

HASFN NEWSLETTER

Spring 2023



Words from the Executive Director

Hello all, I hope everyone is doing well. I know the last couple of months with our Oklahoma weather of thunderstorms and tornados has affected many of our tenants. We, at the Housing Authority, have been working with our insurance company and contractors to expedite those repairs. PLEASE remember, if you have any damages to your unit or house, YOU need to contact us immediately so we can make an assessment to see if an insurance claim is needed.

We have had a good turn out with attendance at the trainings and workshops we have offered. We will continue having them monthly for tenants. Look for those flyers and/or on our website for more monthly information on these classes. With summer approaching, we plan on doing several summer fun activities at Shawnee, Stroud and Cushing so, be on the lookout for more information on those events.

Again, if you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at (405)275-8200 ext. 101 or by email at cthomas@hasfn.net.

Sincerely,
Cora Thomas, M.Ed.
HASFN Executive Director

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Housing Authority of the Sac and Fox Nation's Mission Statement

To provide decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing to eligible, low-income Sac & Fox tribal members, elders, and other Native Americans.



YARD OF THE MONTH

This year's Yard of the Month winners will be chosen in April, May, June, July, August, September, October and December. Remember, neat and clean yards, seasonal/holiday décor, landscaping, flowers, etc. are areas that are taken into consideration for the yard of the month winner. Prizes are awarded for winners. To nominate yourself or other HASFN tenants for yard of the month, call the Housing Authority at (405) 275-8200.



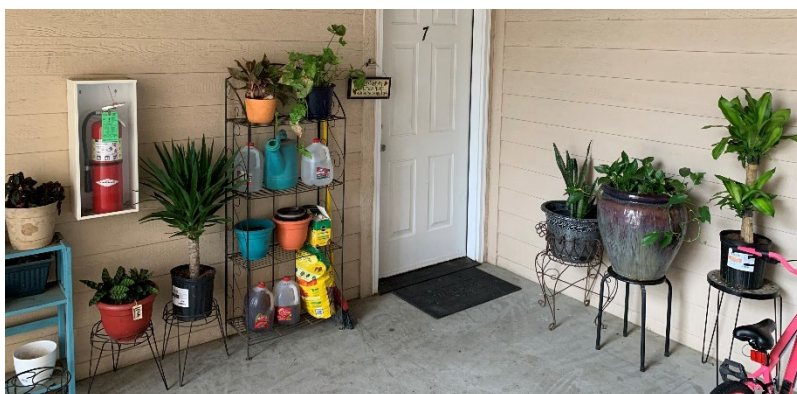
April 2023

Lease Option Yard of the Month

2022 Yard of the Month Winners

Penny Palmer, Toni McKinney, Charles Hamilton-Youngbird, Maria Starr, Ryan Ferguson, Vanessa Brown, Sharon Reyes, Stacy Ontiveros, Melissa Jennings, Illene Wood, Mary Hamilton, Gwen Wilburn, Yvonne Lomaintewa, Shawna Spoon, Wendi Mahtapene, Misty Kirk

Congratulations to all of the Yard of the Month Winners last year!



April 2023

Low Rent Yard of the Month

FINANCE

Friendly reminder, you will no longer receive a billing statement. You will only receive a statement from the HASFN Finance Department if you have a late fee or an outstanding balance. **A late fee will occur on the 11th of each month.** Please make sure when making a payment, you have your name, address and account number on your check or money order. If the 10th or 11th falls on a weekend or a holiday, late fees will be added on the following business day.

Payment Methods!

If you haven't heard the word, you can now pay online! Go to our website, www.sacandfoxha.com, and go to the payment tab and follow the directions to complete your payment.

Other payment options include:

- Pay in person at the Finance Department
- Drive-thru window
- Pay over the phone

We accept Visa, MasterCard, money order and checks.



Marquisha Torres-Accounts Payable
Margaret Franklin-Finance Manager
Patricia Doss-Finance Clerk

Upcoming Events



June

- Summer Safety Outreach
 - June 7-Shawnee, June 8-Stroud, June 9-Cushing
 - 4:00-6:00 p.m.
 - Locations to be Announced
- Money Management & Basic Budgeting
 - June 21, 2023
 - 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 - Sac and Fox Multipurpose Building

July

- Health and Wellness
 - July 19, 2023
 - 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 - Sac and Fox Multipurpose Building

Preparing for Routine Spraying

In preparing for the routine bug spraying, please ensure if you have pets, they are in a crate/cage or secured in a bedroom or bathroom. Please have your unit fully prepped and ready for spraying and please make sure all rooms are available for spraying. If there are locks on the doors, please ensure they are unlocked or HASFN personnel will remove them for entry. If you do not have a major infestation, you will not be required to empty your cabinets and closets. Please ensure your home is picked up and clean prior to routine spraying. Thank you for your cooperation.



