

MAINTENANCE MINUTES

Walnut Village bathroom renovations will start January 28, 2013.

All residents should ensure they don't place furniture or any objects within 36 inches of your gas heaters.

During the winter months on nights where temperatures drop into the 20's or below please leave kitchen cabinet doors open at the sink. This will allow warm air to keep the pipes at or near room temperature so they won't freeze.

MEMOS FROM MELINDA



If you missed your required Annual Recertification Interview in January, please contact me at your earliest convenience to reschedule, 526-9793 Ext. 220.

Walnut Village rent collection will be Monday, February 4 from 10:00 - 12:00.

Willow Heights rent collection will be Friday, February 8 from 10:00 - 11:00.



Do you have a child about to graduate from High School? Have you graduated from High School or received your GED? Have you thought about going back to school for higher education but not sure how to pay for it? Then College Goal Tennessee is where you need to be! Simply attend the free session closest to you—which for all of the CHA area would be: Monday, Feb. 4th from 1:00—8:00 at Clement Hall, 1010 N. Peachtree Ave. on the TTU Campus. A financial aid professional will answer your questions and help you fill out the application for federal, state, lottery and other financial aid programs, including FAFSA. Get help to qualify for undergraduate admission to a college, university, career college or technical school. Visit: www.tn.gov/collegegoalsunday for more information before you go. We also have brochures in the CHA Main office lobby with more information.



Resident Spotlight Patricia Young

We are very pleased to introduce you to Patricia Young. Patricia is a Cookeville native. At the very young age of 4 months it was found she has a genetic disorder, spinal muscular atrophy, that has deteriorated her muscles. Patricia has feeling but cannot walk or use her arms. But there is no way this has stopped Patricia! She has continued her life despite her disability. She graduated from Cookeville High School in 2009. Now, she is working on an associate's degree in psychology from Nashville State Community College. She is taking 9 hours of classes this semester and makes A's & B's. Patricia uses a voice activated computer to complete her course work. When she graduates from NSCC, she will finish her bachelor's degree at Tennessee Tech. Her plans are to work as a counselor with the school system.

Patricia has lived with Cookeville Housing Authority for 4 years where feels safe and secure. She likes her apartment and she thinks the maintenance department does a good job. Her advice to others is "never give up. Just because you have a disability doesn't mean you can't have a full life like anyone else".

Way to go Patricia! What an inspiration to all of us!

REMINDER: The office will be closed Monday, February 18 for President's Day.

In the event of very bad weather—impassable roads, some resident services events may be cancelled or re-scheduled for the following month. If you have any questions, please call Becky at 526-9793 Ext. 213 or Kathy at 526-9793 Ext. 212.

Adult Services Updates from Becky



I recently received the following E-mail at work. It had a very well known nation wide bank's name and logo attached to it:

BECKY'S BLOCK

Dear Valued Member,

We noticed invalid login attempts into your account online from an unknown IP address. Due to this, we have temporarily suspended your account.

We need you to update your account information for your online banking to be re-activated. Please update your billing information today by clicking here - www.bof.com/secured/update. After a few clicks, just verify the information you entered is correct. Sincerely, BOA Member Services Team

P.S. The link in this message will be expire within 24 Hours. You have to update your payment information now.

The funny thing is I don't bank with this bank! I instantly knew this was a scam to try to get my personal information. Or if I had opened the link I would get a computer virus. BEWARE: scams, frauds or potential computer viruses can be sent to anyone. Be careful if you get E-mails like this one. Even if it is your bank you should contact them before giving out your information or clicking on an unknown link.

Kathy, Resident Services Coordinator



This month we have 3 opportunities through resident services for you to get some community service time. If you are in need of hours, are behind on hours or want to get ahead on some hours, then please come to these events! Community service is designed to give residents that are able to work a way to learn job skills, stay connected to the work force while looking for a job, make great potential personal reference contacts and many more reasons. It is not a "punishment" for being currently unemployed.

Youth News from Shaquawana, Youth Services Coordinator



We have welcomed back our TTU tutors to our TNT after-school program after a long Christmas break. We are very fortunate to have so many great Tech students to help our teens perform better at school.

TNT youth had a blast on Dec. 27 during Christmas break. They spent the day at Jumpville having loads of fun, food and



great times with friends. Pictured here: Helen, Ashley, Carla & Star.

Reminder to all TNT parents— no school = no TNT. If school closes early or is closed for the day for bad weather so is TNT. Or if school gets out at it's usual time but the weather is getting bad, TNT may cancel for that afternoon. If in doubt, please give me a call, 526-9793 Ext. 213.

HEY KIDS!!! Get Ready for March!

The Poster Contest for all housing kids in grades K—12 will be held during your school's Spring break – be watching the March newsletter for the schedule!

