

**Resident and Community News
March 2022**



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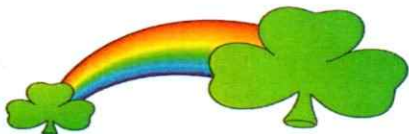
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*Housing Authority
of Henderson
Board of Commissioner's
Meeting
March 21, 2022
12 Noon*



**News Highlights from
Bobbie Jarrett, Executive Director**

MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

**Henderson Housing Authority
901 Dr. MLK/ Lawndale Empty lot**

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

10:00 am-12:00pm CST

Income Eligibility Guidelines

# in Household	Yearly Income	# in Household	Yearly Income
1	\$26,650	5	\$41,100
2	\$30,450	6	\$44,150
3	\$34,250	7	\$47,200
4	\$38,050	8	\$50,250

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PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM – GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

ATTENTION PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS

Everyone in our community is familiar with our local gas department but some may not realize that natural gas utilities receive their gas from natural gas pipeline systems. The purpose for these underground energy portals is to safely transport this vital fuel to heat homes and power businesses and vital service institutions. The transportation of natural gas through these pipelines is one of the safest methods for transporting energy, although accidents can occur. One of the ways accidents occur is when someone digs in the vicinity of a gas pipe and cuts the line.

The Kentucky One-Call system is an organization to prevent these types of accidents. **Dialing 811** and providing information to the operator will ensure that local utilities, including gas utilities, will mark their lines. Another way accidents occur is when leaks from pipelines, appliances or other gas-related equipment occur. Natural gas is a colorless, odorless fuel that is lighter than air. Because it is odorless, a harmless odorant, usually smelling like rotten eggs, is added to the gas so that the presence of gas may be detected.

Leaks may be detected by noticing the following:

- Smelling gas (odorant) near a meter or pipeline, sometimes after excavation work
- A hissing or roaring sound caused by escaping gas
- Dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green environment
- Blowing dirt, grass or leaves
- Steady bubbling in a wet, flooded areas or other water environment
- A fire in or near an appliance or gas pipe
- Unusual noise at an appliance
- Unusual behavior of the flame at an appliance burner

In the event of a detected gas leak, the following should take place:

- Leave the vicinity immediately (without making calls or operating light switches)
- Evacuate others in the vicinity
- Turn off and abandon cars or equipment in the vicinity
- Do not start a car or other equipment in the vicinity
- Do not operate any electrical or electronic equipment in the vicinity
- Do not light a match or use another source of ignition
- Do not smoke
- Warn others to stay away from the area
- Stay away from open flames
- Wait for maintenance, emergency or utility personnel to put out flames

To report a leak, call our Barret Center office at (270) 827-1294 or 911.

In keeping the public safe from the potential hazards of natural gas, such as fire or explosion caused by leaks, the Housing Authority of Henderson conducts a leak survey. The survey is performed to find leaks in piping and related gas equipment.

Additionally, the Housing Authority Maintenance Staff and Contractors perform periodic sniff tests to ensure that odorant can be detected in the gas. In addition, they also make periodic checks for gas leaks and monitor each gas meter.

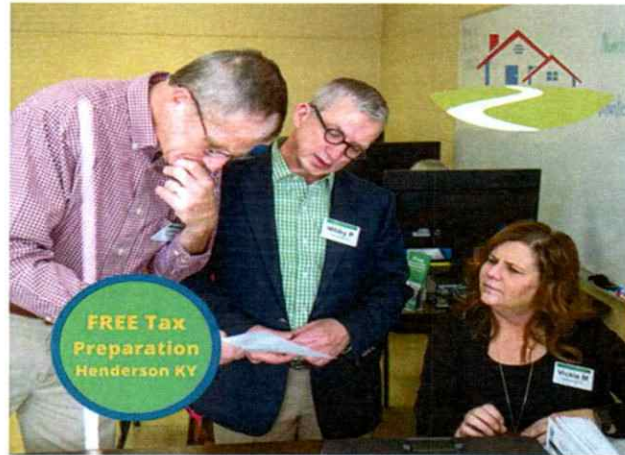
The agency that oversees all natural gas safety related activity for our distribution piping is the Kentucky Public Service Commission. They can be reached at 502-564-3940.

