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New senior housing, Oak Tree Towers is under construction.

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We are so excited about our new Oak Tree Towers on Buffalo Valley Road in Cookeville! Ground breaking took place earlier this summer, and the initial structure for elevators is going up. This 50-unit, three-story complex will house low-income (rent based on income) seniors age 62 and up. Projected completion date is June 2021. An announcement will be made when applications are being taken.

Also, in the planning stage is our new large multi-family complex, Hickory Valley which will also be on Buffalo Valley Road. These are the first brand new construction projects for HRS since 2009. Funding from the sale of property located off Willow Avenue by the main office was used to help with the building of these new homes. Here at HRS, we realize there is a great need for low-income affordable housing, and we are doing what we can to help provide safe, decent, affordable homes.

QUAWANA'S CLOSET/FREE HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

During the month of October, the closet will have a large selection of various sizes and styles of FREE Halloween costumes on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last, one costume per child/youth/teen on your HRS lease. Thank you to residents Michael and Amanda Turner for the generous donation. The closet is open every Tuesday in October from 1:30-3 p.m. at 706 Pine Ave., Cookeville. Can't make it to the closet? Just call me, and I will do my best to help you. We do ask visitors to wear a mask, wash your hands before you arrive, and maintain social distance. Hand sanitizer will be available. Visitors may be asked to wait outside until safe distances can be managed inside.



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

Melinda's MEMOS



RENT in a pandemic. Please be advised that monthly

rent continues to be due and payable on the first day of each month, and late fees are assessed after the 10th of the month. We strive to continue to provide safe and affordable housing. During these trying times, we understand situations may arise that can put a strain on your finances; therefore, we ask that you inform us of any changes in income or increased expenses so that we may assess your current situation and calculate rent accordingly. As always, if you have any questions, contact me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 220, or via email at mayers@highlandsrs.com.

Kathy's CORNER



Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 virus and the seriousness of it with senior populations, the UCDD's Senior Expo will not be held this year. For the same reason, our Walnut Village and Lunch & Learn events are still on hold, although we are really looking forward to resuming resident programs and activities.

We have free Panera bread and Food Lion deli bread and produce in our main office lobby on Mondays and Wednesdays after 10 a.m., as available, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Daylight Savings Time is Sunday, Nov. 1. Clocks "fall back" one hour.

Chelsea's CHAPTER



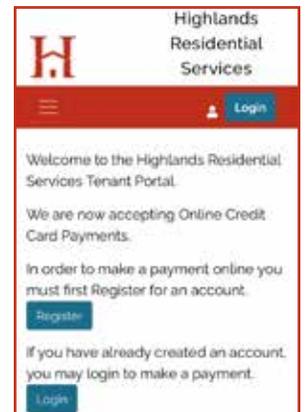
We would like to thank our Walnut Village residents for their cooperation over the past year and a half during the extensive remodel and modernization of Walnut Village. *I would like to remind everyone that Walnut Village is completely smoke free now. No smoking is permitted anywhere on the property or inside the apartments by residents or their guests.*

If you are a Walnut Village resident who does not have our community-wide Wi-Fi and cable services and would like access, please contact me with your email address so I can set that up for you. Emergency pendants will be here soon; please call me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 221, or email me at cyork@highlandsrs.com if your contact information changes.



IMPORTANT HRS UPDATES

HRS now accepts credit/debit card payments for rent or money owed from all residents. You can use your card at the main office OR pay online through our new Tenant Portal. There is a \$2 usage fee that will be added for all card transactions either at the office or online. You can continue to pay with cash, check or money order.



KATHY G'S NEWS & VIEWS

NEED HELP TO APPLY FOR LIHEAP?

We have LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) applications available in our main office lobby, or you can contact your local UCHRA office to apply. For residents who are homebound, I may be able to assist you in applying. Please call me, Kathy Garcia at (931) 526-9793, ext. 224.

GOD'S GRACE FOOD PANTRY through Cookeville First United Methodist Church, 165 E. Broad St. (enter from the Spring Street side) is hosting a drive-thru food distribution on Oct. 27, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, from 2-6 p.m. Please have your car trunk cleaned out, and remain inside your vehicle. No animals allowed in the vehicle, and no more than two households per vehicle.



FREE WEATHER ALERTS

I am still in the process of delivering the donated weather alerts we received in August. A limited number was donated with certain requirements as to who would receive them, one being older residents first. These are free with no monthly usage fees. The alerts are just a way to allow you to get in a safe location in the event of a weather emergency.

The main office will now be closing at noon on the last business day of the month.

Pest Control treatment will now be on the second Tuesday and second Wednesday of each month.



YOUTH NEWS WITH SHAQUAWANA

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



Quawana's Coats The COVID-19 virus has really changed how events are handled. We are still in the process of planning for Quawana's Coats distribution, which will be later this month. Be watching our Facebook page, Highlands Residential Services, for an announcement or call me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213.



Fall Funday! HRS kids in grades K-12 are welcomed to join us for our 10th annual Fall Funday. We'll have lots of games, arts and crafts, outdoor activities and free lunches. And, we will be making "slime" this year!! HRS kids can participate at any location closest to them.

- Times are: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the following locations:
- Cookeville - TNT Center, 706 Pine Ave., Tuesday, Oct. 6
 - Celina Soil Conservation Office, Wednesday, Oct. 7
 - Baxter Community Room porch, Thursday, Oct. 8
 - Boatman/Darwin at the parking area on Darwin St. (will cancel if rain), Tuesday, Oct. 13
 - Monterey Community Room, Wednesday, Oct. 14
 - Gainesboro Old Manager's Office, Thursday, Oct. 15

TNT/KIDS Matter Gardening Our youth programs have been working with SeedFork of the Highlands and Kainos Church for the past year to have year-round fresh produce to eat. This summer, we have harvested and enjoyed eating watermelon, cantaloupe, tomatoes, okra, butternut squash, peppers, beans, cucumbers, sunflower seeds and more! The kids have learned and worked all aspects of the garden from preparing soil, planting, weeding to picking the final product. In 2021, we hope to increase the garden in size and have space for all residents to garden.



Welcome to LaTrece Willis

LaTrece is our new part-time AmeriCorps resident programs assistant and will be working with our youth and adults. LaTrece has lived in Cookeville most all her life and prides herself on raising her two children as a single mom. Her son is a college graduate, and her daughter will graduate early from high school in December with plans to start a higher education program. LaTrece is looking forward to being part of a community that helps each other.



Remember to "like us" 🍷 on our Facebook pages at Teens Need Training and Highlands Residential Services to check out all the great things happening.

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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>NOVEMBER 1 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: "FALL BACK" ONE HOUR</p>			<p>1</p> <p>KIDS matter After-School Program</p> <p>RENT DUE!</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>BOUNTIFUL BREAD</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pine Ave. Fall Funday Open 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Quawana's Closet Open 1:30-3 p.m.</p> <p>PEST CONTROL TREATMENT DAY</p>	<p>7</p> <p>BOUNTIFUL BREAD</p> <p>Celina Fall Funday Open 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>PEST CONTROL TREATMENT DAY</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Baxter Fall Funday Open 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>			
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>BOUNTIFUL BREAD</p> <p>tnt TNT: Fall Field Trip</p> <p>LATE FEES ADDED</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Boatman/Darwin Fall Funday Open 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Quawana's Closet Open 1:30 - 3 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>BOUNTIFUL BREAD</p> <p>Monterey Fall Funday Open 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Gainesboro Fall Funday Open 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Board Meeting</p> <p>EVICITION NOTICES FOR NON-PAY</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>			
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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.