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Many thanks go out to our summer lunch program volunteers.

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The City of Cookeville Annual Red, White and BOOM fireworks display will be at the Putnam County Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 4, at 9 p.m. This is one of the largest fireworks displays in Tennessee and a great way to celebrate safely with free fireworks!

Please remember the Highlands Residential Services fireworks policy: *“Not to use fireworks in any manner on HRS property and/or premises.”*

This policy is not just for Independence Day, but year-round. You are responsible for your children or non-resident visitors who are also not allowed to use fireworks on HRS property.

All types of fireworks are included, such as:

- Bottle rockets • Firecrackers
- Sparklers • Poppers, etc.

In 2011, HRS experienced a fire that started from a child using firecrackers and resulted in three homes being burned. Fire safety is important every day. We have had three separate units catch on fire within the past year. We want you, your family, your belongings and your home to be safe.



House fire in Cookeville earlier this year.

Some everyday fire safety tips are:

- If your smoke alarm starts to “chirp,” this means the battery is going dead. You **MUST** call the office, regardless of the day or time, to have it replaced by our maintenance department. Our after-hours maintenance emergency phone number is (931) 260-6080.
- Do not cover, disconnect, cut off at the panel box or disable your smoke alarm or the battery in any way. NEVER EVER.
- The storage or use of kerosene, gasoline or other flammable or explosive materials is prohibited.
- Do not put anything within 3 feet of your heat source or your air return system.
- Never overload electrical outlets or extension cords. Do not place cords and wires under rugs or in high-traffic areas.
- Never leave cooking food unattended, especially frying. Never leave items sitting on stove burners or stored in the oven. These could accidentally be turned on and ignite items sitting on them.
- Avoid using candles or, if you do, only use jar-type candles, and never leave them unattended.
- NO SMOKING within 25 feet of any HRS home or buildings. NO SMOKING at Walnut Village homes or on the grounds.

The office will be closed in observance of Independence Day on Friday, July 3. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday.

Melinda's MEMOS



Annual recertification for residents of Gainesboro and Boatman/Darwin streets will be processed differently due to COVID-19 precautions. No face-to-face interviews will be conducted. We will use the 2020 Social Security COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) rate of a 1.6% increase in benefits to calculate rent where applicable.

If you have income or household composition changes to report, please provide us with documentation of the changes as soon as possible. Documentation may be submitted to me at the main office lobby or by mail to Melinda Ayers, 235 W. Jackson St., Cookeville, TN 38503; email to mayers@highlandsrs.com; or fax to (931) 526-5841. If you have any questions about the revised recertification process, please call me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 220.



Chelsea's CHAPTER

Walnut Village residents: For problems or issues with your cable TV or computer internet service, please contact Spectrum customer service directly. No HRS staff or maintenance can do any work on the Spectrum service. The only thing we can do is re-send you your wi-fi password. **Rent collection:** Walnut Village and Willow Heights residents should continue to mail in your rent or pay in person at the main office or use the on-site drop box. **Walnut Village/Willow Heights** programs remain on hold until a later date to ensure the safety of participants. We look forward to being able to get together with each of you as soon as restrictions are lifted.

Kathy's CORNER



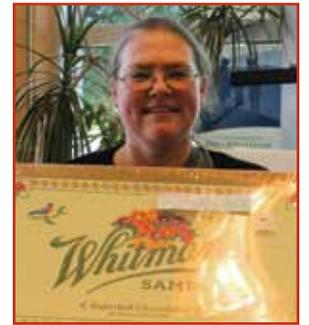
First Christian Church of Cookeville will be delivering

free, non-perishable food boxes to Putnam County-only senior residents age 65 and up during the month of July. For more information or to request a box, you simply need to call (931) 292-4641 or email to food65@fcc-cookeville.org your name, address and phone number.

Please note - any of our programs or community programs could change without notice due to COVID-19 restrictions.

TENNESSEE'S SALES TAX HOLIDAY

will start at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 31, and end at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 3. Shop sales-tax-free on most clothing, school supplies and computers. Plus, stores will offer lots of great sale prices. For more information, visit: www.tntaxholiday.com.



Congratulations to our June Cool Contest winner, Sheryl O'Brien of Algood.



KATHY G'S NEWS & VIEWS

OUR SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

continues for a few more days this month. So far, even with COVID-19 restrictions, we are having a great summer! This year, children do have to enroll in the program, as we are serving a limited number.

We meet Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed July 3, 6, 7 and 8), with our last day being July 17. Each day begins with breakfast, then fun and games are provided by area community groups, resource agencies and churches. Lunch is served at noon. All food is provided by the Putnam County School Nutrition Program.



We have developed procedures for sanitation and illness prevention that all participants, staff and volunteers will have to follow. If you have any questions, please call me, Kathy G., at (931) 526-9793, ext. 224, or Kathy S. at ext. 212.

The Putnam County school summer meal bus delivery ended on Monday, June 29, although meals can be picked up at the following locations through July 17:

- Algood Elementary
- Avery Trace Middle School
- Burks Elementary School
- Cane Creek Elementary School
- Cornerstone Elementary School
- Jere Whitson Elementary School
- Prescott South Elementary School

MONTEREY FOOD BOXES

This summer, we have been helping the Monterey Food Pantry by delivering food boxes every other Tuesday to our families with children in Monterey. The food grant was specifically for families with children. This month's deliveries are scheduled for June 30 and July 14, and possibly July 28. We appreciate Mrs. Pat Williams and her volunteers at the Monterey Food Pantry for all their hard work.

