

HASFN

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2023



Words from the Executive Director

Happy Fall to everyone. This newsletter kicks off the beginning of the Housing Authority's new fiscal year. This year, we will still be offering workshops, trainings and some NEW outreach events/activities. We hope this will continue with us here at the Housing Authority to build a strong community partnership with our tenants and tribal community. We are still going strong with recognizing outstanding quarterly tenants and, of course, Tenant of the Year. Both have some amazing incentives this year so look for those criteria so you can be one recognized for being outstanding.

As usual, we strive to maintain your homes with monthly preventative maintenance. In this issue, in addition to the monthly maintenance we provide, you will find some maintenance tips to prepare for the upcoming seasons as well as some safety tips for the colder weather.

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

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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.



HASFN YARD OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the July, August and September Yard of the Month Winners!



Yard of the Month is wrapping up for this season. You still have time to showcase your yard and win the prize for October and December. Next year's Yard of the Month winners will be chosen in April, May, June, July, August and September. Remember, neat and clean yards, seasonal 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.



July
Low Rent



July
Lease Option



August
Low Rent



August
Lease Option



September
Low Rent



September
Lease Option

FINANCE

Beginning in October, 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.

Upcoming Events



November

- Ribbon Skirt Making Class
 - November 8, 2023
 - Noon and 6:00 p.m.
 - Multipurpose building (next to the Housing Authority)
- Beading Class
 - November 15, 2023
 - Noon and 6:00 p.m.
 - Multipurpose building (next to the Housing Authority)

December

- Pictures with Santa
 - December 14, 2023
 - 3:00-7:00 p.m.
 - Housing Authority (201 N. Harrison, Shawnee)
- Cookies with Santa
 - December 16, 2023
 - 9:00-1100 a.m.
 - Housing Authority (201 N. Harrison, Shawnee)

Please Join Us!



Freezing Pipe Safety

Winter Safety Tips for
Homeowners & Renters from Amerind

- **Keep a steady drip** Maintain a continuous drip of water from one faucet in your home, preferable a sink farthest from where the water comes into the house.
- **Open your cabinets**
Keep cabinet doors open under sinks.
- **Insulate your pipes**
Use heat tape, foam, or rubber insulation to protect your pipes.
- **Outdoor faucets**
Cover hose bibs with hose bib cover.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- ▲ Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one meter) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- ▲ Have a three-foot (one meter) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- ▲ Never use your oven to heat your home.
- ▲ Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- ▲ Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- ▲ Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- ▲ Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- ▲ Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- ▲ Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

Monthly Preventative Maintenance Dates

Nov. 6-7, 2023 in Shawnee

Nov. 8, 2023 in Stroud and Cushing

Dec. 4-5, 2023 in Shawnee

Dec. 6, 2023 in Stroud and Cushing

Jan. 8-9, 2024 in Shawnee

Jan. 10, 2024 in Stroud and Cushing

Feb. 5-6, 2024 in Shawnee

Feb. 7, 2024 in Stroud and Cushing

March 4-5, 2024 in Shawnee

March 6, 2024 in Stroud and Cushing

April 1-2, 2024 in Shawnee

April 3, 2024 in Stroud and Cushing

May 6-7, 2024 in Shawnee

May 8, 2024 in Stroud and Cushing

June 3-4, 2024 in Shawnee

June 5, 2024 in Stroud and Cushing

July 1-2, 2024 in Shawnee

July 3, 2024 in Stroud and Cushing

August 5-6, 2024 in Shawnee

August 7, 2024 in Stroud and Cushing

Sept. 9-10, 2024 in Shawnee

Sept. 11, 2024 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

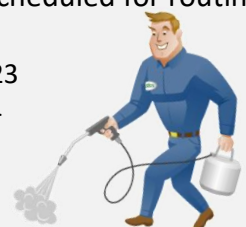
Please call this number for after hour emergencies only.

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

Routine Bug Spraying

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

- December 12, 2023
- February 13, 2024
- April 9, 2024
- June 11, 2024
- August 13, 2024



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Fiscal Year 2024 Board of Commissioners Slate of Officers

Chair: Tina Morris

Vice Chair: Shawna Spoon

Secretary: Peggy Big Eagle

Treasurer: Yannah Frazier

Member: Vacant

Employee Spotlight

Kandice has been employed with HASFN since August 2021. What Kandice likes most about working for the HASFN is meeting the people who come in the office and assisting with tenant and community outreach events. In her free time, she enjoys doing karaoke and going on adventures in her jeep. Being a graduate from Oklahoma State University, Kandice is a proud OSU Cowboys fan.



Kandice Taylor
Executive Assistant

New in Fiscal Year 2023!

Tenant of the Year Winners!

**Congratulations to
the Low Rent Tenant of
the Year Winner Cheyenne
Meadows and the Lease Option
Tenant of the Year Winner Aaron
Wilson!**



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, a passed annual inspection without a non-compliance issue and attend at least one of the HASFN workshops. This award will be announced in September 2024.

Quarterly Incentive 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, passed annual inspection and attend at least one of the HASFN workshops. The drawings will be for fiscal year 2024, drawings will be in December 2023, March 2024, June 2024, and September 2024.

