

KICKAPOO HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWSLETTER



KHA Newsletter

July 2018

Executive Director's Corner:

Happy 4th of July to one and all! KHA is ready to jump into another month. We are excited to be receiving our HUD award this week and look forward to accomplishing our goals for 2018! Our first priority is to complete the Fort Riley homes for new tenants. The Housing Authority is developing a Market Rate Rental tenant program that will assist those who do not meet the low income requirements. Three of the last Fort Riley homes will kick this off! Our second priority will be to begin to provide to our Home Owners who are eligible for assistance. We thank you for your patience and look forward to working with you towards Home improvement and more importantly to promote Home Ownership in the community. We are pleased to announce that Twilla Lieb has been hired for the ROSS Service Coordinator position. She is working on the development of services identified in the grant as well as policy and procedures. She more recently attended a training in the State of Washington and will lead the completion of a Community Survey in the near future. We're excited to have her and the funding for the new program that is a three year project. Look for brochures soon! We are also pleased to announce that we have hired Cody Davis on a temporary basis to update our IT needs and more importantly to finish the project of providing WIFI services to Site 8. He has been doing a good job and is an asset to KHA. If you live at Site 8 and haven't tagged into it, please try it; it's on the HOUSE! Have a great month all, and remember: we are blessed to enjoy each and everyday to its fullest!

~Peggy Houston, Executive Director



May peacefulness and joy be more than dreams to you, May they guide your heart and spirit in everything you do

KHA Administration Team:

- **Peggy Houston**
Executive Director
- **Rachel Thomas**
Occupancy/Office Manager
- **Darlene Moore**
Accounting Specialist
- **Twilla Lieb**
Services Coordinator
- **Eldon Darnell**
Maintenance Supervisor
- **Stephanie Cadue**
Receptionist/Editor

KHA BOC:

- **Fred Thomas**
Chairperson
- **Deniece Masqua**
Secretary/Treasure
- **Bernadette Thomas**
Liaison

Kickapoo Traditional Pow-wow

"Tomorrow's Dream" is the theme for this years Kickapoo Tribe In Kansas Traditional Pow-wow to be held August 24-25, 2018. Grand entry starts at 7:00 pm. Princess contest on Thursday night August 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm with a potluck starting at 6:00 pm. All drums, dancers and vendors welcome! Contact information:

Jason Thomas (785) 486-2131

Nora Parker (785) 486-3425

Jon Goslin (785) 741-0220

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Free WiFi in Site 8

We told you it was coming! WIFI is now here! To connect follow these steps:

Go to settings, then connection, turn on WIFI, under available networks choose "housingwifi", enter password "kickapoo" (all lower case). Now your ready to use and enjoy WIFI! For outages or questions call: 816 248-4903.

KHA Administration Office

The next scheduled BOC Meeting is 07/11/18 @ 4:00 p.m. in the KHA Conference Room.

Occupancy

Occupancy is needing current and working phone numbers for all tenants. Please call the Housing Office at (785) 486-3638 to provide us with your current, working number, thank you.

Maintenance

A Reminder To Our Tenants: Please keep your lawns mowed. By keeping your lawns mowed it may help to avoid snakes, spiders, and bugs from creeping and hiding in your yard and going into your house. Keep in mind the charges if KHA is asked to mow/weed eat your lawns.

Mowing Fee: \$40.00-Large Yards \$30.00-Smaller Yards

Weed Eating Fee: \$10.00-Large Yards \$ 7.00-Smaller Yards

Every tenant is responsible for mowing/weed eating their own lawns with the exception of the disabled and the elderly (60 & over).

Storm Doors: here is some information Eldon found in an article on the physics of why storm doors won't close and latch on it's own: Assuming you have an all glass door (or the screen is not down), as the storm door closes it begins to build pressure between the glass and the entry door, Normally, a storm door will close about halfway, the closers (or pistons) then kick in and slow the door down a bit, and then it closes the rest of the way. But it won't latch at the end. As the storm door is closing, it forces the air that's trapped between the two doors out. But there comes a point when the air can't escape fast enough, so it builds up pressure and pushes back on the storm door and the glass, and that pressure build up forces the storm door to stay open. In the end, the air pressure wins and the storm door remains unlatched. Well here are two simple fixes: **1. Put a screen in the storm door or open the window on your storm door a bit. This will break the pressure seal and allow the door to close and latch on it's own. How much you have to leave the window open depends on the storm door, layout of your house, wind direction, how plumb and level your entry door is, and a myriad of other factors you don't control. 2. Just remember to push the storm door shut when you leave.** So again you can open the window on your storm door a little or just push it closed before you walk away, especially when its windy outside. Thank you.

July Holiday

Our office will be observing the 4th of July holiday and we will be closing Tuesday, July 3rd at 12:00 noon through Wednesday, July 4th. We will resume regular business hours Thursday, July 5, 2018. Enclosed in the newsletter you will find a "Safety Tips for the 4th of July" sheet. So read carefully and if you follow these simple rules and use common sense, you and your loved ones can have a "Safe & Happy July 4th!" Please pick up your fire work casings and trash when you are finished celebrating with your family!!!

Don't forget, Golden Eagle Casino is having their fireworks event Tuesday, July 3rd starting at sundown in their parking lot. "Happy 4th of July" from KHA staff.



Just a reminder

Please call the main office phone number for any type of service call on your unit during the regular maintenance business hours (8am-4pm). It is our policy and a reporting requirement that a work order be created before any work can be started on a unit. We create a work order for any service calls that are made. No matter how big or small the issue is.

For all after hours emergencies please call the on-call maintenance at (785) 288-1671. Thank you for your cooperation. Our office hours are : Monday –Friday 8:00 a.m. –4:30 p.m. PH: (785) 486-3638.