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COMMUNITY NEWS

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some upcoming projects that will be affecting your communities.

We are currently in the planning stages for future capital projects and items that will be included are: storm door replacement (Oakman), interior door replacement (Oakman), flooring replacement, parking lot and sidewalk resurfacing (Dora). These projects will be completed in different phases. The Housing Authority of Walker County held a bid opening on April 30 and the low bid was accepted for Sprouse Construction for the parking lot resurfacing at James Baird and the interior door replacement at Oakman. We anticipate a notice to proceed will occur in the next 4 to 6 weeks. Residents of the affected areas

will be notified in advance as soon as the work is scheduled to begin.

We will be holding some future resident meetings to obtain your input as to some needs to improve your communities. Your contribution and participation is extremely important and you can help us make your community better.

Please don't forget to visit us on Facebook and our website at 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 happy Memorial Day May 27, 2013. Please be careful during your travels!!!!

**Kevin T. Fowler, Executive
Director**



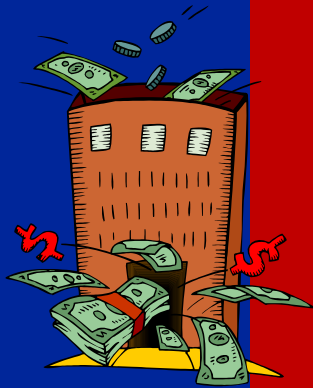
Summer Tips



Summer is fast approaching and with that means school will be out in just a few weeks. As in most summers, children spend a great deal of time outdoors in our communities. While this is a wonderful thing for our children, there are some items that we

must pay close attention to. 1) Please ask your children to not litter the premises. 2) Please refrain from playing and riding bicycles in the parking lots where cars are parked. The liability for damage falls on the resident.

Take some time to talk to your children and make sure that they are monitored at all times if you are away from the apartment. Let's all have a safe summer at the Housing Authority of Walker County. As always, please call us for assistance.



Change in Income Reporting By DEBORAH YELDELL

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 ask your children not to play or climb on the clothes lines. We have had to repair quite a few recently.***

* 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.

Insurance for Renters!!!!

As a renter, there are times when you may experience loss of property due to a variety of reasons. A fire, flood, burglary and many other disasters like these can leave you unprotected. As a renter, you should also be aware that the Housing Authority is not liable for your items in these cases. It is strongly recommended

that you purchase and maintain renters insurance. It is very affordable for anyone who is interested. Mr. Patrick Darty, Mutual Savings Insurance Company would be more than happy to come see you and explain this process. Please give Patrick a call at (205) 383-7975.



APRIL-MAY BIRTHDAYS Happy Birthday from HAWC Staff!

Hewitt Bell
Phebe Booker
Felicia Brandon
Jordan Bush
Ashanit Cade
Jeanna Cameron
Barbara Cameron
Zeniyah Clay
Charlene Foshee
April Foster
Gary Foster
Kionte Harris
Jamya Harris
Ceajay Headley
Jalaya Jackson=
Briyari Johnson
Lora Ann Kidd
Amanda Laster

Mikayla Layton
Joseph Levan
Stephanie Levan
Quanell Meadows
Sandra Miller
Georgia Moore
Jordan Reese
Angelica Redwine
Noah Redwine
David Rozier
Jennifer Rozier
Yaniya Rutledge
Jamal Saunders
Adam Sexton
Nathan Sexton
Kymari Thomas
Anthony Todd
Anthony Todd Jr.

Lawrence Tucker
Takeala Washington
Nicole Williams
Amanda Woods
Akilah Young



Outdoor Maintenance

Spring is here and that means grass cutting season. As most of you know, we contract out our lawn services. April 1, 2013, signifies the beginning of a bi-weekly cutting schedule that runs through September. During these months, we ask that you help us with keeping extra debris picked up around common areas that extend beyond your yard. Paper, rocks and glass are major obstacles in performing this task and making our communities look great. So

please help us by keeping these areas debris free.

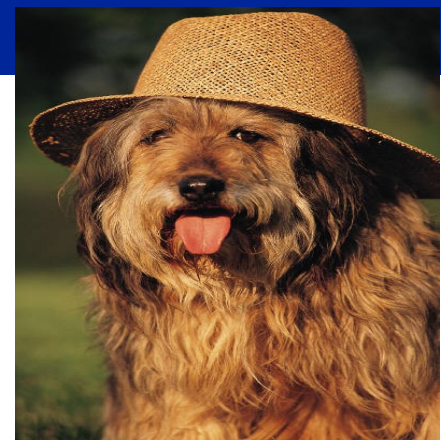
We have recently had problems with a lot of children playing with and or swinging from the clothes lines. Please ask your children not to do this as it is extremely dangerous to them. Additionally, there will be charges for clothesline repairs if it is for any damage beyond normal wear and tear. Let's have a great spring and summer !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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 control, yards, nuisance to children and others that do not want animals in there areas. This also causes an increase with wild animals.





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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. 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.

MAY 2013

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12	13	14	15 _{Late Fee}	16	17	18
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26	27 _{Closed}	28	29	30	31 _{Closed 12p}	

JUNE 2013

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