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WE ♥ MOMS

Join Us at Our “Muffins with Moms” Celebration

All residents are invited to join us in celebrating moms of all ages by bringing them to Muffins with Moms at the HRS main office community room on Thursday, May 8, anytime between 2 and 4 p.m. Enjoy a free muffin, register for door prizes and have lots of fun together. **(PHOTO:** HRS residents Jennifer and her daughter Helen enjoy baking bread together.)



DENIM DONATION

Large Turnout at the Jeans Giveaway

More than 300 people came to HRS on Saturday, April 5, to get free blue jeans during our Teens for Jeans giveaway.

The few jeans that were left were distributed to three local community resources that plan to have their own clothing distributions this year. We will let you know the dates and locations of these distributions in case you missed ours.

Melinda's MEMOS



Annual recertification interviews for W. 6th, W. 7th,

W. 8th and Cypress and Pine will be conducted in May. You should receive a letter with your appointment date and time and required documentation that you **MUST** bring to your interview.

Becky's BLOCK



Just a reminder that local job listings are posted in the HRS

main office lobby by noon Mondays. Please stop by to pick up a listing. Also, check out the Tennessee Career Center of Cookeville's Twitter (@TNCCCookeville) for job announcements.

Kathy's CORNER



If you have any left-over plastic Easter eggs, please

consider returning those to Resident Services at the HRS main office so we can use them again next year. We may be able to pick them up from you, so just give us a call at 931.526.9793.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quitting Time. Our Quit Smoking /Tobacco Cessation class will be held on Tuesday, May 13, and Tuesday, May 27, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the HRS main office, 235 W. Jackson St. The class is free and open to the public, and you can participate at any time. Each meeting counts as two hours of community service. Call Kathy at 931.526.9793 ext. 212 with any questions. In Celina, the Quit 4 Life Tobacco Cessation program meets every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. Call Daphne Roach of Cumberland River Hospital at 931.243.5190 with questions or to register.

Maintenance Minutes.

Annual inspections will continue during May. You will receive a notification. Also, mowing has begun! Please keep all toys, items and trash out of your yard and away from the mowers. Acres of mowing are done each week, and it is very time consuming to have to move items onto porches.

DON'T MISS OUT: Opportunities Galore at HRS



OPEN POSITION IN HRS: On August 10, our Adult Programs Coordinator, Becky Hyder, will complete her term as an AmeriCorps Community Cares volunteer and plans to begin a secondary education program. After her departure, HRS will assist Tennessee's Community Assistance Corporation (TCAC) AmeriCorps in filling her position in our Resident Services department. Position requirements and applications will be available at the HRS main office beginning May 1, and all completed applications are due by May 23.

The candidate for this position will be working as a volunteer under the TCAC Community Cares AmeriCorps program. The volunteer will receive a monthly living allowance, an education award, health insurance and child care assistance. This is a full-time, 40 hours per week position with an anticipated start date of Monday, August 11.

AmeriCorps helps people learn new job skills, develop potential employment connections and earn money for higher education without affecting any current benefits the person may be receiving. For more information, please visit tcac1.org.

STAY CONNECTED: Opportunities for our residents come to us all the time, and we want to get this information out to everyone as quickly as possible. We hope you review your newsletter, check out highlandsrs.com and "like" us on our HRS and TNT Facebook pages to get the latest information about us and our community.





YOUTH NEWS WITH SHAQUAWANA

School Ends, and Summer Fun Begins!

AFTER AFTER-SCHOOL

Our last day for the TNT after-school program is set for Monday, May 19. This date may change according to the school system calendar. TNT members will be notified.

Our TNT summer program will meet for five weeks on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from June 9 through July 9. We are planning loads of awesome activities, such as swimming, cooking, day trips and more! The TNT summer program is a free program for twelve youth who

have successfully completed the TNT after-school program.

MAKE A POSTER

You can still enter our "What Home Means to Me" poster contest. Bring your poster by the HRS main office any time before May 30. We can provide free poster board and crayons/markers. If you have any questions, call 931.526.9793 ext. 213.

DRIVE SAFELY

Please drive carefully and obey the speed limits in all HRS developments.

Children and adults will be enjoying the outdoors this summer, so it's vital to watch for pedestrians.

JOIN THE R.A.G.E.

Street R.A.G.E. (Reaching A Generation Effectively) Youth Day is back. Sponsored by First United Pentecostal Church, this event will be held the fourth Saturday of each month. Join us Saturday, May 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for fun, games, food and words of encouragement at the HRS main office community room. All residents are welcome.

RESIDENT COUNCIL: It's a Happening Place To Be

GET DOWN TO BUSINESS: Resident Council will meet on Tuesday, May 13, at 10 a.m. in the HRS main office community room. After the council's business meeting, the annual Resident Advisory Board meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Attendance counts as four hours of community service. All residents are invited to attend.

OFFICER POSITION: The position of council secretary is open and will be voted on at the May meeting. If you are interested in serving, please attend the meeting.

BREAD TIME: The monthly bread distribution is now being held during Resident Council. Disregard what is in the 2014 HRS calendar. Meeting attendance isn't required to pick up bread, but we would love to have you.

MEET THE COUNCIL: Council officers visit various housing sites to promote



council activities. They have been to Baxter, Algood and Monterey so far this year. In May, they plan to go door-knocking in the Gainesboro area.

DRESS TO IMPRESS: Johnnie Wheeler of the UCHRA Career Center recently spoke to the Resident Council. The center provides free services like resume preparation and a clothing closet for interviews. Visit 580 S. Jefferson, Suite A in Cookeville to utilize these services without having to register at the center. **(PHOTO:** Above, Johnnie Wheeler demonstrates proper interview attire for the council.)



TIMELY TIDBITS

MOTHER'S DAY.

Don't forget to wish your mom a happy Mother's Day on Sunday, May 11.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The office will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 26.

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.

 **MAY 2014**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 RENT DUE!	2	3 Dream Sweep Yard Sale at the Putnam County Fairgrounds
4	5 WALNUT VILLAGE: Rent collection. <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program.	6	7  <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program.	8 WILLOW HEIGHTS: Rent collection. <i>Muffins with Moms</i> 2 to 4 p.m.	9	10 COMMUNITY SERVICE DUE.
11 MOTHER'S DAY LATE FEES ADDED!	12  <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program.	13 <i>Resident Council and "Bountiful Bread"</i> Main Office 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tobacco Cessation 4 to 5 p.m.	14  <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program.	15 EVICITION NOTICES FOR NON-PAY/ COMMUNITY SERVICE. <i>BOARD MEETING</i>	16	17
18	19  <i>TNT:</i> Last Day Before Summer.	20	21	22	23 AMERICORPS VOLUNTEER: Deadline to turn in your applications.	24 Street R.A.G.E. Youth Day at the HRS Main Office from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY: Office Closed.	27 Tobacco Cessation 4 to 5 p.m.	28	29	30	31 LAST DAY TO CALL FOR PEST CONTROL


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

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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.**
