

Resident and Community News



Housing Authority of Henderson
Bobbie Jarrett, Executive Director

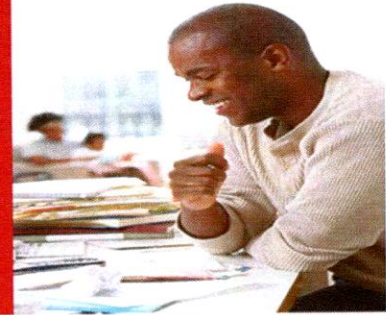
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Are you one of the millions of people who qualify for the EITC this year?

Don't leave money on the table.



Ask your VITA preparer if you qualify for this tax credit today!

#EITCAwarenessDay

The Mobile Library will be in your area for January, 2024

Fagan Square:

Dates:

January 9th (Tuesday) Time: 2 - 3 pm

January 23rd (Tuesday) Time: 2 - 3 pm

840 North Adams:

Dates:

January 9 (Tuesday) Time: 3:15 - 4:15 pm

January 23 (Tuesday) Time: 3:15 - 4:15 pm

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

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.

Some details about the coming year's program:

- 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. In 2022/2023 tax season, volunteers completed over 1,900 tax returns with a total of \$2.5 million dollars of income tax refunds received by Henderson County residents.



*Housing Authority of Henderson
Board of Commissioner's Meeting
January 22, 2024
12 noon*

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW FLAT RENT PROVISION

(Affects Only Those Residents Who Are Currently Paying the Flat Rent Option)

The Housing Authority of Henderson hereby amends its flat rents to comply with the statutory changes contained within, Public Law 113-76, of the Fiscal Year 2014 Appropriation Act.

The 2014 Appropriations Act requires the Housing Authority of Henderson to establish flat rents at no less than 80% of the applicable Fair Market Rent (FMR) as established by The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Henderson County.

Flat Rents are based on FY 2024 Small Area Fair Market Rents for Henderson County, KY 42420.

Bedroom	Current Flat Rent – Based On FY 2023 Small Area FMR For Henderson County 80% FMR – new admissions	HUD Mandated Flat Rent – Based On FY 2024 Small Area FMR For Henderson County, KY 80 % FMR – new admissions
0	\$480	\$520
1	\$544	\$576
2	\$680	\$728
3	\$880	\$928
4	\$1024	\$1056
5	\$1178	\$1216

The new flat rental amount will apply to all current program participants at the next annual recertification option. Listed below are the scheduled annual recertification effective dates for each complex.

Development	Effective Date of Increase
840 North Adams	November 1, 2024
Lawndale	March 1, 2024
Dixon	May 1, 2024
Eighth Street/Madison Court	July 1, 2024
Dixon Ingram/Fagan/	September 1, 2024
303/305 Fagan Street	September 1, 2024
423 South Ingram	September 1, 2024

Bedroom	HUD Mandated Flat Rent – Based On FY 2024 Small Area FMR For Henderson County, KY 80 % FMR – new admissions	Increase/Decrease in Flat Rent
0	\$520	\$40.00 increase
1	\$576	\$32.00 increase
2	\$728	\$48.00 increase
3	\$928	\$48.00 increase
4	\$1056	\$32.00 increase
5	\$1216	\$38.00 increase

Housing Authority 2024 Calendar:

The Housing Authority has available for you a 2024 Calendar. This calendar contains helpful reminders such as holidays, rental due dates, useful tips, advice, and valuable resource information.

Place your calendar in a convenient location and refer to it often during 2024.

Calendars may be picked up at the front desk. Limit one per family.

Fire and Safety Tips:

Apartment Safety:

- Never leave electrical appliances, modems, and cell phones on the floor, on cloth furniture or near a water source.
- Protect your appliances and your home by using surge protectors.
- Do not overload circuits or extension cords.
- Check electrical cords for appliances. Cords that are frayed or cracked are potential fire hazards.
- Do not run cords underneath rugs or between rooms.
- Never place portable space heaters near flammable materials, such as drapery.
- Turn off space heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Do not smoke in bed or leave burning cigarettes unattended.
- Keep lighters and matches out of reach of children.
- Do not leave candles or incense unattended or wax burners, and place these items away from drapes, curtains or other flammable materials.
- Do not store flammable materials, such as gasoline cans or a propane tank, in your apartment.

Kitchen Safety:

- Remember to never leave food unattended on a stove.
- Keep potholders and towels away from the cooking area.
- Avoid wearing loose-fitting sleeves when cooking.



Have a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Bobbie Jarrett

Executive Director

If you are a chef, no matter how good a chef you are, it's not good cooking for yourself; the joy is in cooking for others.

MANAGER'S NOTES

AMP 1 and AMP 2 / Directors: Lashunda Hill and Susan Gay

RENT: Effective January 1, 2024, the Housing Authority will begin enforcing the rent policy that is in your signed lease listed below.

17. **LEASE TERMINATION BY AUTHORITY:** Any termination of this Lease shall be carried out in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations, State and local law, and the terms of this Lease.

The Authority shall not terminate the Lease other than for serious or repeated violation of material terms of the Lease, such as, but not limited to, the following:

Nonpayment of rent or other charges due under the Lease (e.g., utilities), or repeated chronic late payment of rent (four times in a twelve-month period);

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

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, if you are found violating the HUD mandate smoking policy. After the third time, you will be given a 30 day eviction notice.

