



# The Busy Bee Newsletter

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**Special points of interest:**

- Important Announcements
- Senior Events
- Resident Association Dates
- Exterminator Dates

Office: 706-629-9183  
After Hours: 706-260-7265



**Happy Easter!**



**Wilburn Aker,**  
Chairman



**Clinton Marshall**  
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**Rhonda Massengill**

**Billie Erwin, not pictured**

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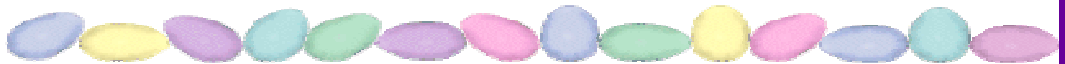
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**Linda Waldon\* Rhonda Massengill \* Billie Erwin**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Patricia Gail Brown**

**The Office and Maintenance will be closed on April 22, 2011 for Good Friday.**

**Email Addresses needed:**  
In the near future, The Calhoun Housing Authority will be sending important announcements by email.

If you have an email account, please send us an email with your name and apartment number as the subject to [info@calhounhousingauthority.org](mailto:info@calhounhousingauthority.org). You may also pick up an email address form at the Administrative office.



**Comments, Concerns, Complaints:**  
In an effort to better serve the residents of the Calhoun Housing Authority we are going to make the following changes: If a resident has a comment, concern or complaint please be advised that we now have a new procedure for contacting this office. Residents must fill out a form with their name, apartment number and their comment prior to meeting with a Housing Authority Representative.

All emergencies or criminal activity should be reported to the police or call 911 - then contact our office to advise us that you have made a call to the proper authorities.

The new contact forms are now available at the front desk in the administration office or may be downloaded at our website at <http://www.calhounhousingauthority.org>. Once your form has been completed and signed you may drop it off at the 607 Oothcalooga St. office or mail it to us at 607 Oothcalooga St., Calhoun, GA 30701. After your comment has been reviewed we will contact you for further details. Please ensure that you include a phone number to contact you.



## L.E.J.O working for the residents

LEJO is here to help residents get job ready and find work. They are located at the 629 Harkins Street Imagination Station. They can help with basic computer training on Monday's and Tuesday's from 10:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. by appointment only. They offer assistance with RESUMEs, applications and interview preparation on Friday's by appointment only. LEJO offers Spanish classes on Friday mornings from 10:00 am - 12:00 p.m. LEJO can also give referrals for GED school and to 2Work Staffing Agency.

Please call this office and tell us what your needs might be. You may need help with something that we have not provided. Let us know what you would like to see provided here in the Authority. We are here to help and serve you and your family. Please call and take advantage of this great opportunity for job training- (706) 629-9183. If for any reason you cannot make contact with LEJO, call us!

**LEJO currently has volunteer opportunities available. If interested, please contact Belen at 706-625-0658 Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

## Section 3 announcements

There are currently no job openings with the Calhoun Housing Authority. As we start new projects, our contractors will post an announcement board to list any job openings that they may have available. Please check with each development for possible employment opportunities. We currently have contractors on Neal Street. As the Calhoun Housing Authority may have job opportunities, we hire through 2Work Staffing.

If you would like to be notified by email regarding any announcements or job postings relating to Section 3, please email me at [agasaway@calhounhousingauthority.org](mailto:agasaway@calhounhousingauthority.org)

**You may contact LEJO at 706-625-0658 for Current job listings in our area.**

## Free Legal Services Available

Georgia Legal Services is a non profit group of lawyers that provide access to justice and opportunities out of poverty for Georgians with low incomes.

The last Friday of every month from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Georgia Legal Services sends a lawyer to the LEJO offices in the old Imagination Station Building at 629 Harkins Street to make them available to the public in general, but more importantly to you the residents of the Calhoun Housing Authority. Examples of assistance: Domestic Violence, Medicaid/Food Stamp denial if family is clearly eligible, etc. Call for an appointment.

If you need any additional information, please contact the LEJO office at 706-625-0658.

