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REGISTRATION IN PROGRESS FOR **SUMMER READING PALS** 2011



(File picture of Summer Reading Pals Program)

The Americus Housing Authority is pleased to announce that the Summer Reading Pals Program will be held again this June. Registration is currently in progress for all 6 and 7 year olds that reside in Public Housing. Seating for the program is limited and filled on a first-come first-serve basis. Please register today to reserve a seat for your child. You may contact Diana Roberts at 924-3732.

**Resident Eviction and Lease Terminations
October 2010 thru March 2011**

Bozeman Circle
1 (Non-Payment)
1 (Criminal Activity)

Ridge Street
1 (Non-Payment)

Douglas Circle
1 (Non-Payment)
1 (Drug Activity)

Harris Street
1 (Non-Payment)

Cherokee Street
1 (Non-Payment)
1 (Community Service Requirement)

Hanson Drive
1 (Lease Violation)
2 (Non-Payment)
1 (Community Service Requirement)

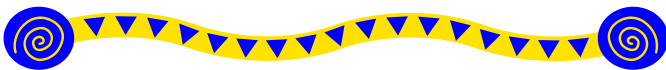
Dixon Drive
1 (Lease Violation)
1 (Non-Payment of Rent)

Lakeview
1 (Lease Violation)
1 (Non-Payment of Rent)

Andersonville
(1 (Non-Payment of Rent)

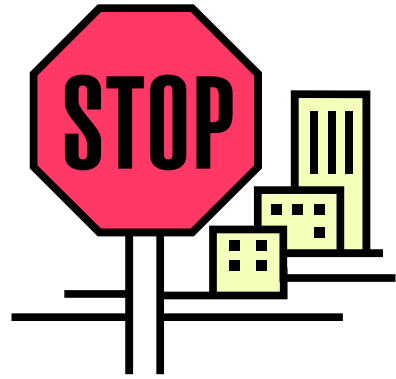
Plains
1 (Lease Violation)

Leslie
1 (Lease Violation)



Congratulations ALL Graduates!

May 20, 2011



**Individuals
Banned From
Housing Authority Property**

Johnny Lee Hunter Jr.
Lakeview Circle
East Furlow Street
(Banned Indefinitely)

Kendrick Thornton
Douglas Circle
Ridge Street
(Banned Indefinitely)

Jamaine Thomas
Banned from ALL HAA Properties
(Banned Indefinitely)

Staley Lockhart
Bozeman Circle
(Banned Indefinitely)

Unauthorized Dogs

We have been receiving several reports about residents having dogs. Pets must be registered with the Housing Authority *before* they are brought onto the premises. Registration includes documentation signed by a licensed veterinarian that the pet has received all required inoculations. You are also required to pay a Pet Deposit which consists of the greater of your Total Rent Payment or \$100. This amount must be paid in full *before* the pet is placed on the premises.

Having unauthorized dogs at your premises could lead to the **termination of your dwelling lease.**

**TENANTS RECEIVE
FLOWER & VEGETABLE SEEDS**



**Ms. Rachel Spencer (Customer Service Rep)
Ms. Tamika Woods (Tenant)
Ms. Paula Harmon (Occupancy Specialist)**

The Housing Authority recently distributed free flower & vegetable seeds to approximately 250 residents on a “while supply lasts” basis. This annual distribution of seeds has been done by the Housing Authority each spring time for the past 12 years.



**Ms. Alexa Beason (Tenant’s Mother)
Ms. NaPorsha Beason (Tenant)**

Vegetables included watermelons, squash, bell pepper, carrots, onions, turnips, radish, okra, collards, cabbage and tomatoes. The flowers were of an even wider variety, ranging from perennial mix to marigold.

The Housing Authority encourages its residents to help in the beautification of their yards. Many residents work very hard to have beautiful flower beds. As you ride around, be sure to look at all the beautiful flowers that will be on display during the spring and summer.



**Ms. Tamika Sparks (Occupancy Specialist)
Ms. Mary Greene (Tenant)**

Ms. Mary Greene, pictured above always has a wonderful display of flowers on her porch and around her front porch area. She keeps something growing and blooming almost year round. Ms. Greene certainly has a “green thumb”.



**WATCH OUT FOR OUR KIDS!!
School will soon be out!!**



TENANT WINS LARGE EASTER BASKET



Mr. Willie Jackson shows off his bingo prize

Mr. Willie Jackson of 160B Lakeview Circle was the winner of April's blackout bingo prize. The seniors were celebrating Easter; therefore all the prizes were centered on the Easter theme. In order to win the monthly blackout prize, the resident must be the first one to have every number on his or her card covered. Luckily for Mr. Jackson, he has only one granddaughter. He admitted that it was going to be hard to keep the gift a surprise from her until Easter morning.



Other seniors are pictured with the various bingo prizes they had won. Playing bingo is always serious business for this group of men and women each month. They will soon begin taking spring field trips. Look to see them!

ENERGY COST SAVING TIPS

Many residents are now using air conditioning to control the indoor temperature. Listed below are a few tips that will help to keep your electric cost as reasonable as possible.

1. Keep your thermostat set at 78 degrees or higher.
2. Keep doors and windows closed.
3. Keep blinds and curtains closed on the "sun" side of the apartment.
4. The Housing Authority will change the air conditioning filter monthly at no charge.
5. In order to keep the filter clean, avoid dry sweeping the floor.
6. Keep a mat outside and inside your entrance doors to reduce the amount of dirt, dust, and pollen that gets tracked into your apartment.
7. On cool days and evenings, open windows and doors and turn off the air conditioning.