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 snow around common areas and the exterior sidewalks. The city will plow the city streets.

OVERNIGHT GUEST: HUD's policy and your signed lease states that you are allowed to have an overnight guest (s) for 14 total overnights per year, per household. Please use your time wisely.

IN SEVERE WEATHER: It is best to leave your cabinet doors under the sink open to avoid freezing pipes. Allowing faucets to slowly drip will also help prevent frozen pipes.

RESIDENT'S PHONE NUMBERS:

Please report your phone number changes to the Management Clerk.

Angie AMP I (270) 631-0729

Justina AMP II (270) 631-0728

January Word Search

K U P O N P M K V B L T A G M S F K M S E D U O
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Wool
 Storm
 Sled
 Jack Frost
 Heater
 Freezing
 coat
 Below Zero

Wood Stove
 Snowstorm
 Ski
 Jacket
 Heat
 Fireplace
 Chill
 Arctic

Wintertime
 Snowflake
 Scarf
 Icy
 Frost
 Fire
 Blizzard

Windy
 Snowboard
 Polar
 Ice Skates
 Frosty
 earmuffs
 Blanket

Wind
 Snow
 Mittens
 Ice
 Frostbite
 Comforter
 Black Ice

Thermal
 Slippery
 Melt
 Hot Chocolate
 Freezing Rain
 cold
 Bitter Cold



January 2024

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

Inspections:

Fagan, D&I
423 S. Ingram
303/305 Fagan St.

Re-Exams
Lawndale
January 5 - January 31

**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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 RENT DUE Office Closed New Year's Day	2	3 CAT Center and Schools Back in session	4	5 Re-Exams 5th - 31st Lawndale	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Dr. M.L. King Day Office closed CAT Center & Schools Closed	16	17 Inspections: Fagan D&I 423 S. Ingram 303/305 Fagan St.	18	19 Utilities Read	20
21	22 Board of Commissioner's meeting 12 Noon	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

CAT CENTER NEWS

Youth & Family Coordinator: Donna Rigsby

Bringing Holiday Cheer Once Again! The Evansville Thunderbolts brought holiday cheer to everyone at the CAT Center as dropped off stuff animals for the youth at the Center. It was a fun and a very exciting day. Thank you Thunderbolts for your kindness and generosity. You certainly made our day a day to remember!

Christmas at the CAT Center: Christmas at the CAT Center was a time of excitement and fun. The Center was filled with laughter and great anticipation. The staff served spaghetti (which is a favorite at the Center) along with dinner rolls, Christmas cupcakes and soft drinks. There were holiday games played and special holiday singing. All the youth received Christmas presents and Christmas candy bags. It was wonderful to see the youth’s eyes light up when they opened their presents. The children expressed their thankfulness for their Christmas party and their gifts! Happy New Year!

The New Year / 2024: The CAT Center will reopen January 3, 2024. The CAT Center provides youth and their families the opportunity and resources to obtain their highest academic, social, and personal potential through a safe and supportive environment, with emphasis on education and promoting self-worth.

**January 15, 2024
(Monday) Dr. M.L. King Day
CAT Center Closed**



Eight Reasons Your Child Should Do Word Puzzles Every Day!

Puzzles are still a fantastic way to occupy your child’s time and assist their learning in surprising ways. As a child, you probably spent a fair amount of time playing hangman, figuring out puzzle books, solving word searches and completing crosswords. Today, children spend hours in front of the TV, on their phone or playing computer games, but word puzzles can be used to great advantage to help your child’s learning. Here’s 8 reasons why word puzzles are an important and good activity for your child to become interested in.

1. They help to improve and practice spelling.
2. They help to grow and extend vocabulary
3. They improve your child’s working memory.
4. They improve your child’s work pace.
5. They encourage and improve problem-solving skills.
6. They foster persistence.
7. They can assist with improving test taking skills
8. They can improve self esteem.

The Giving Tree

The CAT Center’s Staff and Youth want to thank Ms. Danielle Anguish, Children’s Services Manager at the Henderson County Library for inviting us to take part in the “Giving Tree Village.”

We want to thank all those who donated special Christmas gifts for our children.

Your thoughtfulness and giving made this a Christmas that our staff and youth will always remember!

The event was truly a wonderful celebration of generosity and togetherness.

Thank you!



January Trivia:

1. The Earth is closest to the Sun in January? True or False
2. You can get a sunburn from playing in the snow on a cold January day? True or False
3. Who added January to the calendar by introducing the Julian calendar in 45 B.C.?
4. What city translates as “River of January” ?
5. What is the full moon’s name that occurs in January?
6. Which mammal is the largest and heaviest in the world and is often spotted in January off the coast of California during migration?

Answers:
1. True 2. True 3. Julius Caesar 4. Rio de Janeiro 5. Wolf Moon 6. Blue Whale



HOUSING AUTHORITY OF HENDERSON

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Fax: 270-827-1482

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housing@hahenderson.org

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

INSPECTIONS:

JANUARY 17 (WEDNESDAY)

Fagan
D&I,
423 S. Ingram
303/305 Fagan St.

RE-EXAMS:

Lawndale

January 5th - January 31st

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.



MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

SUPERVISORS:

Troy Cox and Tony Clayton

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

