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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.

In the past few months we have completed parking lot repairs as well as striping of the parking lots. In Dora Oakman had all new interior doors replaced with new hardware installed.

We are currently working on plans for bathroom remodeling at James Baird and Howard Brown apartments. This will consist of replacing tubs and sinks/vanities as well as replacing the upstairs flooring throughout. Additionally, we will be replacing all entry door hardware to a master core system at all housing communities.

Some future projects include storm door replacement at Brown and Baird apartments as

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

Also, the week of October 27-30, 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 im-

prove 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!!

Beginning November 1, 2014, the Housing Authority of Walker County will no longer accept cash for rent or payments of any charges. This change is necessary for the protection of the office and its staff. We will accept checks and money orders (post office, Wal-mart or Piggly Wiggly are several

options). Please note, one returned check will result in a restriction from paying with that method.

It is possible that in the future we add a credit/debit card machine for your convenience if the cast can be worked out.

Also, please be aware that due to the Thanksgiving Holi-

days falling on the end of the month, our last business day will be Tuesday November 25th. The office will take rent up to 4pm. At that time, we will close to process our end of month. The office will reopen for normal business on Monday December 1, 2014. If you have any questions, please give us a call.

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.*

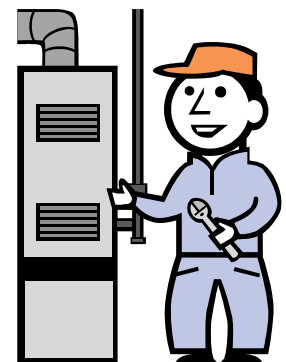
**Do not pour or dump food leftovers near the perimeter of the woods.*

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

HUD REAC SCORE!!!

As you know, most of this spring, we were busy preparing for the HUD physical inspection. We were inspected with units randomly selected on June 12th. We were notified on June 19th that we scored a 94. That is the highest score we have received in 10 years. I

want to thank all of you for your assistance in helping us achieved this fantastic score. Our staff worked tirelessly to make the needed repairs to apartments and general property. That will allow the HAWC to continue several more years HUD high performer status!!!!



OCT-NOV BIRTHDAYS Happy Birthday from HAWC Staff!

Marry Carr
 Marla Harris
 Denedra Hawkins
 Christina Headley
 Makayla Heppner
 Jessica Higginbotham
 Sheila Kilgore
 Meghan McCain
 Austin Reeves
 Ivan Stewart
 Kai Malik Thomas
 Dushawn Austin
 Jevon Austin
 Barbara Black
 Jordan Foy
 Marche Foy
 Tyler Harris

Courtney Rutkowski
 Jade Rutkowski
 Brandon Sexton
 Joann Tillery
 Willie Towns, Jr.



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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**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-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.

October 2014

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

November 2014

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						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 ^{Closed}	8
9	10 ^{Late Fee}	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 ^{Late Fee}	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 ^{End Of Month}	26 ^{Closed}	27 ^{T-Giving}	28	29/30