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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. Currently, we are completing parking lot resurfacing, parking lot striping and renumbering in James Baird and Howard R. Brown Apartments. In Oakman, we are nearing the completion of replacing all of the interior doors in the units as well as front and rear storm doors. We will begin planning for flooring and bathroom renovations at James Baird Apartments in the next few months.

We have completed all of the stove replacements throughout all of our units to the electronic ignition gas stove. We are going to begin replacing some of the older refrigerators in the near future. We will be holding some fu-

ture 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](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 happy Halloween and Thanksgiving!!!!

**Kevin T. Fowler, Executive Director**



## Important Notes!!

Prior to June, garbage cans were to be returned to your premises before Friday morning. Due to the change in our office hours, cans are now due back to their rightful place before 10am on Thursdays. We will be making a walk-through on grounds and common areas

every Thursday and unreturned cans will result in a charge of \$2.00 per occurrence.

\*We are still having problems with unsupervised children playing near parked cars. Please talk to and monitor your children about where to play.

\*The HAWC is currently evaluating methods of payments for rent. There is a possibility that we will not be accepting cash beginning in January 2014. If that occurs, checks and money orders will be accepted. Additionally, a night drop box will be provided at the office front door.

# 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.*

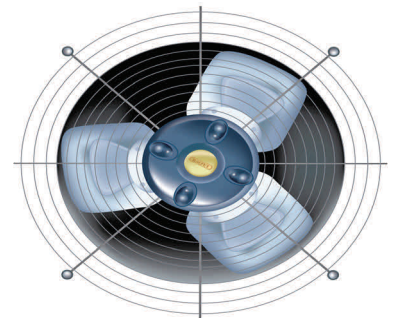
*\*Do not pour or dump food leftovers near the perimeter of the woods.*

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

## Air Conditioner Units!!!

Recently, we have experienced problems with residents placing objects such as rugs, towels and blankets on the exterior air conditioning units. Please do not store any type of material or debris on these units as doing so may cause damage to the unit. Should you

AC unit become damaged from such negligence, you will be responsible for the repair costs. All of our units are equipped with private clotheslines in the rear of the apartment and are for your use. If you have a damaged line, please call in a work order.



# OCT-NOV BIRTHDAYS Happy Birthday from HAWC Staff!

Marry Carr  
 Emma Goodwin  
 Michael Green  
 Marla Harris  
 Denedra Hawkins  
 Christina Headley  
 Makayla Heppner  
 Jessica Higginbotham  
 Javion Jones  
 Sheila Kilgore  
 Meghan McCain  
 Mary Muwwakkil  
 Jamal Saunders  
 Layla Stackhouse  
 Ivan Stewart  
 Brittany Sweet  
 Kai Malik Thomas  
 Nevia Washington

Dushawn Austin  
 Jevon Austin  
 Barbara Black  
 Jordan Foy  
 Marche Foy  
 Tyler Harris  
 Courtney Rutkowski  
 Jade Rutkowski  
 Brandon Sexton  
 Joann Tillery  
 Willie Towns, Jr.  
 Cody Wright  
 A'justice Washington  
 Shamar Washington



## 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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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 currently accepting applications for Section 8. Please check our website at [www.walkercountyha.org](http://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 and section 8 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

*October 2013*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> <i>Rent Due</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Closed</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Closed Training</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Closed Training</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Late Fee</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Late Fee</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
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