Maintenance & Development Department

(Back Row) Rick Roberts-Dev. Tech, Laffatte McKissick-Dev. Tech, Sherry Roubidoux-Dev. Admin. Assistant, Chebon Harjo-Dev. Tech, Chris Anderson-Dev. Lead, Thomas Slavin-Dev. Foreman,
 (Center) Brandon Harjo-Maint. Tech, Thomasine Grass-Maintenance Admin. Assistant
 (Front Row) Mitchell Tilley-Maint. Tech, Aaron Blanchard-Maint. Supervisor
 (Not pictured-David Haworth)

Monthly Preventative Maintenance Dates

June 13, 2023 in Shawnee

June 13, 2023 in Stroud and Cushing



July 10-11, 2023 in Shawnee

July 12, 2023 in Stroud and Cushing



August 8, 2023 in Shawnee

August 8, 2023 in Stroud and Cushing



Sept. 5-6 in Shawnee

Sept. 7, 2023 in Stroud and Cushing

The Maintenance Dept. will be replacing air filters, checking the batteries in the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and checking fire extinguishers.

Maintenance Emergency Number (405) 317-0335

Please call this number for after hour emergencies only.

For work order requests during office hours, call (405) 275-8200.

Mowing Schedule



• Kimberly and Wiki

Weekly on Thursdays

- June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- July 6, 13, 20, 27
- August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
- September 7, 14, 21, 28

• Cushing (Wed.), Stroud (Thurs.), Prague (Fri.)

Bi-Weekly on Wed., Thurs., Fri.

- May 24, 25, 26
- June 7, 8, 9, 21, 22, 23
- July 5, 6, 7, 21, 22, 23
- August 2, 3, 4, 16, 17, 18, 30, 31
- September 1, 13, 14, 15, 27, 28, 29

Routine Bug Spraying

All Low Rent Units are scheduled for routine bug spraying on:

- June 13, 2023
- August 8, 2023
- October 10, 2023



HASFN Staff

Cora Thomas, HASFN Executive Director
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(405) 275-8200, ext. 113
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(405) 275-8200, ext. 202

Thomas Slavin, Jr., Development Foreman
Christopher Anderson, Development Lead
Kandice Taylor, Executive Assistant
Kanetra Wolf, Receptionist
Patricia Doss, Finance Clerk
Marquisha Torres, Accounts Payable Tech
Eric Wahpekeche, Housing Inspector
Treva Brown, Collections Specialist
Tara Carter, Housing Program Specialist
Thomasine Grass, Maintenance Assistant
David Haworth, Maintenance Crew Leader
Mitch Tilley, Maintenance Crew Leader
Brandon Harjo, Maintenance Tech
Chebon Harjo, Maintenance Tech
Sherry Roubidoux, Development Admin. Assistant
Richard Roberts, Development Tech
Rocky Larney, Jr., Development Tech
Laffatte McKissick, Jr., Development Tech



Board Of Commissioners

(L to R) Shawna Spoon-Chairman, Justin Roubidoux-Member, Yannah Frazier-Treasurer, Peggy Big Eagle-Secretary, Tina Morris-Vice Chairman

Aaron Blanchard, Maintenance Supervisor

Aaron has been employed with HASFN since February 2016 beginning as a Maintenance Tech then Crew Leader and now Maintenance Supervisor. What he likes most about working for the HASFN is working with the crews and administration to try to make a difference in our tenants and housing units. In his free time, Aaron enjoys watching sports, playing golf, softball and grilling outside. He is a big time OU fan.



Free Financial Coaching Available to Tribal Citizens

Since June 2020, with grant support from the Wells Fargo Foundation, the Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition, Inc. (ONAC) has been offering three types of free financial coaching to tribal citizens across the United States: 1) credit counseling, 2) homebuyer education, and 3) financial management (i.e. budgeting).

Confidential sessions are offered one-on-one, by teleconference (Zoom) or phone call, with a Native certified credit counselor, homebuyer education provider, and financial educator. Typically, these sessions will last for an hour and are scheduled at a mutually agreeable time.

Thus far, ONAC has offered this free financial coaching to those participating in ONAC's other programming. Now, ONAC is offering these financial coaching services to a wider group of tribal constituents.

