HASFN NEWSLETTER

Winter 2024



Words from the Executive Director

Hello ALL, I hope everyone had a GREAT holiday with delicious food, family gatherings and holiday cheer. I am very excited for the new year and all the new planned activities, trainings and workshops we have scheduled for ALL of YOU. HASFN has been working hard to expand our services to ALL of our tenants, tribal members and community members. I am excited to say we have two new programs starting this year. My goal is to continue to add new programs each year to better serve our community. I continue to strive in building positive and helpful relationships among our tenants and HASFN. I am asking for your continued support and help with this goal. If you have any questions, suggestions, concerns and/or issues, PLEASE reach out to me so I can help YOU.

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

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.



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.

HASFN YARD OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the December Yard of the Month Winners!

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 décor, landscaping, flowers, etc. are areas that are taken into consideration for the yard of the month winner. Prizes are awarded to winners. To nominate yourself or other HASFN tenants for yard of the month, call the Housing Authority at (405) 275-8200.



December Lease Option



Scan here to be directed to the

online payment option on the website (www.sacandfoxha.com)

December Low Rent

Upcoming Events

February

- Community Valentine's Event (see flyer on pg. 8)
 - o February 13, 2024
 - o 3:00-6:00 p.m.
 - o HASFN office (201 N. Harrison)

March

- Beading Classes
 - o March 2, 2024
 - o 12:00-2:00 p.m. & 4:00-6:00 p.m.
 - o Community Building (next to HASFN office)
- Cooking Class
 - o March 20, 2024
 - o 12:00-1:00 p.m.
 - Community Building (next to HASFN office)
- Kid's Corner Pics and Crafts
 - March 26- Cushing location TBA
 - o March 28-Shawnee @ HASFN office (201 N. Harrison)
 - o 3:00-6:00 p.m.

REMINDER 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.

Space Heater Safety

Winter Safety Tips for Homeowners & Renters

With winter around the corner, AMERIND is committed to sharing knowledge, helping you to identify risks and remove hazards. Your safety is important to us at AMERIND and prevention is the key.

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

Monthly Preventative Maintenance Dates



March 4, 2024 in Shawnee March 5-6, 2024 in Stroud and Cushin_e

April 1, 2024 in Shawnee April 2-3, 2024 in Stroud and Cushing

May 6, 2024 in Shawnee May 7-8, 2024 in Stroud and Cushing

June 3, 2024 in Shawnee June 4-5, 2024 in Stroud and Cushing

July 8, 2024 in Shawnee July 9-10, 2024 in Stroud and Cushing

August 5, 2024 in Shawnee August 6-7, 2024 in Stroud and Cushing

Sept. 9 in Shawnee Sept. 10-11, 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.

Routine Bug Spraying

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

- February 13, 2024
- April 9, 2024
- June 11, 2024
- August 13, 2024

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.





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Brandon Harjo-HASFN Housing Inspector

Brandon has been employed with HASFN since June of 2021. What he likes most about working for the HASFN is helping the tenants and the native community. In his free time, Brandon enjoys being with family and friends, going to the beach or lake, watching OU football and basketball or Thunder basketball. He also enjoys going to the gym to workout.

Mitchell Tilley-Operational Clerk

Mitchell has been employed with HASFN since October of 2017. What he likes most about working for the HASFN is the crew and people that work in the housing and maintenance department. It makes the job more fun and more exciting to grow here at Sac and Fox. In his free time, Mitchell coaches softball and basketball. He also loves spending time with his family, watching tv and playing games with his kids.

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Happy Valentine's Day!



Please return coloring page to HASFN by Friday, February 16, 2024. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Please write your name and a phone number on the back of coloring sheet. This coloring sheet is for ages 4 and under.

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PRESENTS 0 VALENTINE'S CTURES AND **COLORING CONTEST** В Ζ STARTING @ Y 3 PM. Q R 0 **TUESDAY, FEB 13 TH** K Ν COME GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN HERE AT С THE OFFICE AND **RECEIVE A GOODIE BAG.** FRIENDS Valentine's Candle Light

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Cards Chocolate Cupid Date Dinner First Kiss Memories Movie Pink Poem Proposal Red Romance Roses St. Valentine Sweetarts **Teddy Bear** True Love







Unscramble the Valentine's Day vocabulary words and then use the first letter of each vord to spell out a hidden message

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8.	ODEAR	
9.	RMCOENA	
10.	ENRTED	

Tenant Opportunities!

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 ontime monthly payments (no late fees), no noncompliance issues and a passed annual inspection without a non-compliance issue. This award will be announced in September 2024.



ATTENTION ARTISTS!! WHAT DOES SAFETY MEAN TO YOU? Submit your safety themed poster to



YOU COULD WIN \$\$\$\$\$ <u>THERE WILL BE A WINNER FOR EACH</u> <u>CATEGORY (K-3, 4-6, 7-8)</u> INSTRUCTIONS:

HASFN NO LATER THAN MARCH 1ST 2024!

Use blank 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper Clearly print on one side of paper

First & Last name Grade phone number On blank side paper, create your masterpiece

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FIRST

You can drop off at HASFN, mail, or email your poster: KWolf@hasfn.net

Quarterly Incentive Drawing



Congratulations to Paula Winlock and Michael Trammel for winning the First Quarter drawing!

Congratulations to everyone eligible for the drawing. Keep up the good work!

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 the fiscal year 2024, drawings will be in December 2023, March 2024, June 2024, and September 2024.



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 <u>ktaylor@hasfn.net</u> with the subject line: Tenant Workshops. Thanks for your input.

Money Management	Basic Maintenance
Basic Budgeting	Beading Class
Health & Wellness	How to become a homeowner
Financial Planning	Safety 101
Career Planning	Craft-Kids Corner
Cooking Class	



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

REMAINING HASFN 2024 HOLIDAYS

Feb. 19, 2024 Washington's Birthday Jim Thorpe Day April 16, 2024 Sac and Fox Victory Day May 17, 2024 Memorial Day May 27, 2024 Independence Day July 4, 2024 Native American Day July 15, 2024 Labor Day Sept. 2, 2024 Veteran's Day Nov. 11, 2024 Thanksgiving Day Nov. 28, 2024 Day After Thanksgiving Nov. 29, 2024 Christmas Day Dec. 25, 2024 Algonquin Cultural Day Dec. 26, 2024

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

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