## Did you Know.....

### Income Changes or Annual Rent Recertification:

Section 9 of your lease states: Residents must report to the Landlord any of the following changes in household circumstances when they occur between Annual Rent Recertifications within 10 days of their occurrence:

- A member has been added to the family through birth, adoption, or court-awarded custody.
- A household member is leaving or has left the family unit.
- A new source of income.

Failure to report changes to your household within 10 days could result in you owing the Housing Authority back rent (Retro Rent).

It is the Calhoun Housing Authority's policy that if the amount of rent that you failed to pay due to failure to report any qualified changes is equal to or greater than \$500, it will be grounds for immediate termination and will be taken to court for prosecution.

According to the terms of your lease, your lease can be terminated for: **16 (b) failure to provide timely and accurate statements of income, assets, expenses and family composition at Admission, Interim, Special or Annual Rent Recertifications, to attend scheduled reexamination interviews or to cooperate in the verification process if the Resident has chosen to pay rent based on a percentage of income; (c) furnishing false or misleading information during the application or review process.**

### Access to your apartment by the landlord:

Section 14 of your lease states: The Landlord shall provide **two (2) days written advance notice** to the Resident of his or her intent to enter the dwelling unit for the purpose of performing routine inspections and preventive maintenance, extermination or to show the dwelling unit for re-renting. The Resident shall permit the Landlord, his or her agents, or other persons, when accompanied by the Landlord, to enter the dwelling unit for these purposes. In the event that the Resident and all adult members of the household are absent from the dwelling unit at the time of entry, the Landlord shall leave a card stating the date, time and name of the person entering the dwelling unit and the purpose of the visit.

The Landlord may enter the dwelling unit **at any time without advance notice** when there is **reasonable cause to believe an emergency exists.**

The Calhoun Housing Authority gives advanced notice of exterminations and routine maintenance/inspection in the newsletter. It is always scheduled for the week that holds the first Monday and Tuesday each month during normal business hours.

Routine Maintenance is considered inspection of the apartment to determine what items may need to be repaired or replaced to prevent safety or health violations in an apartment or to prevent further damage to an existing condition that needs repair. If a need is identified, maintenance will advise when they will be back for repair.

## Mowing and Yard Reminders



It is mowing time again. Please keep your yard free from toys, water hoses, and other obstacles that would get in the way of the mowers or that could be damaged by the mowers. We are not responsible for damage that may be caused by our mowers. A \$5.00 Mowing fee for **Family Units ONLY** will be charged on April 1, 2011.

You can wash your cars on the **pavement only**. Vehicles can not be pulled onto the grass.



As the weather is starting to warm up the kids will begin to play outside more. Please remember to store all toys inside of your apartment. Do not leave any riding toys outside or bicycles laying on the ground. BB Guns are not allowed on Housing Authority property.

## Play Grounds and Lawn Care for the Calhoun Housing Authority



### **Play Grounds**

We now have three new play grounds here in the authority. One is located across from the Imagination Station, one is located on short McConnell Road and the other is at Edwards Ave. We are very excited about being able to provide this equipment for the children. Please help us maintain the playgrounds and if anyone sees abuse or mistreatment on our grounds - please report your observations immediately to our main office or after hours on call phone. We have also planted trees and installed benches. Our hope is that the trees will provide shade as they become established.

### **Lawns**

Over the past several years we have worked very hard to clean up our developments and give our properties a uniformed look with great curb appeal. We are starting to receive great compliments on our work but, we only have about one half of our properties completed. Please be patient with us as we continue to make the improvements. Please review the following Do's and Don'ts list to ensure that you are not violating your lease.

#### **Do's**

You may have flower pots sitting on your front and back porch. (limit 3 on the front and 3 on the back)  
You may have outside lawn furniture - but keep it in good, safe condition  
You may have one (1) Sheppard's hook  
You may have vegetables Instead of flowers in your pots

#### **Don'ts**

Do not plant any type of flower, plant or shrubbery in the ground or along the sidewalks  
No artificial plants are allowed in the trees or ground  
No empty buckets, racks, hoses, brooms, mops or mop buckets, sticks, landscape timbers, of any kind  
Decorative holiday lights or decals/stickers must come down 5 days after the holiday  
No hand written signs on the front doors  
No porch swings, ceramic figurines, wind mills, wind chimes etc

Keeping the yards and grounds mowed for 249 apartments is very time consuming during the summer. Please work with us and remember that maintenance is not responsible for damage to anything left unattended in your yard. If you have any questions regarding these guidelines please contact this office for further assistance and guidance. We anticipate and appreciate your full cooperation! Thanks again!



