

MURFREESBORO HOUSING AUTHORITY

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- **MHA Office**
615-893-9414
- **Mid-Cumberland**
615-893-8938
- **Community Helpers**
615-898-0617
- **Police Dispatch**
615-893-1311
- **Animal Control (PAWS)**
615-898-7740
- **Primary Care & Hope Clinic**
615-893-9390

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MHA Messenger

MARCH 2020



Healthy Garden Applications

Inspiritus Healthy Gardens Program exists to teach and empower families living in public and subsidized housing to grow their own fresh, nutritious produce. Inspiritus supplies everything needed to get started, free of charge. Volunteers help to install the raised-bed garden kits and soil and help with initial planting if needed. Gardeners will be investing their time and energy in taking more control

over their own food sources and are encouraged to apply. We are looking for more individuals and families from Oak-



land Court, Mercury Court and Parkside Apartments to participate. There are limited slots available for this pro-

gram so if you are interested, please contact **Janet Arning** at **615-881-4579** or janet.arning@weinspirit.org to receive an application today! Or pick up an application at the Murfreesboro Housing Authority office. New gardens will be planted April 24th in Mercury Court and April 25th in Oakland Court and to be determined in Parkside.

Spotlight on Community Resources

Murfreesboro City Schools' Family Resource Center is located at 318 E. Lokey Ave. The Center provides an afterschool tutoring program, holds classes for families and adults, hosts community events and can connect you to community resources and agencies.

The FRC's afterschool tutoring and homework help program for 1st-6th grade students meets on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons from 4-5pm. Ms. Jones, a certified teacher at Hobgood Elementary, helps the students with homework, math games, and reading skills. On Tuesdays, Barnabas Vision, a M'boro nonprofit, works with

students on self-esteem, empowerment, and how to work with others. The afterschool program is FREE and snacks are provided every day, but if your child does not live at Oakland Court, the center does not provide transportation. Information about summer programming will be announced soon.

There are cooking classes on Monday and Tuesday nights, provided by the UT Extension Office; a parent support group every other Saturday, provided by the Family Center; a single mother fellowship group called Sister SWAP that meets the last Thursday of each month; and a Healthy Lifestyle/Diabetes Pre-

vention class that will start soon. Recently they have had a First Time Homebuyers Class, a Community Resource Fair, and a Financial Budgeting Class.

The FRC also has computers you can use to apply for work, complete an online application or create a resume.

The FRC may also be able to connect you to community resources, agencies, or nonprofits if you need help.

For more information about the Family Resource Center, please contact Christie Roberts at (615) 474-1078.

March in the 'boro



Spring Kick Off

March 20, 5-8pm

Fountains at Gateway

Officially kick off spring with the Band of Kelleys Bluegrass band, food trucks, craft vendors, petting zoo, face painting. Saturday at 7:30 is a movie screening of Toy Story 4.

M'boro City Schools Music Festival

March 9, 6:00 pm

World Outreach Church

Join in on an amazing night of fun as over 450 students sing in celebration of Music in Schools Month. The choir will be accompanied in select songs by the music of Scales Steel de Boro and the Northfield Drumming Ensemble.

Yard Sale at Cannonsburgh

March 28, 7am-12pm

Cannonsburgh Village

Rent a booth space and sell your treasures or shop til you drop. Shopping is free unless you buy treasures. Booth spaces are \$10. Reservations are required for booth space (615) 615-0355.

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday

8:00 - 4:30

Meet our Social Worker

My name is Vicki Weatherford and I am the Social Worker for MHA. I am an MTSU alumni with a Bachelor Degree in Social Work. I am a resident of Rutherford County and have served as a volunteer with many local agencies. I am very excited to begin serving the members of the local community to begin developing a rapport with the residents and encourage success. I will be assisting residents with relocation along with providing services to those who need to coordinate care or would like some assistance for everyday needs. I will also ensure residents secure and

maintain their current housing along with relocate families during the new construction phases.

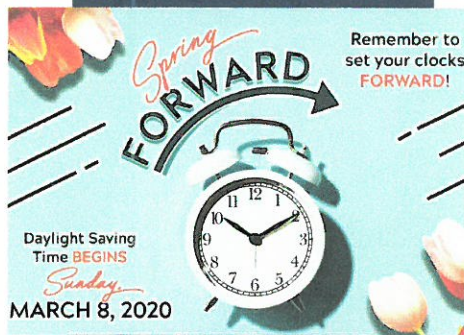
All MHA residents may contact me who are in need of any of the following:

- Resources within the community for food, utility assistance, or any other needs.
- Financial Management and Budgeting
- Resources for Housekeeping
- Assistance to relocate during construction phases

- Applying for Habitat for Humanity home
- Any other needs that might arise, just ask!

If you'd like to speak with me please make an appointment by calling my direct line (615) 225-9481 or email me vweatherford@mha-tn.org.

Each month I will be highlighting a community agency in the newsletter so you all may become familiar with the resources available to you in Murfreesboro.



Rutherford County Employment Opportunities



US Dept. of Veterans Affairs hiring a Material Handler \$18.03-\$21.06/hr. Apply at indeed.com

Planet Fitness is hiring for the Service Desk. Apply at indeed.com

Target is hiring Cashiers and Front of Store Attendants. Apply at indeed.com

Kroger is hiring Retail Clerks. Apply @ indeed.com

Pinnacle Dermatology is hiring a Front Desk Receptionist. Apply @ simplyhired.com

Mark's Mattress Outlet is hiring a Store Manager. Apply at simplyhired.com

Jimmy John's is hiring an In-Shop Sandwich Maker. Apply at snagajob.com

Call (615)346-1818 for location information for Goodwill job fairs in March.

