

HASFN NEWSLETTER

Winter 2025



Words from the Executive Director

Hello everyone and Happy 2025. I hope everyone had AMAZING holidays with lots of family and friend gatherings and holiday cheer. We will be continuing with all of our activities, trainings and workshops we have been conducting for the past year. We will continue to expand those services to ALL of our tenants, tribal members and community member. This fiscal year, our goal is to Thrive in 25 with YOU. We have some new and exciting events and workshops for the upcoming year. Keep an eye out for them in the newsletter, flyers and on our website.

We have a few changes in our daily operations. They are listed throughout the newsletter and will continue to be included each time.

My goal is to continue striving to build 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 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.



Tenant Opportunities!

FY2025 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, a passed annual inspection without a non-compliance issue and must attend 3 HASFN events. This award will be announced in January 2026.



Congratulations to Tara and Paula 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, passed annual inspection and must attend 1 HASFN event. The drawings will be for the fiscal year 2025, drawings will be in December 2024, March 2025, June 2025, and September 2025.

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.

Online Payments

As of January 2025, all online payments will be processed daily at 3:00 p.m.

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:

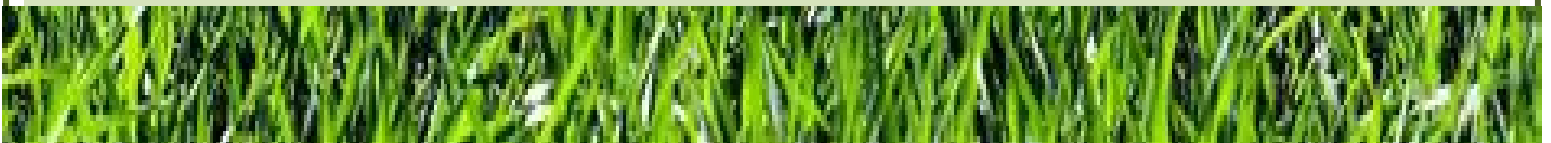
- Pay in person at the Finance Department
- Drive-thru window
- Pay over the phone

We accept Visa, MasterCard, money order and checks.

NEW!

HASFN 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 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.



Upcoming Events



February

- Valentine's Pictures
 - Feb. 13, 2025
 - 3:00-6:00 p.m.
 - HASFN Office 201 N. Harrison, Shawnee

February

- Budgeting Workshop
 - Feb. 25, 2025
 - 6:00-7:30
 - Sac and Fox Multipurpose Building 215 N. Harrison

March

- Budgeting Workshop
 - March 25, 2025
 - 6:00-7:30
 - Sac and Fox Multipurpose Building 215 N. Harrison

March

- Better Balance Class
 - March 4 and 11, 2025
 - 5:30-6:30
 - Sac and Fox Multipurpose Building 215 N. Harrison

REMINDER

Preparing for Preventative Maintenance

In preparing for the monthly preventative maintenance, 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 preventative maintenance and please make sure all rooms are available for spraying, if needed. If there are locks on the doors, please ensure they are unlocked or HASFN personnel will remove them for entry. **If you are experiencing a bug problem, please call the maintenance department to be added to the spraying schedule.**

Monthly Preventative Maintenance Dates

Feb. 3-4, 2025 in Shawnee
Feb. 5, 2025 in Stroud and Cushing

March 3-4, 2025 in Shawnee
March 5, 2025 in Stroud and Cushing

April 7-8, 2025 in Shawnee
April 9, 2025 in Stroud and Cushing

May 5-6, 2025 in Shawnee
May 7, 2025 in Stroud and Cushing

June 2-3, 2025 in Shawnee
June 4, 2025 in Stroud and Cushing

July 7-8, 2025 in Shawnee
July 9, 2025 in Stroud and Cushing

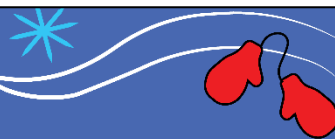
August 4-5, 2025 in Shawnee
August 6, 2025 in Stroud and Cushing

Sept. 8-9, 2025 in Shawnee
Sept. 10, 2025 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.



