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AND THE WINNER IS ...

HRS Receives NAHRO Award of Merit

Highlands Residential Services was recently awarded a National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Award of Merit for Resident Programs' innovative and creative work with the "What Home Means to Me" poster contest. The award was presented at the NAHRO 2014 Summer Conference.

(PHOTO: Right, Presenting the award to Kathy Smith, HRS resident programs coordinator, and Shaquawana Wester, HRS youth programs coordinator, are Saul N. Ramirez, NAHRO CEO, left and

Preston Prince, NAHRO board president, right.)

We will once again have area poster contests in the spring. Along with our three 2014 local poster contest winners – Malerie Dickerson, Kimberly Gaw and Veronica Martinez – all participating HRS children will have great fun making posters again next year.

Meanwhile, our Fall FunDay will be during students' fall breaks. Children enjoy a day of arts and crafts, games, food and fun. Please bring your children out to all these fun events.



Melinda's MEMOS



Annual
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fication
interviews
for all of
Monterey

will be held in September. 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.

Sammie's SECTION



All are
invited to
the Cedar
Hills
Baptist
block party

on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Baxter community room. Don't forget to mark your calendars to join us for fun, games, music and food.

Kathy's CORNER



"Don't Quit,
Just Come"
Tobacco
Cessation
classes will
be held

Tuesdays, September 9 and 23, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the HRS main office. Attendance counts as two hours of community service. Classes are free and open to the public.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quawana's Coats. The third annual Quawana's Coats will be held on Make A Difference Day, Saturday, Oct. 25. Coats and refreshments will be distributed to anyone in need.

Donations Are Needed.

Items can be dropped off at our main office. Just one coat can "Make A Difference." Watch our Facebook pages and website for the names of other drop-off locations. Contact Shaquawana at 931-526-9793 ext. 213 or swester@highland-srs.com.

Quawana's Coats Wish List:

- Used/new coats and jackets, all sizes
- Hygiene products
- Nonperishable food items
- Clothing hangers
- Toys
- Food (hot dogs, buns, snacks, chips, etc.) and drinks
- Volunteers
- Collection sites
- Business/group internal drive hosts
- Monetary donations

RESIDENT COUNCIL: Get Out The Vote

YARD SALE: The Resident Council fund-raiser will be held Saturday, Sept. 6, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the HRS main office parking lot at 235 W. Jackson St. Find household items, décor and knickknacks, clothes of all sizes, furniture and appliances, books and more!

MEETING: The Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the HRS main office from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Jerry Jolley and Brittney Smith of Rural Development will present "Affordable Homeownership," and they will share information on rural development programs and what they offer to low-income families. Council business this month includes counting of officer election ballots and planning for future events. Resident Council represents all public housing residents, and everyone is welcome to come. Attendance counts as four hours of community service.

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. 2, and ends at 10 a.m. Sept. 9. 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 HRS Resident Council, 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 Programs at 931-526-9793 ext. 212 or 213.



2014 Resident Council Ballot



Winners will be sworn in at the October Council meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT

- ☐ April Pickerin
☐ BJ Thurman
☐ Cindy Babineau
☐ David Palmer

SECRETARY

- ☐ BJ Thurman
☐ Cindy Babineau
☐ David Palmer
☐ April Pickerin

TREASURER

- ☐ Cindy Babineau
☐ David Palmer
☐ April Pickerin
☐ BJ Thurman

Write-in candidate name
for _____
Office



YOUTH NEWS WITH SHAQUAWANA

TNT's New Members Get Great Support

GREAT START FOR TNT

Our TNT after-school program is off to a great start. Officer Luke Ward with the Cookeville Police Department, who worked with TNT for several years, has retired and will be greatly missed. Meanwhile, we are excited to have Officer Anthony Leonard with us, along with Lt. Mike Smith.

The Cookeville Police Department co-sponsors TNT and provides uniformed police officers to act as mentors to the teens. Officers teach programs such as Internet safety and drug and

alcohol abuse awareness. Their presence and work with TNT lets the teens know that law enforcement officers are their friends and provide mentors they can go to in times of need.

THANKS FOR SUPPORT

We want to thank numerous community supporters who are helping with funding or items that make the after-school program possible. All TNT kids received a backpack full of school supplies this year. **(PHOTO: Right.)**

We are looking forward to a great year



with: Brooklyn A.; Jayla A.; Jordan A.; Deia B.; Joi C.; Sabrina D.; Jameika F.; Kiara F.; Marlayna F.; Mia F.; Christian F.; Kimberly G.; Shawn H.; Garrett M.; Austin M.; Madelynn P.; Mikayla P.; Joscar R.; Richard R.; Star S.; Devonte T.; and Cody W.

RESOURCE CENTER:

Sign-Ups, Freebies and Fun



LIHEAP SIGN-UPS

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program sign-ups begin Oct. 1 at local UCHRA offices. Applications are expected to be different, and required documentation will possibly change. Plan on needing your original Social Security card, original Social Security award letter (bank statement will not work) or paycheck stubs for proof of income, current utility bill and utility cost printout for the past year.

Incomplete applications will not be processed, and you will not be contacted. If you have any questions, you may contact your local UCHRA office closer to Oct. 1.

ANGEL'S ATTIC

Fall distribution will be Saturday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church parking garage, 165 E. Broad St., Cookeville. Enjoy free clothing of all sizes, household items, toys, Halloween costumes and refreshments. This event is open to the public.

STREET R.A.G.E. YOUTH DAY

Street R.A.G.E. (Reaching a Generation Effectively) Youth Day, sponsored by First United Pentecostal Church, will be Saturday, Sept. 13, from 11 a.m. to noon at the old manager's office, 509 N. Murray St., Gainesboro. Loads of fun and games, food and words of encouragement. All residents are welcome.



TIMELY TIDBITS

DRUG TAKE BACK.

Dispose of drugs safely on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cookeville's Walgreens and CVS Stores.

GET AHEAD.

HRS offers eight hours of service opportunities each month.

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 2014

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"Be the Church" Day 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Baxter	1 RENT DUE! LABOR DAY: Office Closed.	2 FIRST DAY! FOR RESIDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS!	3 TNT: After-School Program.	4 WALNUT VILLAGE: Rent collection.	5	6 <i>Resident Council Yard Sale Fund-Raiser</i> 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
7	8 WILLOW HEIGHTS: Rent Collection. TNT: After-School Program.	9 FOR OFFICERS LAST DAY! <i>Resident Council and "Bountiful Bread"</i> 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tobacco Cessation 4 to 5 p.m.	10 COMMUNITY SERVICE: Due Date. TNT: After-School Program.	11 LATE FEES ADDED.	12	13 Street R.A.G.E. Youth Day 11 a.m. to noon. in Gainesboro
14	15 EVICITION NOTICES FOR NON-PAY/COMMUNITY SERVICE. TNT: After-School Program.	16	17 TNT: After-School Program.	18 <i>BOARD MEETING</i>	19	20 Angel's Attic Fall Distribution 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
21	22 TNT: After-School Program.	23 Tobacco Cessation 4 to 5 p.m.	24 TNT: After-School Program.	25	26	27 Drug Take Back at Cookeville's Walgreens and CVS Stores 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cedar Hills Block Party 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
28	29 TNT: After-School Program.	30 LAST DAY TO CALL FOR PEST CONTROL.	MARK IT: 10/1 LIHEAP sign-ups begin at UCHRA offices.			



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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.