If you need internet access, don't forget MHA has 2 computers in the lobby.

**Prevention Coalition
For Success**

Event Location:
The Maple Room at the
Murfreesboro Housing Authority
415 N. Maple Street
Murfreesboro, TN



SKILLS

in Rutherford County

Wednesday
March 4
12-1 p.m.

Narcan Training

By Trey Dees from the TN Regional Overdose
Prevention Specialist for Rutherford County



Sessions are FREE!

Easy Mint Thins

24 oz. chocolate candy coating
 1-1/2 tsp. peppermint extract
 60 Ritz Crackers
 2 oz. white candy coating, melted
 Optional decorations: chopped
 Andes mint candies, crushed
 spearmint candies, green colored
 sugar

In a microwave, melt chocolate
 candy coating; stir until smooth.
 Stir in extract. Dip crackers in
 chocolate candy coating; allow

excess to drip off. Place on
 waxed paper; let stand until set.
 Drizzle tops with white candy
 coating; decorate as desired. Let
 stand until set. Store in airtight
 containers.





St. Patrick's Day Word Search



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| CLOVER | IRELAND | PARADE |
| COINS | IRISH | PATRICK |
| CORNED BEEF | LEPRECHAUN | POT OF GOLD |
| TRADITION | LUCK | RAINBOW |
| GREEN | MARCH | SHAMROCK |



MARCH 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Rent is late \$10 late fee Nonpayment letters mailed	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Filter changes Oak- land \$15 late fee	17 Filter changes Mer- cury	18	19 Pest Control Oakland	20 Filter changes Parkside Detainer War- rants ordered	21
22	23	24	25	26 Pest Control Mercury & Parkside	27	28
29	30	31				



FOOD GIVEAWAY

RUTHERFORD COUNTY

Distribution Locations/Dates:

New Vision Church | 1750 N. Thompson Ln., Murfreesboro

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 (9a.m.—3p.m.)

LifePoint Church | 506 Legacy Drive, Smyrna

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 (9a.m.—3p.m.)



Eligibility will be determined on site. If you are picking up on behalf of someone else or have any questions about eligibility, please call us at **615-893-8938**.

USDA Commodities Food Distribution is funded through a partnership with TN Department of Agriculture and TN Department of Human Services Community Service Block Grant. MCCA does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, religion, national origin, color, sex, disability, or veteran's status.



Rosie the Skunk Presents

What to do if you smell natural gas

- **LEAVE** the area immediately.
- **CALL** 911 or Atmos Energy from a safe distance at our toll-free emergency number 1-866-322-8667.
- **DO NOT** turn lights on or off, smoke, use a cell phone, or operate a vehicle or equipment that could cause sparks.
- **DO NOT** attempt to turn natural gas valves on or off.

Atmos Energy will send a trained service technician immediately to investigate any emergency leak call. Do not assume someone else will report a leak.

NATURAL GAS EMERGENCY NUMBER

1-866-322-8667

If you suspect a natural gas leak in your home or outside, leave the area immediately and call 911 or our 24-hour emergency toll-free number shown above.



RECOGNIZING A GAS LEAK

You can detect leaking natural gas in a number of ways.



SMELL The distinctive odor that make natural gas detectable.



LISTEN A hissing or whistling sound near a gas appliance or a roaring sound near a pipeline.



LOOK Blowing dust, bubbling water or dead vegetation near a gas line.

LEAVE If you suspect a gas leak, leave immediately! From a safe distance call **911** and Atmos Energy at **1-866-322-8667**.



The Murfreesboro Housing Authority has been serving Murfreesboro and Rutherford County since 1950. Our mission statement is:

Murfreesboro Housing Authority

L. Thomas Rowe, Executive Director

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Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Phone: 615-893-9414

Fax: 615-893-9436

Email: klord@mha-tn.org

To provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing in good repair for eligible families in a manner that promotes serviceability, economy, efficiency and stability of the developments; and

To utilize all available resources to maximize the social and economic opportunities of our residents.

Leading the way to affordable housing.



We're on the web!

www.mha-tn.org

FYI...some things never change!

After Hours Maintenance Calls:

Call (615) 893-9414, ext. 2, for maintenance emergencies before 9:00 or after 5:00 or on weekends. Emergencies consist of:

- Investigate gas leaks
- Water leaks that create a safety hazard or property damage
- Stopped commode in units with only 1 bathroom
- Any situation that may pose a danger or property damage.

Any other work orders need to be called in during office hours.

You will be charged \$74 for non-emergency after hour calls.



Rent is due on the 1st each month. A \$10 late fee will be applied at 4:30 on the 5th. A \$15 late fee will be applied if rent is not paid by the 15th and a Detainer Warrant will be ordered.

Pest Control Schedule

3rd Thursday.: Oakland Court
4th Thursday.: Mercury Court
and Parkside

MHA Charges

Pet fee \$100 per pet
Unauthorized pet charge \$20
Detainer Warrant \$208.50
Clean trash from yard \$12
Parking on grass \$49
Removing batteries from
smoke detector \$50