

KICKAPOO HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWSLETTER



KHA Newsletter

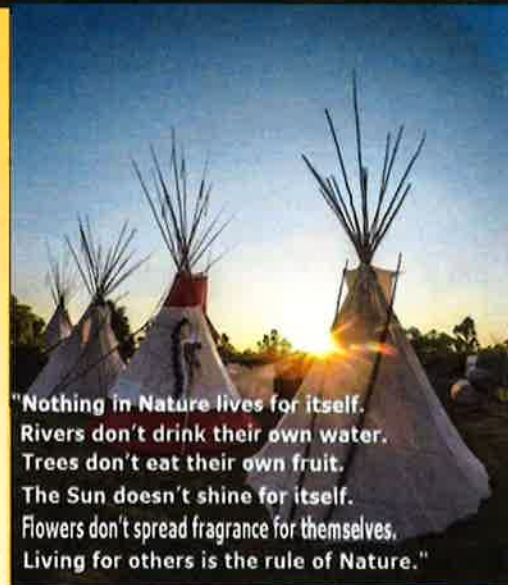
October 2017

Executive Director's Corner:

Fall colors are on the way! It has been an eventful summer and especially throughout the month of September. Housing continues to look for opportunities to serve our community. We identified the need for 3 bedroom homes and now we have them for sale, lease or rent! We expect them to be available for a November move in. We are still promoting Home Ownership, and if you're not ready, let us help you get ready! We had a great turnout for our first "Community that Cares" Block Party at Site 1 on September 20, 2017. We had several tenants as well as Site 1 Home Owners; had fish, fish and more fish to eat and door prize giveaways! It was a great time to watch the neighborhood children and youth enjoy the playground and activities planned by our own Steph Cadue and Rick Christian! Keep your eyes open we're planning a great Harvest Party with Trunk or Treat this month with several other programs. Look for fliers for the details. I regret to inform you that we are still waiting for a release of the allocated funds for Tribal Members Assistance and due to a decrease in funding we will be providing less. We will keep you informed and will continue to look for other funding sources to provide for home owners. We look forward to a flurry of fun fall activities!



-Peggy Houston, Executive Director



"Nothing in Nature lives for itself.
Rivers don't drink their own water.
Trees don't eat their own fruit.
The Sun doesn't shine for itself.
Flowers don't spread fragrance for themselves.
Living for others is the rule of Nature."

KHA Administration Team:

- Peggy Houston, Executive Director
- Rick Christian, Construction Manager
- Gilreath Aitkens, Occupancy/Office Manager
- Darlene Moore, Accounting Specialist
- Ben Joslin, Procurement/IT
- Eldon Darnell, Maintenance Supervisor
- Stephanie Cadue-Receptionist

KHA BOC:

- Rachel Thomas-Chairperson
- Twilla Lieb-Secretary/Treasurer
- Deniece Masqua-Member
- Fred Thomas-Interim
- Bernadette Thomas-Liaison

Site 1 Block Party



Here are some of the winners that attended the "Block Party." Everyone enjoyed themselves and we had decent weather for the event. The winners of the bikes were: Kekoa Langi-boys bike and Tara Coversup-girls bike. After eating and drawings, KHA had an obstacle course for the kids. All the competitors really showed off their skills of speed and agility! Good Job! Thanks to the housing crew for preparing the fish and setting everything up!

Next scheduled BOC meeting is Wednesday, 10/04/2017 @ 4:00 p.m. in the KHA Conference Room.

Occupancy Reminder

Keep all exits clear at all times. This will ensure safety of all occupants in the event of a fire or other emergency situation.

Report to KHA if your unit does not have a fire extinguisher. Each dwelling should have a fire extinguisher in good working condition. Additionally, a carbon monoxide alarm in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom.

Rent is due the first of each month. The KHA will be enforcing the rental due dates with no tolerance of late payments. Should there be a need for late payment of rent you are to contact Gilreath Aitkens, Occupancy Manager immediately to discuss payment options to keep you in the unit.

Remember we now have a Point of Sale Machine so you can now swipe your credit/debit card to pay your rent. Quick and convenient! Try it out next time you come in to pay your rent.

Kickapoo Housing Authority updated the Tenant/Homebuyer Grievance Policy approved by the Board of Directors April 28, 2017. All tenants are welcome to pick up the new policy at your convenience.

Maintenance

Maintenance will be starting their furnace inspections and changing furnace filters the week of October 23rd through the 27th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Tenants will be given a twenty-four hour notice before they enter your unit.

Also do not take your smoke alarms down. As stated in your Dwelling Lease: **Compliance with Regulations.** "The KHA and tenants are obligated to maintain the unit in a decent, **safe**, and sanitary condition." This is a safety hazard not only to you but to your neighbor also as some units are duplex's. Maintenance is required to hook it back up if they come into your unit on a work order or inspection and they see that it is down ,you will be charged for the work and replacements.

Help keep our site's clean! Please pick up your yards of trash and debris and keep our playgrounds trash free of plastic water bottle's and other debris. KHA wants our children to have a clean and safe play area.

Halloween Safety Tips

**Remember: go with an adult, carry a flashlight, check candy before eating, walk, don't run & Don't go alone!
Have a Gruesome Halloween!!! Be Safe!**

October Holidays

10/9/17-Protest Day-Office Closed

10/31/17-Happy Halloween

By the glow of the moon and the howl of the wolf, beware of witch's, goblin's, ghost's & goon's! Oh my what a fright, 'cause tonight its Halloween night!!!



THE ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FALL FESTIVAL WILL BE OCTOBER 28, 2017 AT 10:00AM. ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, HOUSING AUTHORITY AND SENIOR CITIZENS. THERE WILL BE DOOR PRIZES AND A COSTUME CONTEST WITH PRIZES!



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 from: Monday-Friday, 8:00a.m.—5:00p.m 486-3638.