To obtain further information about natural gas you may contact the Housing Authority of Henderson Barret Center office at (270) 827-1294 extension 1133.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Residents: Remember you are no longer allowed to plant anything in the yards. All flowers, shrubs and garden plantings (tomatoes, peppers etc.) must be planted in pots.



FREE Tax Preparation Assistance at the Housing Authority (VITA)

One of the many programs that I am proud of here at the Housing Authority is our FREE Tax Preparation Assistance Program (VITA). We have been the host for this program since 2007, and each year it has grown in the number of people we have been able to serve. We supply this financial empowerment program with a facility and equipment to allow the program to run so efficiently.

We are so thankful for the community volunteers that help with this program. Our own Housing Authority Commissioner and Vice-Chair Person, Nibby Priest have been one of the 25 volunteers that serve this program. Last year they (the 25 community volunteers) were able to help over 1,600 people prepare and file their federal and state taxes at no charge (free) and help them get 2.2 million dollars in tax refund money.

If you have not filed your 2021 Taxes yet, I encourage you to use this service here at Barret Center.

Text 270.631.0738 for an Appointment or more information

Site Hours:

Monday & Tuesday

12 PM – 7 PM

Saturday

9 AM – 12 PM

Tax intake forms will be available inside the Housing Authority vestibule (Door #1).

The last day to file with us will be Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

Please enter Barret Center Door #2 for Tax Preparation Assistance

If you have used this service, let me know how it went and encourage others to do the same.

Bobbie Jarrett

Executive Director

MANAGER'S NOTES**AMP 1 and AMP 2 / Director: Susan Gay**

Tax Return: Did you know you can pay your rent in advance? You also can pay ahead to avoid future late fees. This could save up to \$300.00 per year.

Work Orders: Please call in all work orders as they happen,. A toilet that is running can run your bill up over a hundred dollars in one month.

Smokers in Public Housing: Please remember to follow the HUD mandated smoking policy. You must be 25 feet from the doors or windows. You only have (2) chances. We will have to give you a 30 day eviction notice if you violate this rule a 3rd time.

In Case of Snow: You are responsible to clear the snow on the sidewalk leading to your apartment and porch area. The housing staff will clear the common areas and the exterior sidewalks. The city will plow the city streets.

Overnight Guests: Overnight guests are only allowed at your home 14 days per year. Please use your time wisely.