WINTER SAFETY TIPS



- Dress in insulated, waterproof layers to keep in body heat and keep out moisture
- Cold weather causes extra strain on the heart, so avoid over-exertion
- Stock up on nonperishable foods and bottled water
- Use sand or cat litter to gain traction in icy road conditions
- Close unused rooms in your house and cover windows to conserve heat
- Keep the gas tank in your car full to prevent fuel from freezing
- Pack an emergency kit, extra clothes and blankets in the trunk of your car
- Keep space heaters 3 feet away from flammable materials and never leave them unsupervised
- Open cabinet doors to circulate warmer air to water pipes that might freeze in the cold
- Keep a battery-operated radio and flashlight in case of power outages during winter storms

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.



HASFN Board of Commissioners



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- Patricia Doss
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Contract Specialist
- Marquisha Torres
Accounts Payable
- Samantha Garcia
Finance Clerk
- Mitch Tilley
Operational Clerk

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George Yesslith, Housing Manager
(405) 275-8200, ext.113

- Tara Carter
Housing Programs Clerk
- Brandon Harjo
Housing Inspector



Maintenance

Aaron Blanchard, Maintenance Supervisor
(405) 275-8200, ext. 202

- Chebon Harjo-Maintenance Tech
- Phillip Peacore-Maintenance Tech

Field Services

(405) 275-8200

- Thomas Slavin, Jr.
Development Foreman
- Christopher Anderson
Development Lead
- David Haworth
Development Tech
- Richard Roberts
Development Tech

Employee Spotlight

Patricia Doss- Procurement/Contract Specialist

Patricia has been employed with HASFN since March 2022. What she likes most about working for the HASFN is community, coworkers, tenants and homeowners and making homes look amazing. She appreciates the thank you's from grateful applicants for the work done on their homes. In her free time, Patricia enjoys fishing, hunting and sewing. She also enjoys family dinners and spending time with her 17 grandkids.