If you are a tribal citizen interested in free financial coaching, you are welcome to complete the following registration form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ONACcounselingregistration>

Once the form has been submitted to ONAC, our financial coach will work with you to schedule a remote session by phone or teleconference. This confidential financial coaching is available to any American Indian or Alaska Native in the United States, regardless of where you reside.

For any questions about these financial coaching services, contact Christy Finsel, ONAC Executive Director, at (405) 720-0770 or cfinsel@oknativeassets.org.

**For more information, plan to attend the
Money Management/Basic Budgeting class on
June 21 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE SAC & FOX NATION PRESENTS

June 7-Shawnee
June 8-Strood
June 9-Cushing

4-6 p.m.

**Summer
Safety
Fun!**

SNOWCONES, GOODIE BAGS, GAMES & RESOURCES

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AT (405)275-8200
LOCATIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED

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Tornado Safety Tips

WATCH Conditions Right For A Tornado



WARNING A Tornado Has Been Sighted

During a **WATCH**: Be Alert! Tornadoes may strike without warning. Listen for weather reports and Tornado Sirens. Be ready to find a shelter and know where to find it.

During a **WARNING**: Seek shelter immediately in a basement or small interior room. Get under something sturdy. In public buildings, go to a designated shelter or interior hallway. Get out of cars and mobile homes immediately. Lie flat on the ground or get into a ditch if possible.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR SUMMER'S SEVERE WEATHER

Hurricane season is June 1 to November 30

BUILD A DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

MAKE A PLAN

53% Of people make emergency kits

Average number of Atlantic hurricanes per year

ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

Once you have gathered the supplies for a basic emergency kit, you may want to consider adding the following items:

TOP STATES HIT BY HURRICANES

- 1 Florida
- 2 Louisiana
- 3 North Carolina

47% Chance a Hurricane will hit one of these states

FIRST-AID KIT

These basic first aid supplies helps you to be prepared to relieve loved ones when they are hurt:

Severe Weather Preparedness Tips

Have a safety kit that includes:

- Battery powered radio/TV
- Photo ID
- Car keys and cell phone
- Bicycle helmets & shoes
- Snacks and water
- Something to occupy children
- Pet food
- Basic first aid items

Prepare your safe place ahead of time!

Know your risk. What type of weather is expected & when?

What is your plan? Know where you will go **BEFORE** it is time to go there.

Have multiple sources for receiving watches and warnings

- StormWatch+ mobile app
- NOAA Weather Radio
- Commercial TV/radio

Grilling Safety

Grilling Safety Fast Fact

In roughly 1 of every 5 grill fires, grills have not been cleaned.

To prevent fires, keep grills clean.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



Grilling Fire Safety Tip

To prevent a fire, place grill well away from the home, deck railings, out from under eaves and overhanging branches.



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Grilling Fire Safety Tip

Never leave your grill unattended to reduce the risk for a fire.



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Be careful during cookouts!

Grilling safety, by the numbers

Each year, grill fires cause \$118 million in property damage

8,900 home fires

are caused by grills each year

Grills cause 16,900 injuries per year

Propane is the fuel source in 69% of all grill-related residential property fires

The leading causes of grill fires are:

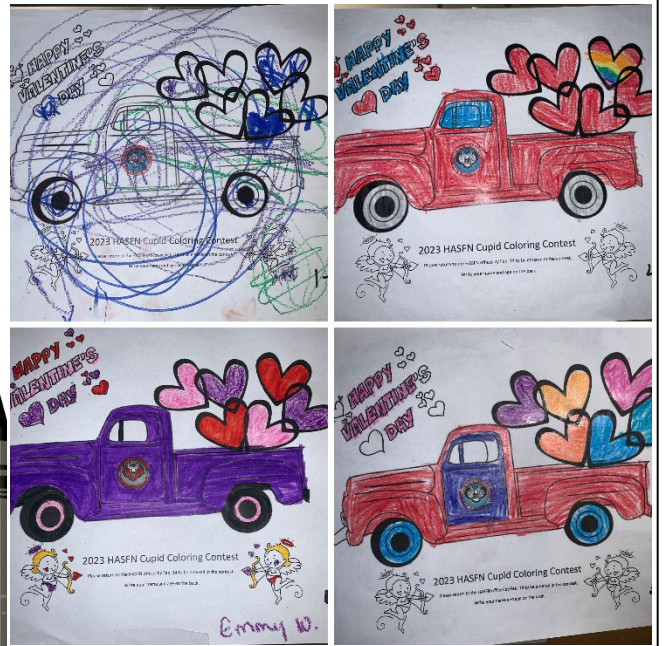
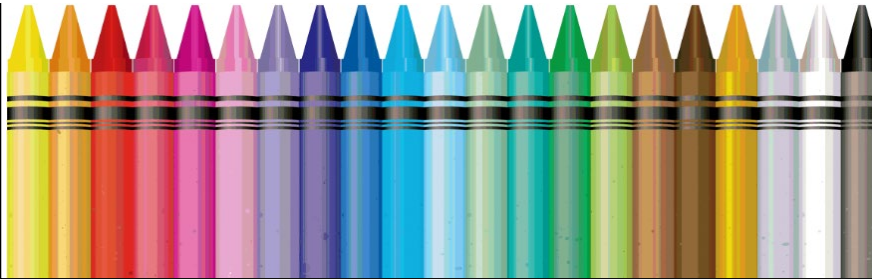
- 1 Failure to clean the grill
- 2 Placing the grill too close to flammable structures
- 3 Leaving the grill unattended

