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NEWSLETTER

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Commissioners

Our Board of Commissioners has had some changes since our last newsletter!

Our newest commissioners are Valorie Harris, Brian Campbell, and our Resident Commissioner is Shirley Miller! Dr. Harris comes to us from Lewis & Clark Community College where she is the associate Dean of Adult Education. Mr. Campbell is an Alderman for the 1st Ward, which includes our Alton Acres development! Ms. Miller works for the Madison County Sherriff's Office. We're pleased to have these new additions to our Board!

The office staff and our Board have been working together on the upcoming redevelopment project for our units. We have secured a developer for the project who will help find funding and oversee the project from start to finish! We will hold meetings to keep our residents informed as new information becomes available.

Upcoming Events

Future All Stars Basketball – K – 1st grade will play Mondays and Thursdays at Gilson Brown & **2nd grade** will play Tuesdays and Thursdays at North Middle School

Churches on the Street – every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month
Oakwood, 11-12:30 and Alton Acres 12:30 - 2



You can now "like" us on Facebook! Find our page "City of Alton Housing Authority" for the administration page. We also have "AHA Youth Programs" which posts pictures and information about our Community Centers!



Our 2018-2019 Future All-Stars!

Pet Policy

Please be aware that Alton Housing has a pet policy that applies to all residents. If you have a pet, it must be registered with the main office and you must provide up-to-date shot records from your veterinarian.

You are also responsible for cleaning up after your pet. If we receive complaints from your neighbors or from maintenance staff that you are not cleaning up your lawn after your pet, that is a violation of your lease. Also, dogs are not to be let outside without a leash and are not to be tied up outside without your supervision. Any resident found violating these rules will be subject to lease termination.

Parking

Parking can sometimes be a contentious issue in our developments. We want to remind residents that you have one parking space assigned to your unit. Any guests or visitors must find parking in the visitors section or elsewhere. If you or your guests are found taking other tenants parking spaces that is a violation of your lease. We will send warning letters that will be placed in your file, but if the problem persists you could be subject to lease termination.

Additionally, any unlicensed or non-functioning vehicles in our developments are being regularly reported to the Alton Police Department for tagging and towing. Violators beware that you are responsible for any costs of towing your vehicle, whether it is done by APD or Alton Housing.

Smoking

We want to remind all residents that **public housing is now smoke free.** According to your lease, there is no smoking inside of your dwelling unit or within 25 feet of the unit entrance. There is also no smoking in/outside of the community centers, playground, and administrative building. Violation of this policy comes with a first warning, then a second warning + \$50 fee, and then a final lease termination for a 3rd violation.

Community Centers

Damita Fielding, Program Coordinator

Lashonda Snipes, Alton Acres Center Director

The R.E.A.C.H (Raising Expectations Achieving Character and Hope) After School – Homework Help Tutorial Program is designed along the same curriculum as the Alton School District's to meet the needs of our children. We want to encourage success and to stress the importance of attendance, physical and mental achievement, and to reach higher goals! We encourage all parents to register their child at our community centers for homework help so they can ensure their work is done properly and completed on time. We all want the best for our youth!

Program Days/Hours for the 2018-2019 School Year:

The Centers will continue to run the After School – Homework Help Tutorial Program on Monday – Thursday's from 2:45pm – 4:30pm from February 2019 – May 2019.

Girls Scout will be held every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month from 4:15pm – 5:30pm

Boy Scouts will be held every 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month from 4:15pm – 5:30pm.

G.L.A.D Girls will be held every 1st Saturday of the month at the Oakwood Center.

As we work toward preparing our youth for their future goals, we decided to broaden our horizons' with visiting the Alton Mall Library for some after-school fun activities every 2nd Thursday of the month and will visit the River Bender every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Please see Damita Fielding if you would like to register your child for any of these activities!

We would like to thank our parents, community service workers, volunteers and teachers for all of your assistance in reaching out to our youth to achieve higher goals in their academics and learning to develop to higher levels.

We continue to encourage positive character development as we offer a safe place for our youth. The staff at the centers and at AHA knows that it takes a village to help our children grow up positive and successful!

If you have any questions concerning our Community Centers, please call Damita Fielding at 618-462-3803.

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Pictures of our Youth!



Our Future All-Stars!



Pictures of our Youth!



Mariah Reed, Willie Barbee, Mariah Barbee, Sophonya Reed, and Demario Jones decorating ornaments at Christmas time! (Top)

Harmoni Skinner playing Uno! (Right)



Myra Jaggie, Mariah Barbee, and Mikel Reed in the Reading Circle in Oakwood!



Pictures of our Youth!



Jamarion Green and Derrick Ingram



Daysha Williams and Empris Jones building gingerbread houses during Christmas time!



More game day fun with Mariah Barbee, Isys Feldpausch and Xavier Robinson!