SUMMER SAVINGS

Reduce your overall energy consumption by up to 15% per month. Adjust the thermostat in your home this summer to **78 degrees**.

If you raise the thermostat during the day while you are away and then turn it down to 50 degrees when you come back in to cool off your apartment quickly, you are **wasting big bucks!** If you raise the temperature at night and wait until you feel hot then lower the thermostat, you are **wasting big bucks!** Choosing a sensible temperature and letting the thermostat decide when the unit runs will **SAVE YOU MONEY.**

RECIPE CORNER

EARTHQUAKE

CAKE



-
- 1 cup chopped pecans
 - 1 cup coconut
 - 1 box German choc. Cake mix (Betty Crocker)
 - 1 stick butter (1/4 lb.)
 - 1 pkg(8 oz.) of Philadelphia cream cheese
 - 1 box (1 lb.) confectioners sugar
 - 1 tsp. of almond extract

Baking Pan

13x9 cake pan, heavy duty recommended

Steps:

Spread chopped pecans on the bottom of a buttered 13x9 cake pan.

Spread coconut on top of pecans.

Pour the following batter over the pecans and coconut mixture without stirring.

-Mix cake mix according to package directions, adding the teaspoon of almond extract.

Pour the batter gently over the coconut and set aside.

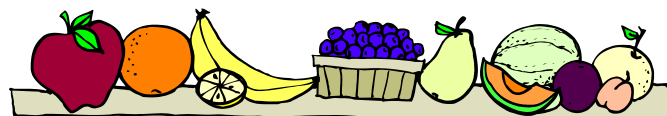
In a saucepan, melt the butter and cream cheese. Then stir in the box of confectioners sugar.

***Pay very close attention to the mixture in the pan as it will scorch easily. For this reason, it's best to use a heavy bottom pan.

Pour the cream cheese, sugar and butter mixture over the top of the cake batter without stirring.

Bake in a preheated oven at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

THE CAKE WILL CRACK IN THE MIDDLE. THAT'S WHY IT IS CALLED EARTHQUAKE CAKE!



HOME BAKED MACARONI & CHEESE

Makes 5 servings, 1 cup each

You will need:

- 1 pkg. (14 oz) Kraft deluxe macaroni & cheese
- 1 cup Kraft shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- 1/2 cup Breakstone's sour cream
- 1/4 tsp. ground red pepper
- 1/4 cup crumbled Ritz crackers
- 1 tsp melted butter or margarine

Steps:

1. Heat oven to 375
2. Prepare macaroni dinner as directed on package
3. Stir in 1/2 cup shredded cheese, sour cream, and pepper
4. Pour into greased 1 1/2 qt casserole dish
5. Top with remaining shredded cheese

MIX cracker crumbs and butter; sprinkle over ingredients in casserole dish

BAKE for 20 minutes until heated through.

**To have a good neighbor
is to have something precious**



SUMMER READING PALS 2011 CLASS SCHEDULE

June 6th – June 9th
June 13th – June 16th
June 20th – June 23rd
June 27th – June 30th

(MONDAY thru THURSDAY)

NO FRIDAY CLASSES!!!

CLASS TIME

10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Thursday, May 19th
4:30 p.m.

**ALL SEATS AVAILABLE ON A
FIRST-COME
FIRST-SERVE BASIS**

OPEN TO ALL

1ST & 2ND Graders
6 & 7 year olds
(Public Housing)

CONTACT PERSON

Diana H. Roberts
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RESIDENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING



The Residents Advisory Council met recently with Mr. John C. Anderson, CEO, to discuss and be informed of short and long-range innovation plans for the Americus Housing Authority. The council members were also able to present any concerns that they themselves or their neighbors were encountering; as well as areas of improvements they thought would be helpful to their neighborhood.

Listed below are the current council members.

Delisa Bowen (104 Starlight Circle)
JoAnn George (121 Howell Street)
Essie Harris (116B Bozeman Circle)
Sandra Ramirez (216C Church Street)
Anitra Thomas (623 Lewis Lowe Court)
Patricia Tookes (915 Ridge Street)

Council members were saddened to learn of the death of Ms. Bellzorie Kleckley of 505 North Mayo Street. Ms. Kleckley was a long-standing council member and she will be missed by everyone.

If you would like to serve on the Residents Advisory Council and represent the Plains or Andersonville area, please contact Diana Roberts at 924-3732.

For Your INFORMATION...



A TORNADO WATCH is issued to alert people to the possibility of a tornado development in the immediate area.

A TORNADO WARNING is issued when a tornado has been actually sighted, is indicated by radar or if the conditions exist for one. Seek a safe place immediately.

As a resident of Georgia, you should know that most tornadoes strike during the months of March, April and May.

Below are some safety tips you should know and follow.

*Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls.

*Go to the basement or an interior hallway of the lowest level of your current location.

*In schools, hospitals, factories and shopping malls, go to the predestinated shelter areas.

*Get under something sturdy, couch down and protect your head!

*If there is available time, please leave automobiles and mobile homes.

*Leave them and go to a substantial structure.

*If there is no shelter nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine or culvert, with your hands over your head.

WHEN IN A TORNADO WATCH AREA

**Monitor your local television station.

**Watch the sky.

**Listen to a local radio station.

**Listen for the siren.

**Have flashlights, portable radios and blankets handy.

****DO NOT CALL** police or fire dispatcher unless it's an emergency.



**OUR OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED
Monday, May 30th
(MEMORIAL DAY)**



MONDAY, July 4th

(4th OF JULY)

SUMMER READING PALS 2011

June 6th thru June 30th

Register your 1st and 2nd graders
today!!!!

Limited Seating Available.

(Last day to register is May 19th)

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