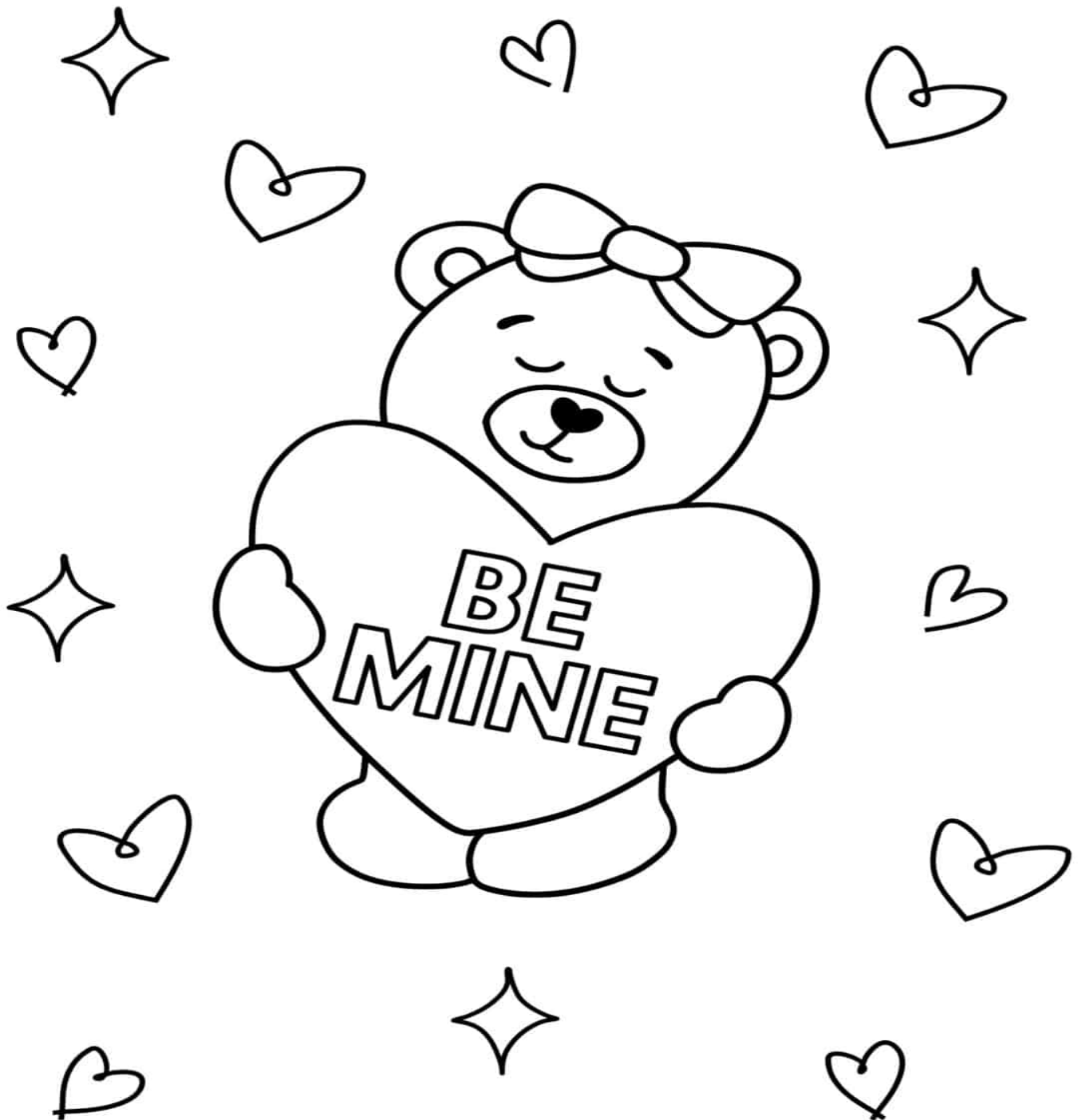


Phillip Peacore- Maintenance Technician

Phillip has been employed with HASFN since December 2024. What he likes most about working for the HASFN is working with the maintenance crew as well as his other coworkers. In his free time, Phillip enjoys chilling at home with his daughter.



Happy Valentine's Day!



Please return coloring page to HASFN by Friday, February 14, 2025. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. Please write your name, age and a phone number on the back of coloring sheet.

This coloring sheet is for ages 4 and under.

Happy Valentine's Day!



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This coloring sheet is for ages 5-8 year olds.

Happy Valentine's Day!



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This coloring sheet is for ages 9 and up.

KID'S CORNER

201 N. Harrison
Shawnee, OK

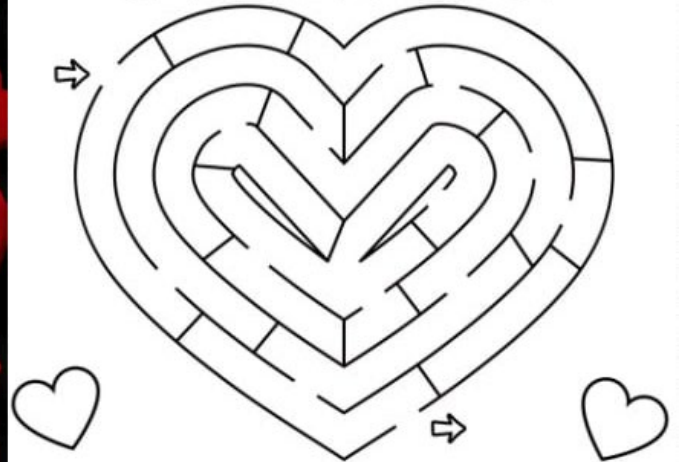
Happy Valentine's Day

HASFN
Presents:
Valentine's
Pictures
&
Coloring Contest

Feb. 13, 2025
3:00-6:00 p.m.

Coloring Sheets available at the agency or
on the website www.sacandfoxha.com

Can you find your way out?



