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### WELCOME WEDNESDAYS AUDUBON MUSEUM AND NATURE CENTER

The Audubon Museum & Nature Center at John James Audubon State Park is offering free admission to everyone on "Welcome Wednesdays." Come explore the museum collection, learn about nature, watch wildlife from our observation room, view the work of local artists, and shop for unique gifts. Open daily from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Questions? Contact the Audubon Museum at (502)782-7918 or call the Park Office at 270-826-2247 between 8 A.M. and 4 P.M.



### COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT

**MARCH COOKING CLASS  
WITH FAMILY & CONSUMER  
SCIENCES AGENT  
AMANDA HARDY,**

**TUESDAY  
MARCH 7TH  
11.AM. OR 5PM.**

**PLEASE REGISTER AT  
[HTTPS://HENDERSON.CA.UKY.EDU/FCS](https://henderson.ca.uky.edu/fcs)**

*Housing Authority of Henderson  
Board of Commissioner's Meeting  
March 20, 2023  
12 noon*

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



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

### 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.

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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, please remember that 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

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:

<https://www.volunteerhenderson.org/appointment> , 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/](http://www.volunteerhenderson.org/vita/)

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



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 Chairman, Nibby Priest, has been one of the many volunteers that serve this program.

**In past years, volunteers in the VITA program have been able to help more than 1,700 people in Henderson County get their taxes prepared for free and deposit over \$2.5 million in local banks from returns.**

*Bobbie Jarrett*  
*Executive Director*

## MANAGER'S NOTES      AMP 1 and AMP 2 / Directors: Susan Gay and Lashunda Hill

**Rent Collection:** This is a friendly reminder that your rent is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month. Rent is considered **late** at 8:00 a.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the month. Please consider using your tax refund or stimulus to get caught up on your rent and start paying on-time. Payment history is always asked and answered on landlord verifications, applying for a loan, and applying for a mortgage. When paying your rent, please fill out checks and money orders completely. Please make them payable to the Housing Authority of Henderson. Make sure your name is legible and your address is on the check or money order to ensure your money is being properly applied.

**Parking:** This is a reminder all parking is first come, first served. Please be considerate of neighbors and park second cars and guest's cars away from the apartments. Please do not park in yellow curbed areas. The yellow areas are marked for fire and emergency services only and allows emergency vehicles to have easy access to apartments. The life they are saving might be yours or that of a family member.

**Be Considerate of Neighbors:** We have had complaints about some neighbors slamming doors and running up and down the stairs all hours of the night. Please be considerate of others.

**Stray Cats and other Animals:** Please do not feed and shelter stray animals. This is causing serious problems. We receive daily complaints about stray animals running into resident's apartments and animal waste on Housing Authority property. Stray animals may carry disease. This could be a health and safety risk to you and pets who are living in the units.

**Pets and Service Animals:** The policy states when your animal is outdoors, it should be on a leash. Several residents are not following that policy. We have received complaints concerning non-leashed animals running up on leashed animals and causing problems. Please leash your pet while outdoors and dispose of your pet's waste immediately.

**Smoking Reminder:** There is **no smoking** or vaping of any kind allowed inside the apartments. You must be 25 feet from any door or window.

**Christmas Decorations:** Please remove all outdoor holiday decoration, including pumpkins, snow on windows, and etc.

### Housekeeping Tips:

- **Wash refrigerator door gasket with clean soapy water** to avoid the loss of coolness and your electric bill being higher from not sealing. Your food will also stay fresher if the door seals properly.
- 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 you go 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 safe** in the toilet.
- Wipe household surfaces on regular basis your whole family will be 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 their dryer vent is always clamped and tight. This is the leading cause of fires.
- Window frames and entry doors need to be wiped with a bleach-water solution to avoid condensation turning into mildew problems.





# ST PATRICK'S DAY

## Word Search

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CABBAGE

JIG

POT OF GOLD

CLOVER

LEPRECHAUN

RAINBOW

CORNERD BEEF

LUCKY

SHAMROCK

GREEN

MARCH

ST PATRICK

IRELAND

PARADE

TRADITION





**HOUSING  
AUTHORITY**  
OF HENDERSON

**Inspections: Lawndale**

3/22/23 - Bldgs. 1-16  
3/23/23-Bldgs 17-33

**Re-Exams : Dixon**

**Gaarbage 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

# March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	VITA Tax Program Mon, Tues 12-7 and Saturday 9-12 By appointment		1 RENT DUE	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 CAT Center and Schools Closed Rent Late—Eviction Notices	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Utilities Read Board of Commissioner's Meeting 12 Noon	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Dixon Re-Exams Information Due	







Britlynn Dixon / 5th grade  
South Heights Elementary  
February Star Student



Isaiah James / 5th grade  
South Heights Elementary  
February Star Student

March 13, 2023

Monday

CAT Center and

Henderson County Schools

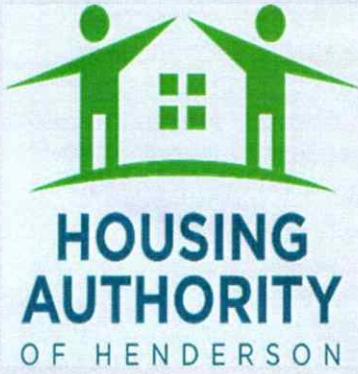
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### Benefits of An Afterschool Program

- **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 afterschool 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](#).







**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF HENDERSON**

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**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.

**Inspections**

**Lawndale**

**Buildings 1-16—3/22/23**

**Buildings 17-33—3/23/23**

**Re-Exams**

**Dixon**

Recertification will begin on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in the Boswell Room. All documentation is needed at the time of appointment. To schedule an appointment, call Maria Carter at 270-827-1294 ext. 1129.

**March Birth Month Flowers:**

Daffodils, sometimes called jonquils or narcissus, are the birth flowers for March. Because they often bloom in early spring, they symbolize new birth, beginnings, happiness and joy.



**Aquamarine** is not only the birthstone for March, but the gem is also given as a present on the 19th wedding anniversary



**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**

