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T.E.A.M. COUNCIL YARD SALE & FUNDRAISER

will be Saturday, Sept. 12, from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. at the HRS Main Office parking lot, with item donations being accepted until Thursday, Sept. 10, for the yard sale. The council has tons of great items – small furniture pieces, household décor, kitchen items, books, toys, collectibles, clothing of all sizes, etc. Volunteers are needed to help collect and sort donations and also on the day of the sale. Community service hours will be given for helping.



RESIDENT COUNCIL T.E.A.M.
TOGETHER EVERYONE CAN ACCOMPLISH MORE

T.E.A.M. Resident Council will meet Tuesday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m.-noon at the HRS main office community room, 235 West Jackson St. An exciting agenda is planned this month. At 10 a.m., the Tennessee Dept. of Transportation (TDOT) will share information on a statewide, long-range transportation plan, and they would like your

input on our community's transportation needs. Following this, Resident Council officer elections will be held. Lunch is provided and all residents are welcome to attend.

Participation in any of these council meetings counts as four hours of community service. If you need transportation to any Council or HRS event,

please call Sammie at (931) 526-9793, ext. 224. Resident Council is now on Facebook! Be sure to "like" 🍷 Highlands Resident Council for all the latest news, information, pictures and more. The council will soon have a separate tab on the Highlands Residential Services website to showcase more about the council.

Highlands Resident Council is now a 501c3 non-profit.

T.E.A.M COUNCIL WISH LIST

FOR THE CARE CLOSET:

- Household paper goods
- Clean shopping bags
- Cleaning supplies of all kinds
- Spray bottles
- Vinegar
- Baking soda
- Blue non-concentrated dish liquid
- Borax
- Lemon juice

Melinda's MEMOS



**Annual Re-
certification
Interviews**
It is time
for annual

recertifications in Monterey. You should receive a letter notifying you of your appointment date and time. If you have any questions, contact me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 220.

Kathy's CORNER



**Reward
Events**
Our
Resident
Services

Department recently received awards of merit from the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment for our Fall FunDay event and Quawana's Coats. All residents are invited to participate in these events in October.



TIMELY TIDBITS

LABOR DAY! The office will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 7, and again on Wednesday, Sept. 30, for year-end accounting.

FALL FUN FEST Cookeville's Main Street Festival will be held in the downtown square on Sept 11th - Sept 12th. There will be live entertainment and fun for the whole family. Admission is free. For more information visit fallfunfest.com.



ANNOUNCE MENTS

Angel's Attic Fall Distribution at First United Methodist Church parking garage, 165 E. Broad St., Cookeville, will be held Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Event features free clothing, home goods, toys, Halloween costumes and refreshments.

New Beginning Fellowship Church Food Pantry at 775 West Cemetery Rd., Cookeville, Saturday, Sept. 19, will be held from 9 a.m.- 11 p.m. Open to anyone; just bring a photo ID.

Street R.A.G.E. Youth Day: Reaching a Generation Effectively, sponsored by First United Pentecostal Church, will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, from 11 a.m.-noon in the parking area near the Police Substation at 706 Pine Ave. All residents are invited for fun, games, fellowship and a snack. Cancelled if rain.

Don't Quit, Just Come! Tobacco Cessation classes. These free, open-to-the-public classes are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month from 2-3 p.m. at the HRS Main office community room. Each class stands alone, so you can come anytime. Each class counts as two hours of community service.



Sammie's SECTION

RESIDENT RESOURCE CENTER is open every Thursday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the TNT Center in the Police Substation, 706 Pine Ave. This is a great way for residents to use computers to look for jobs, create resumés, read emails, learn computer skills, etc. I can help you with community resource information, completing LIHEAP applications and much more. An English/Spanish translator is available. No appointments are necessary; you can simply drop in on a first-come, first-served basis. Have questions or need transportation? Call Sammie at (931) 526-9793, ext. 224. Community service hours are available.

NEED A NEW OR BETTER JOB: Current area job postings are available weekly in the HRS main office lobby and at the resident resource center.

The new Academy Sports & Outdoors is now accepting applications for numerous job listings.

Apply online at www.academy.com/careers and click on distribution center positions. No computer access or unsure how? Please see me at the Resident Resource Center. Computers are also available at the Putnam County Library and the UCHRA Career Center.

The Goodwill Career Center, located beside the Goodwill store in Cookeville, currently has numerous job opportunities available and computers to apply for jobs, create resumés and more. Fork lift certification and food safety classes are available.

If you have any questions regarding any of these programs, please call me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 224.

BOUNTIFUL BREAD distribution will be Tuesday, August 11, from 10 a.m.-noon at the HRS main office community room.

LIHEAP. Low Income Home Energy Assistance applications will begin around October 1 - mark your calendars. Exact application details will not be available until closer to application acceptance time. Please check with your local UCHRA office.