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

- LOVE
- CHOCOLATE
- CANDY
- VALENTINE
- FRIENDS
- CUPID
- HUG
- FLOWERS
- HEART
- ROSES

Happy Valentine's Day

Candle Light	B	Q	Q	J	D	F	I	R	S	T	K	I	S	S	N	T	I	U	K	O
Cards	O	C	Q	E	Z	Y	D	P	K	K	G	E	Y	O	D	H	J	Q	K	A
Chocolate	X	Z	T	S	H	E	J	F	P	I	U	I	W	C	U	G	R	J	T	U
Cupid	I	A	C	R	L	H	V	W	L	V	B	U	G	K	E	I	O	C	C	Q
Date	D	V	V	J	U	P	O	R	D	V	L	V	C	I	I	L	M	N	D	F
Dinner	Q	I	L	H	G	E	A	Q	B	A	P	O	V	I	Z	E	A	M	V	Z
First Kiss	I	K	N	I	P	I	L	A	S	O	P	O	R	P	S	L	N	E	G	X
Memories	O	K	O	N	P	M	P	O	E	O	M	P	Z	T	Q	D	C	H	M	H
Movie	K	H	J	X	E	W	R	M	V	O	S	Z	V	L	P	N	E	F	A	F
Pink	Y	P	I	S	M	R	A	L	P	E	P	A	G	S	W	A	U	G	D	E
Poem	P	N	K	D	Z	K	A	K	S	D	L	T	O	T	X	C	H	W	W	L
Proposal	E	T	U	R	D	P	E	O	O	E	S	W	Z	R	P	B	W	M	O	P
Red	S	E	L	A	A	Y	R	Z	N	U	M	I	L	A	E	D	E	R	Z	Y
Romance	S	D	E	C	R	L	M	T	E	N	E	P	X	T	S	W	X	Y	H	L
Roses	B	D	G	C	O	S	I	M	Y	A	M	Z	G	E	N	O	L	I	J	X
St. Valentine	F	Y	G	R	N	N	D	X	M	O	L	T	E	C	K	L	M	Y	N	
Sweetarts	P	B	W	Q	E	Y	T	S	A	Z	R	U	O	W	D	D	J	V	Z	P
Teddy Bear	D	E	H	K	Q	K	U	D	V	T	I	G	E	S	N	C	G	Q	C	C
True Love	B	A	C	H	O	C	O	L	A	T	E	B	Q	D	I	P	U	C	T	O
	J	R	V	D	C	F	X	T	N	E	S	Y	R	J	J	I	Z	T	A	F



Congratulations to our local AND semi-finalist winners from last year's Amerind Safety poster contest! See next page for more information on submitting an entry in this year's contest.

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AMERIND SAFETY *Poster Contest*

CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS :

1. USE BLANK 8 1/2 x 11 SHEET PAPER
2. CLEARLY PRINT ON ONE SIDE OF PAPER THE BELOW

FIRST AND LAST NAME GRADE

*TRIBE AFFILIATION *PHONE NUMBER

3. CREATE YOUR OWN SAFETY MASTERPIECE

POSTER MUST BE DROPPED OFF AT

HASFN 201 N. HARRISON-SHAWNEE, OK

POSTER DEADLINE FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST 2025

ONE WINNER WILL BE SELECTED FROM LOCAL HOUSING
AUTHORITY AGE GROUP CATEGORY TO BE SUBMITTED TO
AMERIND RISK FOR NATIONAL JUDGING BY APRIL 7, 2025.
NATIONAL WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY RECEIVES \$1000!

WILL SELECT 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD
PLACE WINNERS FOR EACH CATEGORY

1ST PLACE \$100

2ND PLACE \$75

K-3RD, 4TH-6TH, 7TH-8TH

3RD PLACE \$50

FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT KANDICE TAYLOR 405 275-8200

Winter Driving Tips





DRIVE IN THE LANE
that's been most recently plowed, and avoid changing lanes unless necessary.



INCREASE FOLLOWING DISTANCE
to 8-10 seconds when driving on icy, slippery surfaces.



TAKE EXTRA CARE
when driving on shaded spots, bridges, overpasses, and intersections.



DO NOT USE CRUISE CONTROL
when driving on any slippery surface.



STEER AND BRAKE
with smooth, careful, and precise movements rather than quick, jerky motions.



WHEN DRIVING UP AND DOWN HILLS, observe how other vehicles are reacting and maintain safe distance.

WINTER Driving

Ready Set, GO ...or NOT

The safest strategy is to not drive in bad weather conditions

-  CHECK weather and road reports before you leave.
-  TELL someone your route and planned arrival time.
-  TAKE IT SLOW on ice and snow.
-  REMOVE snow and ice from your vehicle. It helps to see and be seen.
-  BRING a fully-charged cell phone. Do not leave it in the car as the battery will freeze.
-  WEAR warm, comfortable clothing. If you need to remove outdoor clothing while driving, stop the vehicle in a safe spot.

