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The Highlands Residential Services Newsletter

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TNT after-school program participants invite everyone to see their new digs.

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HRS works with Power of Putnam to keep homes smoke free.

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Check out the dates and times for your neighborhood's annual Fall FunDay.

**OPEN HOUSE****TNT Unveils Its Program Room Makeover**

Everyone is invited to an open house on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 3 to 5 p.m. at 706 Pine Ave. to celebrate the Teens Need Training after-school program room makeover.

Funds for the makeover were provided by a national Make a Difference Day grant sponsored by USA Weekend, Gannett, Newman's Own and Points of Light. Shaquawana Wester's 2012 Make a Difference Day coat drive project was recognized by these organizations on April 13 in

**MARK IT: 10/3**
Teens Need Training
Open House
3 PM - 5 PM

Washington, D.C., and was one of 10 national winners. Thanks to the grant, the TNT meeting site on Pine Avenue is now a true "teen hangout."

Cummins Filtration, the Cookeville Police Department and the Police Athletic League all worked together to purchase a StarBoard for the teens to use. **(PHOTO: Right,** Teens will be able to use the StarBoard during after-school study sessions.) And the Fraternal Order of Police has purchased two computers for TNT.



Melinda's MEMOS



If you live in Monterey and you missed your HRS recerti-

fication review in September, please call me at 931.526.9793 ext. 220 to schedule a new appointment date and time.

Becky's BLOCK



Join us at the UCDD Area Agency on Aging's 12th An-

nual Senior Expo to be held on Thursday, Oct. 24, from 8 a.m. to noon. Don't forget to stop by the HRS booth to register for a door prize.

Kathy's KORNER



Cedar Hill Baptist Church will host a block party with food,

games and fellowship on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the HRS Baxter community room on Alexander Street. Everyone is invited.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maintenance Minutes.

Preventative maintenance inspections and work order repairs (which should be placed in a timely manner) will continue in preparation for our REAC inspections at the end of October. You will be notified by hand-delivered letter when maintenance is in your development. HVAC installations will also continue in Algood.

Resident Council. The meeting on Thursday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon will feature a food safety and budgeting program*, installation of new officers and a tiebreaker vote for the office of historian. Attendance counts as four hours of community service.

*Rescheduled from last month.

Free Food and Fun! The Putnam County Sheriff's Department "Night Out" is Monday, Oct. 28, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Justice Center parking lot on Spring Street and features a dunk tank, money machine, prizes and more!

MAKE A PLEDGE: Keep Your Home Smoke Free

The Smoke-Free Home Pledge Program is an initiative of Power of Putnam for a safe and drug-free community in collaboration with Highlands Residential Services.

WHAT THE PLEDGE IS ABOUT: This program is designed to encourage parents and individuals to keep tobacco smoke out of their homes and away from children. It encourages families and households to pledge not to smoke inside their homes and not to permit others to do so. Or if they smoke, to only do so outside and away from others.



DIRECTIONS: Signing up for this program is easy! It requires only registration and the completion of two small surveys throughout the year. For each completed survey, the household will be entered to win a voucher for \$100 off their utility bill!

To sign up, go online to powerofputnam.org/smokefree or complete the registration slip below. You can either mail it to Power of Putnam, P.O. Box 49371, Cookeville, TN 38506, or you can drop it off at the HRS main office with the Resident Services department. Once you complete your registration, you will receive a packet in the mail with directions on how to help make your home smoke free!



SMOKE-FREE HOME Pledge Program

Name of Household Contact Person

Address of Household

Contact Phone Number

Number of Individuals Living in Household

Number of Minors Living in Household



Mail this registration slip to Power of Putnam, P.O. Box 49371, Cookeville, TN 38506, **OR** drop it off at the HRS main office with the Resident Services department.



YOUTH NEWS WITH SHAQUAWANA

Fall FunDay, TNT News and More

Join us for our annual Fall FunDay with crafts, games, free lunches and more for kids in grades K-12. Fall FunDay will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the following sites:

- Cookeville Main Office, 235 W. Jackson St.
Tuesday, Oct. 8
- Celina Soil Conservation Office, 301 Green St.
Thursday, Oct. 10
- Gainesboro Old Manager's Office, 509 N. Murray St.
Friday, Oct. 11
- Cookeville Police Substation, 706 Pine Ave.
Tuesday, Oct. 15
- Baxter Community Room, 318 Alexander St.
Thursday, Oct. 17
- Monterey Community Room, 819 Jackson St.
Friday, Oct. 18

TNT NEWS

Teens Need Training will again partner with the Cookeville-Putnam County Clean Commission for its annual fall Adopt-A-Road trash pickup along Pine Avenue on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 10 a.m. Plus, TNT participants will enjoy another trip to Amazin' Acres on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

WELCOMING OUR NEW WORKERS

We welcome Tabitha Howard, a TTU student who will be completing an internship with Resident Services. Tabitha will work primarily with TNT but will also participate in other activities. We also welcome our other TTU student helpers: Vivian, Richard, Derek, Benjamin, Connor, Sydney and Savannah. We appreciate our partnership with TTU and the help of its students. Finally, we would also like to extend a special welcome to new tutor Dr. Quinton Cancel.

RESOURCE CENTER:

Make a Difference Day



QUAWANA'S COATS

Last year, Shaquawana Wester collected more than 1,000 coats to give away. On Saturday, Oct. 26, Shaquawana will again be giving coats away for National Make a Difference Day. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or until all coats are gone), anyone in the community can come by the main office community room at 235 W. Jackson St. to pick up a free coat, no questions asked.

Several community groups are collecting coats, and donations are already pouring in. **(PHOTO: Left, Shaquawana and Marilyn Miller of Nashville State Community College are making plans for this year's coat drive.)**

LENDING A HAND

For Make a Difference Day, Becky Hyder will be working with local churches to enlist volunteers to work with HRS elderly or disabled residents that are waiting for government aid.

If you have any questions about HRS activities for Make a Difference Day, call Shaquawana or Becky at 931.526.9793 ext. 213.



DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR RENT

WALNUT VILLAGE

Oct. 4: 10 AM – 12 PM

WILLOW HEIGHTS

Oct. 8: 10 AM – 11 AM

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.

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		1 RENT DUE! LIHEAP Sign-Ups Begin at UCHRA	2  TNT: After-School Program.	3  TNT: Open House 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.	4 WALNUT VILLAGE: Rent collection.	5
6	7	8 FALL FUNDAY: Main Office 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. WILLOW HEIGHTS: Rent collection.	9  TNT: Adopt-A-Road Trash Pickup Day.	10 FALL FUNDAY: Celina 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. RESIDENT COUNCIL: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	11 FALL FUNDAY: Gainesboro 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	12
13	14	15 FALL FUNDAY: Pine Ave. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	16  TNT: Visit to Amazin' Acres	17 FALL FUNDAY: Baxter 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "BOUNTIFUL BREAD" for Celina 9:30 a.m. BOARD MEETING	18 FALL FUNDAY: Monterey 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	19 Cedar Hill Baptist Block Party in Baxter 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
20	21  TNT: After-School Program.	22	23  TNT: After-School Program.	24 Area Agency on Aging Senior Expo 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.	25	26 MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY: Coat Giveaway and Senior Service.
27	28 Putnam Co. Sheriff's Dept. "Night Out" 5 to 8 p.m. TNT: After-School Program.	29	30  TNT: After-School Program.	31  HAPPY HALLOWEEN!		



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

DOWNLOAD IT

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



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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.