YOUTH NEWS WITH SHAQUAWANA

TNT News

ABCmouse.com Early Learning Academy provides over 5,000 games, songs, books, puzzles and art activities to help children ages 4-7 learn reading, math, science, social studies, art and music. HRS has partnered with ABCmouse to offer your child a free, limited account, which I can set up for you. All you need to do is call me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213, or email me at swester@highlandsrs.com with your child's name, age and grade or for more information. I've used this with my own children, and it's awesome!

Our Teens Need Training after-school program is in full swing. Our teens receive an after-school snack, have computers to use, can do homework, receive tutoring or mentoring and play teen learning games. Don't forget to like us on Facebook at Teens Need Training.

Did you know? TNT was started in 1995 by the Cookeville Police Dept. They, along with the Police Athletic League, have continued to be supporters for TNT. Today financial supporters include several different individuals, clubs, businesses, groups, foundations and churches.

We still have a few slots for our KIDS Matter after-school reading program for HRS youth in grades K-4 who live in Cookeville. They meet on Tuesdays after school at the TNT Center in the Police Substation. We've been having a great time with guest readers and a visit from the CPD drug dogs. Kids receive a heavy snack and check out books to read at home. Transportation is not provided at this time. If you would like more information about any of our youth programs, please call me at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213.



KIDS Matter enjoy a visit from the CPD Canine Unit.



TEENS NEED TRAINING

WISH LIST

- School supplies
- Books for kids and teens
- Packaged snack items
- Hand sanitizer
- Hygiene Items

TNT operates 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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY is a nationwide day of community volunteering, held the fourth Saturday of every October. Mark your calendars! On October 24, we will have not one but two huge events happening simultaneously in the HRS main office parking lot. These events are free and open to anyone, no questions asked! Be watching your October newsletter for details on these exciting events.



These young ladies enjoy selecting new coats at last year's Quawana's Coats

QUAWANA'S COATS Shaquawana Wester will have her 4th annual prize winning coat distribution again this year, but bigger and better than ever! There will be coats, food, games for kids, giveaways, music and more!



Sun, Seed & Soil and the PC Health Dept. will distribute canned tomatoes at Beyond the Garden

HRS residents at the Horticultural Therapy Community Garden. Most of the fresh summer vegetables have been harvested and distributed to HRS residents in several areas. Fall foods — seasonal greens along with some root vegetables — have been planted, so there is still plenty of opportunity to work in the garden and reap the harvest at no cost to you. The garden is the basis for this Make a Difference Day project. Plans are underway for farm foods taste testing, recipes, preserved food distribution, healthy ideas for low-cost meals, and more.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS, WE NEED YOUR HELP! To host a coat collection in your place of business or worship, call Shaquawana at (931) 526-9793, ext. 213, to get started now. Also accepted: personal hygiene items and non-perishable food. To help with Beyond the Garden, call Sammie at (931) 526-9793, ext. 224. Items needed:

- Canning jars — pints or quarts — rings and flats
- Bottles of water
- Household cleaning supplies and paper goods — all kinds

If you would like to help and join in on the largest nationwide day of volunteering, call Shaquawana or Sammie.

NEW THIS YEAR - BEYOND THE GARDEN

For a Make a Difference Day project, AmeriCorps volunteer Sammie Ferrell has worked alongside Ellen Wolfe and Sherrye Winnett, numerous Putnam Co. Health Department volunteers and lots of

 **SEPTEMBER 2015**

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6	7 LABOR DAY! OFFICE CLOSED	8 WILLOW HEIGHTS: Rent Collection 10 a.m.-11 a.m. KIDS Matter Reading Program Tobacco Cessation Class: 2 p.m.-3 p.m.	9  TNT: After-School Program	10 Computer Resource Center Open 9 a.m.-2 p.m. COMMUNITY SERVICE DUE	11 Fall Fun Fest LATE FEES ADDED	12 Fall Fun Fest Resident Council Yard Sale Open 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
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20	21  TNT: After-School Program	22 Tobacco Cessation Class: 2 p.m.-3 p.m. KIDS Matter Reading Program	23  TNT: After-School Program	24 Computer Resource Center Open 9 a.m.-2 p.m.	25	26 Street R.A.G.E. Youth Day 7th & Pine 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
27	28  TNT: After-School Program	29 KIDS Matter Reading Program LAST DAY TO CALL IN FOR PEST CONTROL	30 Year-End Accounting OFFICE CLOSED  TNT: After-School Program	 MARK IT: 9/8 Bountiful Bread & TEAM Resident Council Meeting: 10am -12pms Sept 8th 		



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

 **DOWNLOAD IT**
To download a digital version of our calendar, please visit HighlandsRS.com.



Please remember the HRS fireworks policy: "Not to use fireworks in any manner on HRS property and/or premises." This is any type of fireworks and includes bottle rockets, firecrackers, sparklers, poppers, etc.

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

