



# community TIMES

The Highlands Residential Services Newsletter

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Teens Need Training summer day camp 2020 learning about nature.

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## APPLICATIONS NOW BEING TAKEN FOR OUR NEW OAK TREE TOWERS

To apply: Anyone who would like to live at Oak Tree Towers will have to go through a complete application process, including all current HRS residents. All applications will be on a first-come, first-served basis. To begin the application process, you (or your representative) will have to come to our main office, 235 W. Jackson St., Cookeville, anytime on May 5, 6, 7, 10, 11 or 12 from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4:30 p.m. (Friday the 7th is 8:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-2:30 p.m.) to be given application instruction and assigned an interview date and time.

Application appointments WILL NOT be made over the phone to ensure that applications are taken on a strictly first-come, first-served basis. Actual application interviews will begin on May 5, and the actual applicant will have to be here for the application interview unless a reasonable accommodation is necessary, which would be handled on a case-by-case basis. Please bring with you the following original documents: social security card, birth certificate and proof of income. All applicants and household members must be 62 years of age or older and meet eligibility and income limit guidelines. Applicants in excess of the first 50 eligible applicants will be placed on a waiting list for the next available apartment. (Continued on page 2 – Chelsea’s Chapter)



## TRANSITIONING TO RAD-PBRA HOUSING

This month, we will begin in-person interviews with [Cookeville Public Housing developments](#). During your interview, you will be required to sign new leases and recertification documentation. ALL household members age 18 and over MUST be present at the interview. This interview will serve as your annual recertification for 2021. (Continued on page 2 – Melinda’s Memos)

## Melinda's MEMOS



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All residents affected by the current

transitioning period should receive a letter notifying you of the appointment date and time for your interview and a list of **ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION** you **MUST** bring to your appointment. If you have any questions, please call the office at (931) 526-9793. **Please note that appointment dates/times are limited, and we need your full cooperation during this process.**

## Kathy's CORNER



Our Resident Services staff will be assisting our housing managers

with the new applications and changes mentioned here. Because of their involvement, beginning in June, the HRS monthly newsletter will be temporarily suspended. For the latest information, please visit our main office lobby, check out our Facebook pages – Highlands Residential Services or Teens Need Training, or go to our website at [www.highlandsrs.com](http://www.highlandsrs.com).

## Chelsea's CHAPTER



*Continued from page 1:* Oak Tree Towers is our new three-

story, 50 one-bedroom apartment complex for low-income seniors age 62 and up. It is located on Buffalo Valley Road and has a projected completion date of August 2021. It has many modern amenities, including elevators and a sprinkler system.

**Oak Tree Towers will be completely smoke free, including the grounds outside.**

## HRS IS GROWING AND BUILDING!!

In addition to our new Oak Tree Towers, we will soon break ground on our next new development, Hickory Valley Apartments, also located off Buffalo Valley Road. Hickory Valley will consist of 48 one-, two- and three-bedroom multi-family units in complexes that are a mix of one- and two-story homes. Construction is expected to begin this fall, with a projected completion date of late 2022.

Here is a sneak peek of what the homes may look like.



We're not stopping there! Also in the very preliminary planning stage is our third new development, Magnolia Ridge Apartments, which will also be in the general location of Oak Tree Towers and Hickory Valley.



## KATHY G'S NEWS & VIEWS

### FREE SUMMER GARDENING CELEBRATION - EVERYONE WELCOMED!

Everyone is welcome to come to the garden for a Summer Gardening Kickoff Celebration on Saturday, June 5, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be gardening demonstrations, information on how to grow your own food, free refreshments and more!

The on-site community garden is being planted, and several residents have already participated in the process. The garden is located between our West 6th & 7th Street homes in the grassy area behind the maintenance warehouse. It's easy to spot, and all HRS residents are welcome to just show up. The next work day is Saturday, May 15, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. You may want to wear some older shoes and bring cold water. All gardening supplies are furnished. Other work dates will be announced on-site from one week to the next.

The garden is being overseen by volunteers Carrie and Dana with Kainos Church, TTU student & intern Austin, and Rodney of Seed Fork of the Highlands. Just remember, if you work the garden, you get to harvest and eat the food!



### FREE COVID VACCINES - EVERYONE WELCOMED!

Highlands Residential Services, along with the Putnam County Health Department, will have free on-site COVID-19 vaccines for anyone – residents, your family, the community, etc. – wishing to receive the vaccine on Monday, May 3, from 9 a.m.-12 noon at the HRS Main Office community room, 235 W. Jackson St., Cookeville. No appointments needed; you can simply show up. If you are coming just for the vaccine, please come to the community room entrance on the side of the building. If you are planning to pay your rent and get the vaccine, you will need to come to the main office lobby first. This will be the Pfizer vaccine, so the second vaccine date will be Monday, May 24, from 9 a.m.-12 noon at the same location.

### LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN CAMP

This all-free camp, located in Smithville, Tennessee, is for boys and girls ages 9-11 living in Cookeville, Baxter, Monterey and Gainesboro, with transportation provided from area pickup locations. Applications and details are available at the HRS main office.

Dates are:

- June 28-July 2: Girls - Cookeville, Baxter, Monterey, Gainesboro
- July 19-23: Boys - Cookeville, Baxter, Monterey
- July 12-16: Boys - Gainesboro

***The HRS main office will be closed Monday, May 31, in recognition of Memorial Day.***



# YOUTH NEWS WITH SHAQUAWANA

*"For more information about any of our youth programs, please contact me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213."*



*TNT youth write thank-you notes for Power of Putnam as part of a community volunteer project.*

## KIDS MATTER

Our KIDS Matter after-school program youth recently held their very own talent show, which included guest visitors Monika and Henry Bowman, who were entertained by a comedian, dancer, keyboard player, dramatic reader and more! The Bowmans also presented a donation to both KIDS Matter and TNT. Guest readers in April were Cookeville Jr. Woman's Club, who taught the kids to make "seed bombs." In May, Breakfast Rotary members will provide two programs in addition to our monthly scheduled guest reader, Jessa with the Imagine Foundry.

## SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

For several years now, HRS has hosted a summer lunch program at the Pine Avenue police substation, where we not only distributed school lunches, but we enlisted community volunteers to provide activities to our children. Unfortunately, due to summer staffing needs, we will not be able to have the activity portion this year, but we are looking at a plan to distribute lunch meals during the month of June to kids in the 7th Street and Pine Avenue area. Families in the 7th Street and Pine Avenue area will be notified if we can distribute meals.

## Quawana's Closet

will be closed temporarily beginning in May due to Resident Services assisting with other housing duties. However, if you have a specific need such as clothing (especially for kids), household or hygiene items, please let me know, and I will do my best to assist you.

## TEENS NEED TRAINING

Our TNT youth are loving these warm, sunny days. I realized several years ago that, rather than forcing kids to do things such as homework, it works better to teach them accountability for their choices. So now both groups of kids choose to pull out their homework (when they have it), get it done, and then engage in an activity of interest. I also found most of the kids strive to get homework done at school to allow them more time at TNT to do what they enjoy.

We will not be able to have the TNT summer day camp as we normally do, although we are planning a trip to Lake Winnie, which the TNT kids work to earn. We are hopeful that a few days may be possible, and we plan to resume both TNT and KIDS Matter in the fall when school starts back.

We want to let our numerous community supporters know how much we always appreciate your help. Our new friends at Academy Sports Distribution Center recently visited our TNT after-school youth to provide a program on work ethics, employment opportunities and job training information. And they brought lots of free goodies! Thank you so much, Academy!



## PROM DRESSES

I still have a great selection of beautiful prom dresses and accessories in various styles and sizes to loan for proms, pageants, formals, or just any occasion for which you need something special to wear. Once again, contact me, and I will try to help you find just what you need.

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<p><b>QUAWANA'S CLOSET CLOSED THIS MONTH PLEASE CALL SHAQUAWANA AT 931-529-9793, EXT. 213, FOR ASSISTANCE</b></p>						<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>RENT DUE!</b></p>
<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>FREE DELI BREAD</b></p> <p>Free COVID-19 First Vaccine 9 a.m. - 12 noon</p> <p> TNT: After-School Program</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>KIDS matter</b> Reading Program</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>OAK TREE TOWERS APPLICATIONS BEGIN</b></p> <p><b>FREE DELI BREAD</b></p> <p> TNT: After-School Program</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>KIDS matter</b> Reading Program</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
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<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>EVICION NOTICES FOR NON-PAY</b></p> <p> TNT: After-School Program</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>KIDS matter</b> Reading Program</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p> TNT: After-School Program</p> <p><b>LAST DAY BEFORE SUMMER</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Board Meeting</p> <p><b>KIDS matter</b> Reading Program</p> <p><b>LAST DAY BEFORE SUMMER</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Free COVID-19 Second Vaccine 9 a.m. - 12 noon</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>MAIN OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON TODAY</b></p> <p><b>LAST DAY TO CALL FOR PEST CONTROL</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>MEMORIAL DAY MAIN OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>					



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

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.