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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.

During the month of July, we began a major renovation project at Howard R. Brown and James Baird apartments. This project includes complete bathroom remodeling (tubs, commodes and sinks). All of the second floors are receiving new flooring. Additionally we are placing the lock systems on the front and rear doors.

Some future projects include storm door replacement at Brown and Baird apartments as well as some general landscaping. Along with storm door replacement, we will be replacing all interior doors and hardware. In Sometime in 2017-2018 HVAC replacements will begin and take approximately 3 years to complete.

We will keep all of you informed on any upcoming projects as funding becomes available.

Also, the week of October 26-29, please bring your child by the office for a special treat.

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 Halloween!!!!!!!

Kevin T. Fowler, Executive Director



Important Notes!!

***Please like and follow us on Facebook @ Housing Authority of Walker County. We post a lot of information there with office closings and other information related to application taking.**

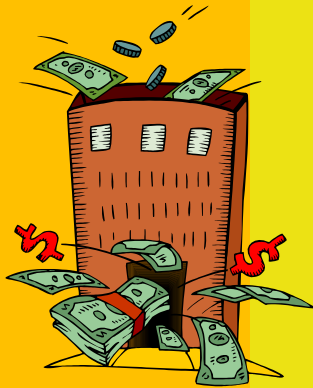
*** Please keep the office updated with current cell phone numbers and email addresses. We will be issuing alerts**

and other notifications via texts and email in the future. Alerts include but are not limited to maintenance schedules, pest control, office hours and or emergencies. You can send updated cell and email information to wcha@walkercountyha.org or tell one of us in the office when you are here paying

your rent.

***Please be reminded that there is a board approved CURFEW policy within this organization. Anyone under 18 must not be outside on the premises between the hours of 10:30pm-6:00am without a lease holding adult. This policy has not be adhered to recently and Dora PD will be monitoring frequently.**

Change in Income Reporting By Lynn Jetton



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.*

**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.*

HUD PHAS SCORE!!!

WHCA scores a 97!!! For the fifth consecutive year, the Housing Authority of Walker County has made the U.S. Department of HUD's high performer list. There are several criteria involved in obtaining this score and we are proud of this accomplishment. We

have gradually increased from 2011 a 90, 2012 and 2013 a 93, 2014 a 96 and a 97 for March 31 2015 year end. Thanks to our Board of Commissioners, staff and all of our residents for all of their hard work and effort in achieving this exceptional ranking!!!!!!



DORA 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 notice 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 for service to our apartments and will address these concerns with the affected resident as needed.



Halloween Safety!!!



Halloween Safety for Kids & Teens

Kids love Halloween! They get to dress up and get free candy! What a perfect holiday! Give your kids some precious Halloween memories that they'll have for life. Some of you kids already know things that you can do to be safe, like how to cross the street, not to talk to or go with strangers and things like that. But we adults know how exciting Halloween can be and that can make you forget to be careful. Here's some tips that we have just for you kids, to

- help keep you safe on Halloween night! Some of these ideas are called "common sense" ideas, that means that they are things that you should know and use every day in life. You are never too young to learn!
- Be careful with lit jack-o-lanterns.
- Never let your children go out alone
- Parents need to check all treats before children eat
- Only enter areas that you know
- Stay on sidewalks and driveways
- Take a cell phone with you if possible

- Carry A flashlight if possible
- Be cautious of strangers
- Do not take part in any vandalism
- Only visit residence's where lights are on

Have fun on Halloween but keep it safe, have some good, clean fun and your parents will trust you for many Halloweens to come! Showing them how responsible you can be will give you a feeling of pride and make them see just how adult you really are.

Animals and Pets

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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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-Thursday between the hours 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Please feel free to come by and see us. We are currently accepting applications for public housing only on Wednesdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 ^{Closed}	5
6	7 ^{Closed Labor Day}	8	9	10 ^{Late Fee}	11	12
13	14	15 ^{Late Fee}	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 ^{Close 12p}			

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 ^{Closed}	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 ^{Late Fee 5pm}	13	14	15 ^{Late Fee 5pm}	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 ^{Close 12}	30	31