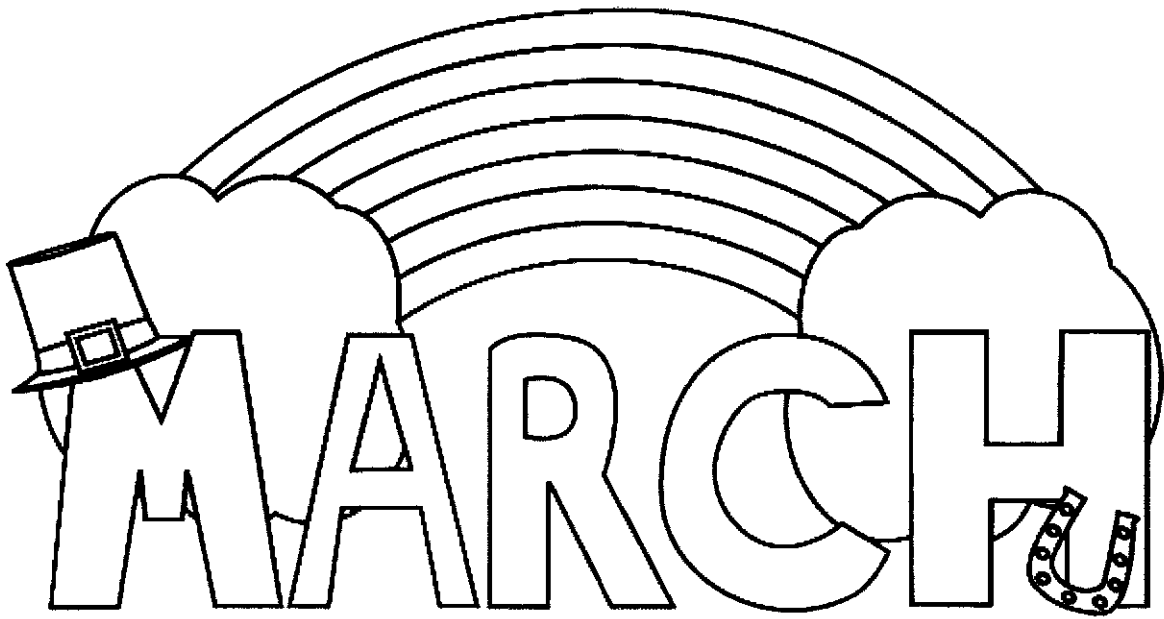
Spring Cleaning: It is time to clean up porch areas and remove items that should not be there. This includes Christmas decorations and Halloween decorations. Only outdoor furniture is allowed on the porch area. The only exception is furniture you have called a work order in for maintenance to dispose of for you.

Laundry at 840 N. Adams And Fagan Hall: The laundries are for resident use only. This is the only way we can keep the price at fifty cents. Residents bringing in outside or family member's laundry is not allowed.

Housekeeping Tips:

- Wash refrigerator door gasket with clean soapy water to avoid loss of coolness and to keep your electric bill from being higher. Your food will also stay fresher if the door seals good.
- Self-cleaning gas stoves– To save time scrubbing, put the burner grates in the stove when you use the self-clean feature.
- Clean carpet spills as they occur, using warm water or a spot cleaner. It will save time and be easier to clean.
- Check your produce, (especially onions and potatoes) and your sacks for unwanted pests when you get home from the grocery to avoid an infestation of bugs.
- Flushable wipes, tampons, sanitary napkins are not to be disposed of in the toilet. This causes stoppages.
- Wipe household surfaces on a regular basis. It will keep your whole family healthier.
- Dryer lint should be cleaned out after every use. This will save you money on your electric bill. It is the resident's responsibility to make sure the dryer vent is always clamped and tight. This is the leading cause of fires.








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WORD SEARCH

- ASH WEDNESDAY
- LEPRECHAUN
- PANCAKES
- SPRING
- BIRDS
- MARDI GRAS
- PARADE
- ST. PATRICKS DAY
- FAT TUESDAY
- MASKS
- SHAMROCK
- TIME CHANGE

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 RENT Due	2 Ash Wednesday	3	4	5
		8 Commodities	9	10	11	12
13 	14 CAT Center Closed and Henderson Schools Closed	15	16	17 	18	19
20 	21 Utilities Read Board of Commissioner's meeting 12 Noon	22	23 Lawndale Inspection 1-17	24 Lawndale Inspection 17- 33	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



Recertification:

Dixon

Inspections:

Lawndale

March 23rd 1-16

March 24th 17-33

Garbage Pick Up Dates:

Lawndale – Mon/Wed/Fri

Dixon—Mon/Wed/Fri

Madison—Mon/Wed/Fri

Eighth St. - Mon/Wed/Fri

740, 750 No. Adams -

Monday/Friday

Dixon/Ingram -Monday

Fagan Square -Friday

840 No. Adams—Friday

Thrift Shop Hours:

Monday/Wednesday/

Friday 9am-2pm

Wednesday is Intake Day

Cabell Platt Medical Center

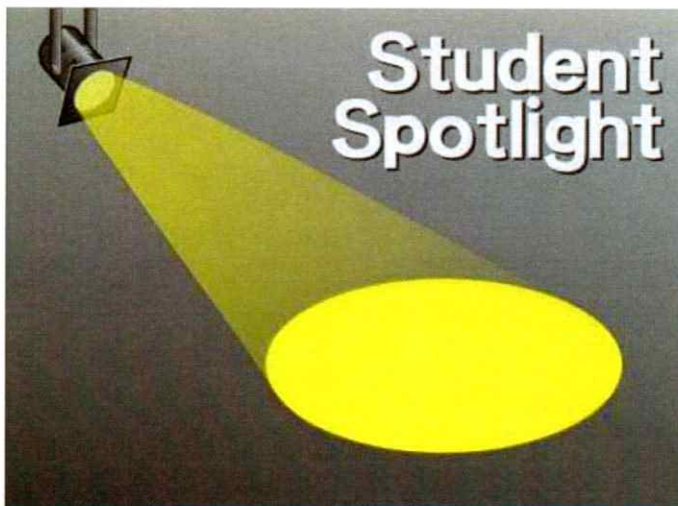
Monday/Friday 8am-5pm

Tuesday/Wednesday/

Thursday 8am-7pm

CAT CENTER NEWS

DIRECTOR: DONNA RIGSBY



March 14, 2022

Monday

CAT Center

and

Henderson County Schools

Closed

Benefits of An Afterschool Program

- **Create A Sense of Belonging:** Being away from school can offer a break from any usual cliques or social concerns. An Afterschool Program is a nice way for youth to connect with peers in a new setting. Youth in after-school programs are more likely to be included and feel like they're part of a group.
- **Improve Social Skills:** Promotes cooperation, support, and respect. This can help youth feel more secure about joining a game or starting a conversation.
- **Provides Academic Support:** This time can be very helpful for youth who struggle with homework at home or who can't sit down to do it until late. Studies show that kids in afterschool programs may get better grades. They also may see fewer behavioral problems.
- **Make Learning More Fun:** The CAT Center is a fun and meaningful way for youth to work with other youth in areas they enjoy. A place where youth may explore new interests.
- **Provides Safety and Supervision:** The hours between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. are when older kids are most likely to commit crimes or become crime victims. It's also prime time for some kids to drink or use drugs. Research shows that these risks are even more likely for kids who learn and think differently. But keeping kids busy can keep them from engaging in [risky behavior](#). An afterschool program can be a safer option.
- **Build Confidence:** For youth who lack confidence or have learning challenges, an afterschool program may feel more forgiving than school. The stakes may not feel as high. Youth may be more willing to try new things and take more positive risks. This, in turn, can lead to higher [self-esteem](#).



Applications

Currently by Appointment Only

Call to schedule appointment

Public Housing & Section Eight Applications are taken at the Housing Authority office

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 11:00 am

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

- All household members age 18 years and older must be present to sign.
- You must have Social Security Cards for all members of the household.
- Birth Certificates must be provided for all household members and a photo ID for all adults.
- If anyone is pregnant a statement must be presented as to due date.
- For Public Housing you must have proof of income. There may also be other documents that may be needed. You can come to the office and pick up a list that show what other documents will be needed.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF HENDERSON

111 South Adams Street
Henderson, Kentucky 42420

Phone: 270-827-1294

Fax: 270-827-1482

E-mail: housing@hahenderson.org



Promoting, without discrimination, affordable quality Housing, Economic opportunity, and a positive living environment for the residents we serve.

Recertification:

Dixon

Recertification will began on March 8th and 9th,
and must be completed by March 31st.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Inspections:

Lawndale / Building 1-16 - March 23, 2022

Lawndale / Building 17-23 - March 24, 2022

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS:
Troy Cox and Tony Clayton

PROBLEMS:

Please do not attempt to repair problems yourself.
Please call work orders in immediately!

LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCIES:

CALL: 911

