#### Resident and Community News



## **Housing Authority of Henderson Bobbie Jarrett, Executive Director**

March 2025

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#### The Mobile Library will be in your area for

#### Fagan Square

Dates & Times:

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 Time: 2 - 3pm Tuesday, March 18, 2025 Time: 2 - 3pm

#### 840 North Adams

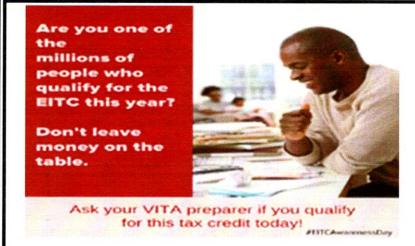
Dates & Times:

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 Time: 3:15 - 4:15pm
Tuesday, March 18, 2025 Time: 3:15 - 4:15pm

If you have any questions please call:

Juanita Daugherty
Mobile Library Manager and
Seed Library Coordinator
Henderson County Public Library
101 south Main St.
Henderson, KY 42420
270-826-3712 ext. 219

Housing Authority of Henderson Board of Commissioner's Meeting March 17, 2025



#### **FREE Tax Preparation Assistance**

The Volunteer and Information Center and Green River Asset Building Coalition will again provide FREE Tax Assistance (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program at the Housing Authority. Look for our yellow and green doors to enter.

**Appointments will be necessary.** Call or Text: 270-631-0738 or online at <a href="https://www.volunteerhenderson.org/">https://www.volunteerhenderson.org/</a> <a href="mailto:appointment">appointment</a>, or use the QR code below to scan and go directly to make an appointment.



The Henderson County VITA site is located at the Housing Authority of Henderson, 111 S. Adams St.

Site hours are Noon to 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to Noon.

We have a new Client Portal that will allow patrons to check on returns.

Find details about how you can qualify and what you should bring to the VITA site at

www.volunteerhenderson.org/vita/.

Intake documents are available in the Housing Authority vestibule during HA's regular business hours.



#### 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. <u>Dialing 811</u> 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.

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.

#### MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC





**Bobbie Jarrett** 

**Executive Director** 

## March Word Search

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Daylight savings Spring Green Women history Refresh Bloom St. Patrick's Garden

Flowers Pisces March Pink

#### **Important Reminder**

Dixon Recertifications in Boswell will take place March 5 & 6. After these dates, appointments will be required.

#### Tax Return Time

Did you know you can pay your rent in advance? Paying ahead can help you avoid late fees and save up to \$300 per year.

#### **Work Orders**

Please report all maintenance issues as soon as they happen. A running toilet can increase your water bill by over \$100 in just one month.

#### **Smoking in Public Housing**

Per HUD regulations, smoking is only permitted at least 25 feet away from doors and windows. Violations will result in two warnings. A third offense will lead to a 30-day eviction notice.

#### **Overnight Guests**

Residents are allowed 14 overnight guest stays per year—please plan accordingly.

#### **Snow Removal**

Residents are responsible for clearing sidewalks and porch areas leading to their apartments. Housing staff will maintain common areas and exterior sidewalks, while the city will plow public streets.

#### **Preventing Frozen Pipes**

During extreme cold, take these steps to prevent pipes from freezing:

- · Keep cabinet doors open under sinks.
- Allow faucets to drip slowly to prevent freezing.

#### Spring Clean-Up

It's time to tidy up porches and remove any items that don't belong, including Christmas and Halloween decorations.

Only outdoor furniture is allowed. Household furniture is not permitted, unless you have contacted maintenance for disposal.

#### **Additional Reminders:**

- No metal or wood should be placed in dumpsters.
- No basketball goals, swing sets, or pools are allowed on Housing Authority property.

#### Laundry Facilities (840 N. Adams & Fagan Hall)

Laundry facilities are for residents only. Bringing in laundry from non-residents or family members is not allowed. Keeping it resident-only helps maintain the 50-cent per load price.

#### **Housekeeping Tips**

- Refrigerator Care: Clean the door gasket with soapy water to keep a tight seal, ensuring food stays fresh and electricity costs remain low.
- Self-Cleaning Gas Stoves: Place burner grates inside the oven during the self-cleaning cycle for easier cleaning.
- Carpet Stains: Clean spills immediately with warm water or a spot cleaner to prevent permanent stains.
- Grocery Precautions: Check produce (especially onions and potatoes) and grocery bags for pests to avoid infestations.
- Toilet Care: Do not flush wipes, tampons, or sanitary napkins—they can cause plumbing issues.
- Surface Cleaning: Regularly wipe down household surfaces to promote a healthier environment.
- Dryer Maintenance: Clean lint traps after every use to reduce fire risks and save electricity. Residents must ensure dryer vents remain clamped and secure.
- Mildew Prevention: Wipe window frames and entry doors with a bleach-water solution to prevent condensation buildup and mildew growth.