SAFE WINTER DRIVING TIPS PROTECT



Drive belted & use car and booster seats properly



Clean off your entire vehicle to keep flying snow and ice from obscuring visibility



Pack an emergency kit – jumper cables, flares, sand/salt, cell phone + charger, ice scraper, 1st-aid kit, water, flashlight, blankets...



Don't crowd the plow

WINTER WEATHER GET IT TOGETHER

Winter safety tips



- 1. Stay warm indoors**
 - ❄️ Keep blinds and curtains closed so your house doesn't lose heat through windows.
 - ❄️ Be aware that space heaters can cause fires and/or carbon monoxide poisoning.
- 2. Dress for cold weather**
 - ❄️ Wear layers when you're outdoors and dress warm when you go to sleep.

Ask loved ones to check on you during cold weather.
- 3. Know the signs of hypothermia**
 - ❄️ This includes cold feet and hands, pale skin, shivering and slurring words.
- 4. Prevent falls and injuries**
 - ❄️ Make sure steps and walkways are clear.
 - ❄️ Wear boots with non-skid soles.
- 5. Stay vigilant on the roads**
 - ❄️ Avoid driving on icy roads.
 - ❄️ Stock your car with emergency supplies like a first aid kit, blankets and a windshield scraper.

If a power outage leaves you without heat, try to stay with a relative or friend.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

SEVERE WEATHER DRIVING: DOs & DON'Ts

 DO SLOW DOWN	 DON'T USE HANDHELD DEVICES
 DO WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT	 DON'T USE CRUISE CONTROL
 DO FILL YOUR GAS TANK	 DON'T DRIVE UNLESS NECESSARY
 DO KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANTI-LOCK BRAKES	 DON'T DRIVE UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Budgeting Workshop

Tuesday, February 25, 2025
6pm-7:30pm

&

Tuesday, March 25, 2025
6pm-7:30pm



Budgeting

Valuable info

Credit

LEARN HOW TO MANAGE YOUR MONEY
+DEALING WITH DEBT +BUDGETING

Debbie Coym +USING CREDIT WISELY
Asst. Vice President

Branch Manager/Lender

NMLS 704223

2023 Gordon Cooper Dr.

Shawnee, Ok 74801

Office- 405-273-0202

Fax- 405-273-0163

Cell- 405-380-7239

Place:
Sac and Fox
Multi-Purpose Building

215 N.Harrison Shawnee, Ok 74801

Light refreshments will be provided &

Drawing for two gift cards

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Improve your Balance, Strength, Agility & Coordination

All are welcome



Better Balance CLASS

MARCH 4TH &
5:30pm-6:30pm
MARCH 11TH

5:30pm -6:30pm

Place: S&F Multi-Purpose Building
215 N. Harrison

Instructor-Anthony Ramirez

Light refreshment will provided and

Drawing for Gift Cards

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Housing Authority of the Sac and Fox Nation

Thrive in '25!

upcoming workshops



Financial Literacy

- Budgeting
- Money Management

Goals

- SMART goals
- Vision Boards

Active Living

- Yoga
- Weight Training
- Zumba

Healthy Living

- Meal Prep
- Eating healthy

Homeownership 101

- Preparing for home ownership
- What to expect as a new homeowner

Community Outreach

Career Building

- Job searching tools
- Resume Building

and More!

Check our website for the most updated information regarding upcoming events.

www.sacandfoxha.com

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HASFN EASTER PICTURES

APRIL 17, 2025

3:00-6:00 p.m.

201 N. Harrison

Egg Coloring Contest

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

HASFN 2025 HOLIDAYS

Washington's Birthday	Feb. 17, 2025
Jim Thorpe Day	April 15, 2025
Sac and Fox Victory Day	May 16, 2025
Memorial Day	May 26, 2025
Independence Day	July 4, 2025
Native American Day	July 14, 2025
Labor Day	Sept. 1, 2025
Veteran's Day	Nov. 11, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	Nov. 27, 2025
Day After Thanksgiving	Nov. 28, 2025
Christmas Day	Dec. 25, 2025
Algonquin Cultural Day	Dec. 26, 2025

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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.