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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. Recently, we received bids from contractors to perform work at our apartment complexes under Capital Fund Grant 2011. For the James R. Baird and Howard R. Brown communities, the building will receive new shutters and all of the front and back doors will be painted on the inside and out. For the communities of Averitt and Corey (Oakman) we will be replacing the front porch columns. We anticipate signing a contract and ironing out the dates in the upcoming weeks. These projects will be of minimal disruption to your daily routine and will be completed as promptly as possible. As that project nears com-

pletion, we will begin replacing some of the stoves at the Brown and Baird communities. Additionally, we will be holding some future resident meetings to obtain your input as to some needs to improve your communities.

Please don't forget to visit 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 Easter!!!!

**Kevin T. Fowler, Executive
Director**



HIGH PERFORMER RATING

The Housing Authority of Walker County recently learned that it had received a "High Performer" designation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Housing Authorities are scored on several criteria that measure overall performance including: capital

fund, account receivables, occupancy standards, accounts payable, and physical site/unit inspection. HAWC scored a 90 for year ending March 31, 2011. This award could not have been achieved without the dedication of HAWC staff, commissioners and the great residents that we have living in our communities.

We recently just completed year end March 31, 2012 and fully expect to earn this HUD designation once again in the upcoming months. The Housing Authority is extremely excited about our future and look forward to serving a great community.



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.

Happy Easter

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Housing Authority of Walker County will be participating in the East Walker Relay for Life event on April 27 at 7 p.m. The event will be held at the Sumiton Community Center behind Walmart. The survivors and caregivers reception will start at 6 p.m.

Survivors will get their purple t-shirt and register for the survivor's walk to begin at 7 p.m. In the event of rain, the event will be moved to the Sumiton Church of God's Family Life Center. For more information call Alison at 205-602-5795.



APRIL-MAY BIRTHDAYS Happy Birthday from HAWC Staff!

Felecia Brandon
 Jeanna Cameron
 Zeniya Clay
 Julianna Cummings
 April Foster
 Gary Foster
 Jamya Harris
 Ceajay Headley
 Lora Ann Kidd
 Billie Lemley
 Josheph Levan
 Stephanie Levan
 Kelsey Lucas
 Georgia Moore
 Jordan Reese
 Adam Sexton
 Lawrence Tucker
 Akilah Young

Phebe Booker
 Ashanti Cade
 Barbara Cameron
 Charlene Foshee
 Kionte Harris
 Jalaya Jackson
 Mikayla Layton
 Quanell Meadows Jr.
 Quanell Meadows
 Sandra Miller
 Angelica Redwine
 Noah Redwine
 Taniya Rutledge
 Naythan Sexton
 Kymari Thomas
 Christian Williams
 Nicole Williams
 Shaun Willis



MAILBOX INFORMATION

Recently, residents of Howard R. Brown and James R. Baird apartments were given keys to begin using the cluster mailboxes that were built over a year ago. There were some difficulties with getting this process completed. However, all mailboxes are in use and the old individual boxes have been removed. There are some items that need attention from our residents of these communities. 1) please

work with your children and teach them not to put trash, toys and other debris in the outgoing mail slot. In just a matter of three weeks the Dora Post Office has called the management office to bring this to our attention. 2) When you are left a large package, a key for that box will be left in your box. Please leave the key in the key lock after you retrieve your package. Please ask your children

to not remove these keys as we have found several missing as well as some turned into the office. It should be noted that tampering with U.S. postal property is a Federal Crime and is punishable by law. These mailboxes were installed for your safety and should be treated as part of your community.



A Special Thanks to Janet Eustice!!!!!!

The Housing Authority of Walker County would like to acknowledge the retirement of a long-time and very dedicated employee. Former Executive Director, Janet Eustice retired from the HAWC on June 30, 2011. Janet became employed with the housing authority in 1986 and her career spanned

more than 25 years until her retirement. Janet became the Executive Director in the year 2000 and under her direction the housing authority achieved many goals and provided a great number of housing authority improvements for the residents. For her service to the Housing Authority of Walk-

er County, the Board of Commissioners, the staff and the residents of the community, thank you for all of your dedication and service.





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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.

April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Rent Due</i>	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>EASTER</i>	9	10 <i>Late Fee</i>	11	12	13 <i>Late Fee</i>	14
15	16	17 <i>Closed</i>	18 <i>Closed</i>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>Relay</i>	28
29	30 <i>Close 12</i>					

May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Rent Due</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 <i>Late Fee</i>	11	12
13	14	15 <i>Late Fee</i>	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 <i>CLOSED</i>	29	30	31 <i>Close 12</i>		