Home Maintenance Fall Checklist

- **Check** roof for missing, loose, or damaged shingles
- **Check** smoke detectors and fire extinguishers
- **Clean** chimney and fireplace
- **Seal** any gaps around windows and doors with weather stripping and check for cracks
- **Wrap** indoor pipes
- **Inspect** your heating system and schedule a routine furnace check
- **Turn off** outdoor water supply, remove and store hoses
- **Install** outdoor faucet covers.
- **Trim** tree branches
- **Clean** gutters
- **Remove** debris and dead vegetation



How to use a fire extinguisher

Most fire extinguishers operate using the following P.A.S.S. Technique:

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1. PULL the pin. This will also break the tamper seal.

A.



2. AIM low, pointing the extinguisher nozzle (or its horn or hose) at the base of the fire.

S.



3. SQUEEZE the handle to release the extinguishing agent.

S.



4. SWEEP from side to side at the base of the fire until it appears to be out. Watch the area. If the fire re-ignites, repeat steps 2 - 4.

NOTE: Do not touch the plastic discharge horn on CO2 extinguishers, it gets very cold and may damage skin.

If you have the slightest doubt about your ability to fight a fire.... EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY!



- ▲ **Follow the 3-Foot Rule** - Avoid placing a space heater within 3 feet of anything flammable; curtains, papers, furniture, etc.).
- ▲ **Do not leave your space heater unattended.**
- ▲ **Plug your space heater into a wall outlet.**
Do not use an extension cord!

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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.

___ Money Management

___ Basic Maintenance

___ Basic Budgeting

___ Beading Class

___ How to become a homeowner

___ Health & Wellness

___ Financial Planning

___ Safety 101

___ Career Planning

___ Craft-Kids Corner

___ Cooking Class

(other, please list)



HASFN Employees wear pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

- Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center
 - 356110 East 930 Road, Stroud, OK 74079
 - (918)968-9531
- Breast Care at SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital-Shawnee
 - 3208 Medical Park Drive Shawnee, OK 74804
 - (405)395-5719
- Susan G. Komen Foundation
 - www.komen.org
 - Breast Care Helpline: 877-465-6636



HASFN Employees wear purple in support of Domestic Violence Awareness.

- Sac and Fox Nation Family Violence Prevention
 - Services (918)968-3526 Ext. 1709
- Seminole-Family Resource Center Office
 - (405)382-5978, Crisis (844)863-0270
- Shawnee-Project Safe Office
 - (405)273-9953, Crisis (800)821-9953
- National Indigenous Women's Resource Center
 - (855)649-7299
- National Domestic Violence Hotline
 - (800)799-7233 (SAFE), (800)787-3224, Text START to 88788 to chat
- Love is Respect
 - (866)331-9474



1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men
experience some form of physical violence by an partner

Know the Signs

- An abusive partner frequently denies or attempts to minimize the seriousness of violence and its impact.
- An abusive individual objectifies the victim, viewing that person as property or a sexual object.
- An abusive partner may blame their violence on stress, alcohol or other external factors.
- Red flags in a partner: extreme jealousy, possessive behavior, unpredictability, short temper, cruelty to animals and verbal abuse.

Resources

- In an emergency, call 911.
- For anonymous, confidential help available 24/7, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE) or 1-800-787-3224. If you're unable to speak safely, text START to 88788 or use the online chat option
- The National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline is dedicated to teens age 13-18. For anonymous, confidential help available 24/7, call 1-866-331-9474, text LOVEIS to 22522 or chat online.



HASFN Employees attended the Domestic Violence Awareness Fair at the Sac and Fox Nation Community Building.



**EATING HEALTHY
ON A BUDGET CLASS**



SFN Multipurpose Building
215 N Harrison Ave, Shawnee

10/18/23
12-1 PM OR
5-6 PM



Thank you to everyone who attended the Eating Healthy on a Budget Workshop. Special thank you to Sac and Fox Nation's dietician, Mr. Josh Nooner, for conducting the workshop.

**NATIVE
AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH**

Come Join HASFN November 8, 2023 to
learn how to make a ribbon skirt
&
November 15, 2023 to learn how to
Bead earrings

Times: 12pm-1pm
or
6pm-7pm

Place: Sac and Fox
Multi-Purpose
BLDG

Please RSVP with HASFN
Kwoll@hasfn.net or call the office 405 275-8200

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2023

PICTURES WITH SANTA



3:00-7:00 p.m.
at the Housing Authority of the Sac & Fox Nation
201 N. Harrison Shawnee, OK

FREE PHOTOGRAPH WITH SANTA!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



HASFN PRESENTS

**Cookies
WITH SANTA**

DECEMBER 16, 2023

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| COOKIES WITH SANTA & CRAFT 9:00-10:00 A.M. | PICTURES WITH SANTA 10:00-11:00 A.M. |
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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE SAC AND FOX NATION
201 N. HARRISON SHAWNEE, OK

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT HASFN AT (405)275-8200



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

REMAINING HASFN 2023 HOLIDAYS

Veteran's Day-November 10
Thanksgiving Day-November 23
Day after Thanksgiving-November 24
Christmas Eve-December 22
Christmas Day-December 25
Algonquin Cultural Day-December 26

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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.