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The Highlands Residential Services Newsletter

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Highlands Residential Services youth win Tennessee's NAHRO poster contest.

Resident Council

Vote for your council officers with the ballot inside the newsletter.

Resource Center: Free Food!

Enjoy giveaways offered by HRS and other community groups and businesses.

**GOING TO NATIONALS****Two HRS Youth Win State Poster Contest**

Kimberly Gaw, 12, from Cookeville and Dori Bullard, 15, from Cookeville won Tennessee's "What Home Means to Me" poster contest sponsored by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

Congratulations to Kimberly and Dori, whose entries will be submitted to the national contest in Washington, D.C. The national winners will be announced in September.

The HRS Resident Services department participates in the poster contest every year. This event is for all housing youth in grades K-12.

The contest encourages youth to get together on-site and design their own "What Home Means to Me" poster for an opportunity to win cash prizes and go on to state and national contests.

HRS resident Kayla Padgett of Celina won the national grand prize in the 2012 poster contest. Her poster, captioned "Home is where good things come together," was featured in the 2013 Housing America calendar.

(PHOTO: Left, Kimberly Gaw and Dori Bullard show off their statewide winning posters.)



Melinda's MEMOS



Re-certifications for Monterey will be conducted this month.

You will be notified of your appointment date and time. If you are unable to attend, please call me at 931.526.9793 ext. 220 to reschedule.

Becky's BLOCK



Just a reminder that the state's LIHEAP Energy As-

sistance sign-ups begin October 1. Please contact your local UCHRA office for more information or to request an application.

Kathy's KORNER



Great news! HRS is now on Facebook. Check out the HRS

and Teens Need Training Facebook pages to find out the latest information, updates, photos and more. And be sure to "like" us as well!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food, Fun and Games.

Crossroads Community Church is sponsoring a cookout with games and crafts on Sunday, Sept. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are invited to join the fun at the HRS Baxter Community Room on Alexander Street.

Office Closed. The office will be closed on Sept. 2 for Labor Day and on Sept. 30 for end-of-fiscal-year reporting.

To Gainesboro Residents. All trash must be in trash bags for maintenance pickup.

Maintenance Minutes. Preventative inspections will continue in all developments through November. Please call in repairs in a timely manner at 931.526.9793 ext. 210.

Remember! Late charges begin on the sixth day of the month for Walnut Village and on the tenth day of the month for Willow Heights.

RESIDENT COUNCIL: Ballots and Budgeting

The council meets the second Thursday every month in the HRS main office community room.

MEETING: Thursday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the HRS main office. Council business this month includes counting officer election ballots and sharing updates on the advocates program. Attendance counts as four hours of community service.

FEATURING: Drucilla Ray of the University of Tennessee Putnam County Extension will present a food safety and budgeting program and provide food samples and kitchen items.



BALLOT DIRECTIONS: 1) Check the box next to the candidate you would like to represent you. Some names appear more than once to have enough candidates for those particular offices. Only public housing residents ages 18+ whose names appear on leases may vote and only once. Voting begins at 9 a.m. Sept. 3 and ends at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 11. Late votes will not be counted. **2)** Cut out the ballot along the dashed line; place ballots in the black drop box in the HRS main office lobby or mail them to P.O. Box 400, Cookeville, TN 38503-0400. Votes received any other way will not be counted.

If you need a ballot, please contact Resident Services at 931.526.9793 ext. 212 or 213.



2013 Resident Council Ballot



Winners will be sworn in at the October 10 council meeting.

PRESIDENT ☐ Alvin Gentry
☐ Melissa McClanahan

HISTORIAN ☐ Robert Harshaw
☐ Melissa McClanahan

SECRETARY ☐ Melissa McClanahan
☐ BJ Thurman

ALTERNATE ☐ Melissa McClanahan

Write-in candidate name _____ for _____ Office



YOUTH NEWS WITH SHAQUAWANA

HRS Youth Learn About Nutrition

The Teens Need Training after-school program resumed Aug. 12 with 22 HRS youth members. The teens love the new TNT meeting room makeover at 706 Pine Ave. in Cookeville. Later in October, TNT will host an open house for all to see. Please keep an eye open for upcoming details.

A LOOK BACK AT SUMMER

Every Tuesday, participants in the TNT summer program learned to prepare lunches with the Cookeville Health Department. **(PHOTO: Bottom left.)** TNT teens also enjoyed a meal

prepared by the Tennessee Tech University Saudi Club.

HRS youth participated in other great programs this summer. For example, a visit from the University of Tennessee Jackson County Extension included a nutrition program presented to HRS children. **(PHOTO: Top.)**

Several churches and the Cookeville Police Department hosted activities and lunch programs. Hot lunches were provided by the school system for children that live near 7th and Pine. **(PHOTO: Bottom right.)**



RESOURCE CENTER:

Giveaways galore for HRS

**HOME-BUYER'S CLASS**

Learn about purchasing a home at this *free and open-to-the-public class* sponsored by U.S. Bank and HRS. The class will be held Tuesday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the HRS main office community room at 235 W. Jackson St. Lunch will also be provided. Attendance counts as four hours of community service. Call Becky at 931.526.9793 ext. 213 to reserve your seat.

**FOOD AND MORE**

Take advantage of *HRS food giveaways*. This year we've given away bread **(PHOTO: left)**, sweet potatoes,

corn and yellow squash. Thanks to our Area Agency on the Aging Food Gleaning project for providing the food.

Angel's Attic of First United Methodist Church at 204 E. Spring St. in Cookeville will have their *Fall Giveaway* on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in their parking garage. Enjoy free clothing (including vintage wedding dresses), household items and refreshments!

Walgreens of Cookeville on Willow Avenue is hosting a *day for seniors* ages 55+ on Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors will provide information and food. Plus, throw away old medications safely at "Drug Take-Back Day."



DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR RENT

WALNUT VILLAGE

Sept. 4: 10 AM – 12 PM

WILLOW HEIGHTS

Sept. 9: 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.



SEPTEMBER 2013

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1 RENT DUE! Crossroads Community Church Cookout 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	2 LABOR DAY! (Office Closed.)	3 FIRST DAY! FOR RESIDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS!	4 WALNUT VILLAGE: Rent collection. <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program.	5	6 COOKEVILLE FALL FUNFEST!	7
8	9 WILLOW HEIGHTS: Rent collection. <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program.	10 Walgreens Senior Day 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	11 FOR OFFICERS LAST DAY! <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program.	12 <i>RESIDENT COUNCIL:</i> 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	13	14
15	16 <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program.	17	18 <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program.	19 <i>BOARD MEETING</i> <i>"BOUNTIFUL BREAD" for Gainesboro</i> 9:30 a.m.	20	21 Angel's Attic Fall Giveaway 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
22	23 <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program.	24 FREE HOME-BUYER'S CLASS: Main Office. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	25 <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program.	26	27	28
29	30 END-OF- FISCAL-YEAR REPORTING (Office Closed.) <i>TNT:</i> After-School Program.	MARK IT: 10/1 LIHEAP Energy Assistance sign-ups at your local UCHRA MARK IT: 10/24 Senior Expo at the Hyder-Burks Agriculture Pavilion				

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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.**