If you have any questions, please contact the office. Thank you for helping keep our community safe and clean!



## March 2025

EVICTION NOTICES will be issued 30 days after rent due date.

#### **Inspections:**

March 26th and 27th, 2025

#### **Re-Exams:**

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#### Garbage pick up dates:

Lawndale –Mon/Wed/Fri Dixon—Mon/Wed/Fri Madison—Mon/Wed/Fri Eighth St. - Mon/Wed/Fri 740,750 N. Adams— Monday & Friday Dixon/Ingram -Monday Fagan Square -Friday 840 N Adams— Friday

#### **Thrift Shop Hours:**

Monday/Wednesday/ Friday 9am-2pm Wednesday is Intake Day

#### <u>Cabell Platt Medical</u> Center

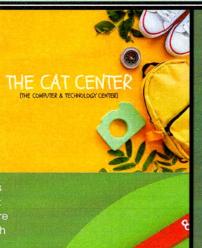
Monday/Friday 8am-5pm Tuesday/Wednesday/ Thursday 8am-7pm

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	VITA - Free Tax Preparation! Call or Text (270)631-0738						1 Rent Due
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 International Women's Law
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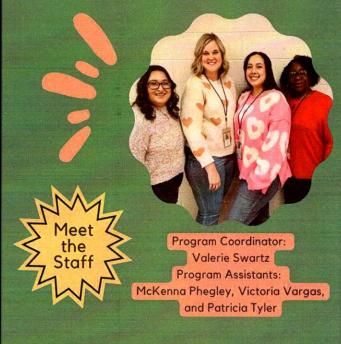
# BENEFITS OF AN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Explore, Learn, and Grow!

- Sense of Belonging After School programs provide a space where students can connect outside of school, helping them feel like they are part of a group. This promotes social skills such as cooperation, support, and respect.
- Improved Social Skills Being part of an afterschool program encourages teamwork and communication, making it easier for students to join activities and start conversations with confidence.
- Academic Support For students who struggle with homework or have limited time to complete it at home, after school programs offer a structured environment for learning. Studies show that students in these programs often see improved grades and fewer behavioral issues.
- Engaging and Fun Learning Programs like the CAT Center make learning more enjoyable by allowing students to work in areas they love while discovering new interests.
- Safety and Supervision The hours between 3 and 6 PM are when kids are most at risk of engaging in risky behaviors. After School programs provide a safe space, keeping students occupied with positive activities.
- Boosted Confidence Facing challenges in a supportive environment helps students build self-confidence. As they overcome obstacles, they become more willing to try new things and take positive risks, setting them up for future success.







#### Afterschool Program

We're excited to announce that we've expanded our team and are opening registration for a few additional students!

Space is limited, so if you need afterschool care for your child, please contact our Youth & Family Coordinator
Valerie Swartz at (270)631-0747

#### Welding Class Information:

Start Date: Friday, March 21, 2025

End Date: May 23, 2025

10 Weeks

Friday Evenings

5 PM - 10 PM

Call: Valerie Swartz

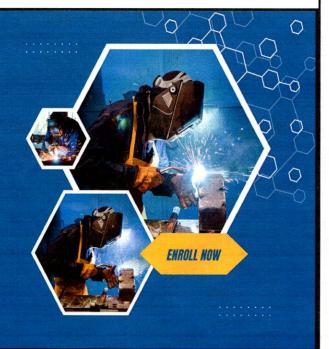
Resource Coordinator at

(270)631-0747

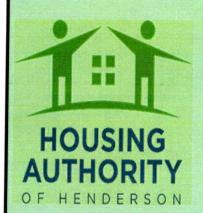
## WELDING COURSES

This course will include safety instruction, with a primary focus on operating techniques for Gas Metal Arch Welding (GMAW OR MIG), while introducing torch work, Shielded Metal Arch Welding (SMAW OR Stick) and Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW OR TIG).

- : If you are interested
  - Please contact
- Valerie Swartz at (270)631-074
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- Email: vswartz@hahenderson.org



#### 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.

#### **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.

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#### MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS: Troy Cox and Tony Clayton

Troy Cox and Tony Clay!

PROBLEMS:

Please do not attempt to repair problems yourself.

Please call work orders in immediately!

Call before 4:00 pm

LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCIES:

**CALL: 911** 

