows the participant to pick from privately owned houses, mobile home and apartments in Walker County.

Each voucher holder has the freedom of choice in location and is encouraged to locate suitable housing. Once suitable housing is found, the apartment, house or mobile home is inspected to ensure that all housing codes and standards are met. If all require-

ments are met, then part of the rent is paid by the Section 8 Program each month as long as income qualifications and Section 8 rules and regulations are met.

Applications are currently being accepted on Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. until further notice.

For more information about the HAWC's Section 8 Program, please call (205) 648-5963, extension 107 or visit our website at [www.walkercountyha.org](http://www.walkercountyha.org).

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Birthday Residents!

Billy Babbs

Rachel Bonds

Caleb Brand

Charles Cox

Bobby Lee Davis

Mark Deskins

Kimberly Dodd

Samantha Drummond

Bailey James Early

Carrie Foster

Cody Foster

Jami Harris

Sheila Harris

Dalaila Hawkins

Ta'mia Howard

Antanaysa James

Rashevin Jones

Kameron Layton

Tony McCullar

Micayla Middleton

Jeri Moore

Casey Muir-Taylor

Tori Pierce



## NEW RESIDENTS

We have had a lot of new residents moving in over the past few months. The Housing Authority of Walker County would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you to our neighborhoods. If there is anything we can do to assist you in getting settled in, please feel free to contact our office. If

you have any questions about your rent, apartment, lease, or any problems at all please feel free to contact us at any time. Please see the back of this newsletter for important contact options. If you have any suggestions, please contact us with those too!!!!





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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.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 RENT DUE	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Late Fee 4:30pm	10
11	12	13	14	15 Late Fee 4:30pm	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Office Closes at 12pm	31