57% of grill fires on residential properties

occur in May, June, July, and August.

KID'S CORNER

Congratulations to the winners of the HASFN Cupid Coloring Contest in February. Ages 1-3: Charles, 4-7: Ben and Emmy, 8 and up: Aiden. Great job!



Weather Word Search

KEEP AN EYE ON THE SKIES!

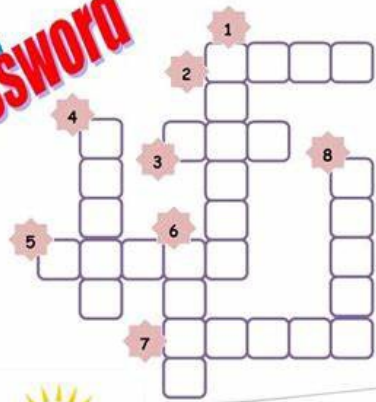
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J E O G S A U N X R
I H R T U S N O W A
W I N D N M D P I J
C D A Q N X E T U Z
F E D N Y B R A I N
C L O U D S K X S H

SUNNY
RAIN
CLOUDS
SNOW
STORM

HAIL
FOG
THUNDER
WIND
TORNADO

Weather Crossword



Please return coloring page to HASFN by June 12 to be entered in the coloring contest.
Please put your name and age on the back.



HASFN wishes you a safe and enjoyable summer!

New in Fiscal Year 2023!

Tenant of the Year

The criteria to be considered as a candidate for Tenant of the Year (one low rent & one lease option tenant) will be on-time monthly payments (no late fees), no non-compliance issues and a passed annual inspection without a non-compliance issue. This award will be announced in September 2023.



Quarterly Incentive Drawing



Congratulations to Yvonne Lomaintewa and Rosa Kinslow for winning the Second Quarter drawing!

The criteria for the quarterly incentive drawing for low rent tenants will be on-time monthly payments, nice yard upkeep and not receive any non-compliance notices. The criteria for the quarterly drawing for lease option tenants will be on-time monthly payments, nice yard upkeep and passed annual inspection. The drawings will be for fiscal year 2023, drawings will be in December 2022, March 2023, June 2023, and September 2023.

HASFN NEWS



Thank you to everyone who came to the Housing Authority for Valentine's pics, goodie bags and entered the coloring contest."

Your Input Needed

Please rank the following topics in order of importance for upcoming tenant workshops you would like to see HASFN offer. You may mail (P.O. Box 1252 Shawnee, OK 74801) or drop this off to HASFN (201 N. Harrison Shawnee, OK 74801). You may also e-mail your input to ktaylor@hasfn.net with the subject line: Tenant Workshops. Thanks for your input.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Money Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Budgeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Beading Class |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How to become a homeowner | <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Wellness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety 101 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Craft-Kids Corner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking Class | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |





Housing Authority
of the Sac and Fox Nation
P.O. Box 1252

REMAINING HASFN 2023 HOLIDAYS

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|------------------------|---------------|
| Memorial Day | May 29, 2023 |
| Juneteenth | June 19, 2023 |
| Independence Day | July 4, 2023 |
| Native American Day | July 10, 2023 |
| Labor Day | Sept. 4, 2023 |
| Veteran's Day | Nov. 10, 2023 |
| Thanksgiving Day | Nov. 23, 2023 |
| Day After Thanksgiving | Nov. 24, 2023 |
| Christmas Eve | Dec. 22, 2023 |
| Christmas Day | Dec. 25, 2023 |
| Algonquin Cultural Day | Dec. 26, 2023 |

| Sunday | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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Agency Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Check the website (www.sacandfoxha.com) for up-to-date emergency closures due to severe weather or for a list of holidays in which the agency will be closed.