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt for ages 0—11 will be held on Good Friday, March 29. The times & sites will be noted in your March newsletter. We will have loads of candy, great prizes and the Easter Bunny!

February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2  Ground Hog Day
3 Tomorrow on the 4th—College Goal Tennessee 1:00—8:00	4 TNT After-School Program. 10:00 Walnut Village Rent collection.	5	6 TNT After-School Program.	7	8 10:00 Willow Heights Rent collection.	9
10	11 TNT After-School Program.	12 1:00—2:00 Habitat for Humanity Class	13 TNT After-School Program.	14  10:00 Resident Council Meeting. 12:00 Valentine's Day Party. 	15	16
17	18  No TNT President's Day office closed	19 11:30—12:30 Neighborhood Safety Program	20 TNT After-School Program.	21 9:30 "Bountiful Bread" for 7th St. 11:00 CHA Board of Commissioners meeting.	22	23
24	25 TNT After-School Program.	26	27 TNT After-School Program.	28		

Cookeville Housing Authority reaffirms its policy to afford all individuals the opportunity to participate in federal financially assisted services and adopts this provision: It is the policy of Cookeville Housing Authority 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.

Please remember Cookeville Housing Authority's fireworks policy: "Not to use fireworks in any manner on CHA property and/or premises." This is any type of fireworks & includes bottle rockets, firecrackers, sparklers, poppers, etc. NO FIREWORKS AT ANY TIME ON ANY CHA PROPERTY BY ANYONE!

RESOURCE CORNER:

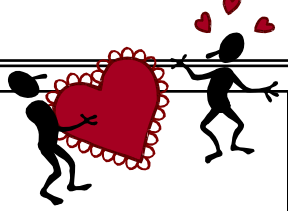
Are you looking for a job? Thinking about changing jobs? Every Monday morning we will be posting various job listings from local websites in the CHA main office lobby. These will be as current information as we can find. If you haven't checked it out, please visit the Goodwill Career Center at 575 S. Jefferson Ave., phone 520-8789. They have up-to-date job listings, computers to research jobs & make a resume, provide technical assistance for interviewing skills and much more. This does not involve working at Goodwill—just a resource to help with finding a job. Don't forget your local Tennessee Career Centers (unemployment office). They work with potential employers looking for employees. And most public libraries have computers that anyone can use so you can do your own job searches. These are great resources if you do not have a computer or internet access at home or just need some help or guidance. And don't overlook your local newspaper help wanted ads. Lots of potential employers still post help wanted ads.



CHA TEAM NEWS February 2013

235 West Jackson St., P.O. Box 400 Cookeville, TN 38503
Phone: (931) 526-9793 or After-hours emergency (931) 260-6080
M- Manage A- Adapt P-Promote P—Provide Choice Housing

Neighborhood Safety Program
CHA Resident Services & your Resident Council have teamed up to sponsor a neighborhood safety program.
DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 11:30—12:40
PLACE: Baxter Community Room, 318 Alexander St.
WHY: Baxter Police Chief Danny Holmes will give ideas & information on making your surroundings safer, self-defense and more!
WHO: All public housing residents are invited! Not only will this be awesome information but Mr. Holmes is a fantastic speaker.
Coffee & Danish provided.
Attendance for the entire meeting counts as 4 hours of community service. In the event of very bad weather the meeting will be re-scheduled for March.

Resident Council

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 14, 10:00—12:00 afterward..... 12:00—2:00 Valentine's Day Party & Bingo Game—bring finger foods, other games to play, etc. Great Bingo prizes furnished! Everyone is welcomed to attend either the council meeting or the Valentine's Party or both.
WHERE: CHA Main office community room, 235 West Jackson St.
AGENDA: Events & fundraiser planning, etc.
REMINDER: Your resident council has placed a suggestion box in the CHA Main office lobby for you to anonymously leave suggestions for the council. The officers will be checking the box. Or, you can mail a letter, anonymously to: Cookeville—Algood Resident Council, P.O. Box 400, Cookeville, TN 38503-0400. Housing will not be checking either of these.

If you are present for the entire resident council meeting you can receive 4 hrs. of community service. If you are also present for the entire Valentine's Day Party you can receive another 4 hrs. of community service.



OPEN THE DOOR

Are you willing to work *today* to change your family's *tomorrow*?

Come hear more!
Wednesday, Feb 13th
1:00-2:00
CHA Main Office
Community Room
235 W Jackson St
Cookeville
Refreshments Provided
(attendance counts as 4hrs
Community Service)

You can own your home

Apply Today!

Applications accepted through March 29


Applicants must have *consistent income*, a *need for housing* and a *willingness to partner* with Habitat for Humanity by completing sweat equity hours. Also education & financial classes.
Applications available at Feb 13th meeting & at Habitat offices
Call Nancy at 528-1711 for more info