MAINTENANCE MINUTES

Pest control will be Wednesday, July 8. HVAC central air conditioner filters will be changed the week of July 27-31. Please keep children and pets away from the lawn mowers and move any items in the yard out of the path of the mowers. Remember, kiddie pools are not allowed for several reasons on any HRS property.

For questions concerning your rent, household changes, work orders, etc. please call the main office at (931) 526-9793, ext. 210.

Remember to "like us" on our Facebook pages for updates.



YOUTH NEWS WITH SHAQUAWANA

For more information about any of the following, please contact me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213.

The TNT Summer Day Camp began last month and continues through July 16. COVID-19 has limited the places we usually go, but we are having a great summer anyway. We've spent time outdoors doing such things as goat cuddling at Harmony Lane Farms and learning about horses at Manna's Hana. We've taken road trips and visited local and state parks. We've had weekly culinary classes, and we are working in the TNT garden. One great thing is our teens have been able to do more volunteer work - packing and delivering Second Harvest food boxes and helping with Food to the Rescue.



Our After-School program enrollments for TNT and KIDS Matter begin in late July/early August. The TNT program is for HRS youth in grades 7-12 in the Cookeville area. Our KIDS Matter after-school reading program is for youth in grades K-6. For more information about either program, please call me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213.

Quawana's Closet will be closed Tuesdays, July 7 and 14, as I will be working with our TNT program, but will reopen Tuesdays, July 21 and 28, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. this month. Lots of new items have come in over the summer, including kids' and adult clothes. If you need assistance from the closet, please call me. If no answer, leave a message, and I will get back with you.



RESOURCE CENTER

Life Church is once again sponsoring the Back to School Bash on Saturday, July 25, from 9-11 a.m. at their main church campus, located at 2223 N. Washington Ave., Cookeville. Free school supplies (while they last), music, activities and prize drawings! Everyone welcome.

Lighthouse Christian Camp in Smithville, Tennessee, continues with free camps for boys ages 9-11 this month. Applications are available at the HRS main office, and transportation is provided by the camp. You do need to register soon and reserve your transportation. This is a great camp with lots of fun things to do.

Dates are:
 • July 13-17: Jackson County boys
 • July 20-24: Putnam County boys

COOL CONTEST!!! Enter to win this basket full of household items donated by Quawana's Closet. To enter, answer the following questions correctly based upon information in this newsletter, then drop off the entry form in the HRS main office lobby or mail to Kathy Smith, Highlands Residential Services, 235 W. Jackson St., Cookeville, TN 38501. Entries must be postmarked by July 6 and received by July 10. One winner will be drawn from correct, completed entries on July 13. Only one entry per household and for HRS residents only.



1. Are sparklers, firecrackers, poppers, etc. ever allowed on HRS property? _____
2. What is the date for the Tennessee Sales Tax Holiday? _____
3. What is the week of HVAC filter changes? _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

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<p>PLEASE NOTE: ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR BE CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19/CORONAVIRUS SOCIAL DISTANCING RESTRICTIONS</p>		<p>REMINDER:</p>  <p>No Fireworks Allowed</p>		<p>1 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  TNT: Summer Day Camp RENT DUE!</p>	<p>2 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  TNT: Summer Day Camp</p>	<p>3 Office Closed for Independence Day Summer Lunch Program CLOSED TODAY</p>	<p>4 </p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6 Summer Lunch Program CLOSED TODAY  TNT: Summer Day Camp</p>	<p>7 Summer Lunch Program CLOSED TODAY  TNT: Summer Day Camp</p>	<p>8 Summer Lunch Program CLOSED TODAY  TNT: Summer Day Camp PEST CONTROL TREATMENT DAY</p>	<p>9 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  TNT: Summer Day Camp</p>	<p>10 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>13 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  TNT: Summer Day Camp LATE FEES ADDED</p>	<p>14 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  TNT: Summer Day Camp Monterey Food Box Delivery</p>	<p>15 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  TNT: Summer Day Camp EVICTION NOTICES FOR NON-PAY</p>	<p>16 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  TNT: Summer Day Camp Board Meeting</p>	<p>17 Summer Lunch Program 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. LAST DAY!</p>	<p>18</p>	
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Quawana's Closet Open 1:30-3 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Back to School Bash, Life Church 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.</p>	
<p>26 HVAC Filter Replacement this week July 27 - 31</p>	<p>27 COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS LIFTED ON RENT PAYMENTS. EVICTION NOTICES FOR NON-PAY SENT TODAY.</p>	<p>28 Quawana's Closet Open 1:30-3 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 TENNESSEE SALES TAX HOLIDAY THIS WEEKEND LAST DAY CALL IN FOR PEST CONTROL</p>		



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All Resident Services activities operate under Highlands Residential Resources, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

It is the policy of HRS to ensure that no citizen shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

POLICY REMINDERS



The HRS Smoking Policy is now in effect for all HRS homes. A copy of the policy is available at the HRS main office.

NO FIREWORKS AT ANY TIME ON ANY HRS PROPERTY BY ANYONE.

No fireworks (includes bottle rockets, firecrackers, sparkers, poppers, etc.) at any time on any HRS property by anyone."



ADDRESSES: ONLY residents listed on the current lease can receive mail at one of our addresses and no one else.

»»» The office is closed for lunch from 12-1 p.m.