## GORDON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

4543 Fairmount Hwy. S.E. Calhoun, GA 30701  
PH: 706-602-2905 FAX: 706-602-3740

What will YOU be doing at 10:15 a.m. on

# APRIL 28, 2011

## THURSDAY ?

Join millions of Georgians who will

### ***Drop, Cover and Hold On!***

Why? Earthquakes can shake the state at any time,  
and this is our chance to practice what to do to be safe.

The Great Central U.S.

## **ShAKE OuT**

Learn more at  
**Shakeout.org**

### As of March 31, 2011

**NOTE: Unless noted, the ban does not expire.**

Name	Date Banned	Ban Expiration (if applicable)	Name	Date Banned	Ban Expiration (if applicable)
William T. Abbott	09/19/95		Matthew Z. Johnson	11/20/03	
Jonathan Dewayne Bass	03/18/03		Jarvis M. Jones	09/24/09	
James Bennett	11/15/06		Walter Lee Jones	02/05/01	
Joe Richard Bennett	11/05/02		Rodney Kidd	12/21/01	
Mary Bennett	11/15/06		Jahod Lawrence	12/21/01	
Rickey Bennett	02/26/99		Jai Lawrence	08/10/05	
Timothy Blasengame	11/15/06		Michael Leatherwood Jr.	08/22/05	
Timothy Jacob Bradshaw	02/07/08		Tommy Leatherwood	08/22/05	
Christopher M. Brown (Boo Man)	06/19/02		Joseph Douglas Mabe	03/18/03	
Tony Burk	05/20/02		Trey McBride	10/21/05	
Jennifer Burnett	07/29/08		Robert McClendon	06/08/06	
Robert Lee Capers	07/03/02		Allen McDaniel	02/07/08	
Carter Lynn Chamlee	04/08/10	04/05/15	Darren Mann	09/11/07	
Scott Chamlee	04/10/10	04/10/15	Rico Mann	04/16/10	04/16/10
Trey Crocker	02/09/04		Tracy Mayfield	06/20/02	
Michael Curtis	06/08/06		Victor Monford Jr.	05/18/04	
Tamarillo Curtis	07/29/08		Monica Montgomery	11/06/07	
Barry Duran Davis	02/04/05		Valdez Montgomery	04/13/03	
Tausawala Dixon	10/05/06		Alton Moss	06/27/08	
Wesley Scott Dodd	01/07/03		Evans E. Mullins	03/26/10	03/26/15
Aroldo Alberto Deleon A.K.A. William	08/11/09		Christopher Nicholson	07/13/06	
Margaret Dominquez	02/22/07		Tanessa Oliver	07/29/08	
Justin Downey	12/02/08		Kim Owens	09/30/99	
Christopher Edwards	06/15/07		Kristopher Parker	07/29/08	
David Thomas Edwards	10/31/06		Robert Parker	05/08/08	
Joseph David Everett	07/26/04		Andrew Randall	09/30/99	
Malcolm Finch	09/30/99		Gerald Randall	04/27/01	
Anthony Fleetwood	02/03/06		Bryce Reed Sr.	04/15/03	
Joshua Fleetwood	02/03/06		Rex Alan Roberts	06/20/05	
Mandy Nichols Fleetwood	07/09/02		Terrance Lamar Smith	12/08/03	
Markita Kendra Fleetwood	02/03/06		Lee Timms	06/19/02	
Sherry Fowler	09/19/05		David Timpson	07/20/09	
Dawn Franklin	05/19/09	05/19/12	Richard Tutt	11/15/06	
Larry Franklin	05/19/09	05/19/12	Robert S. Underwood	10/16/03	
Steven Garland	03/23/04		Michael Upshaw	01/22/09	
Tonya Gentry	10/27/05		Michael David Vaught	05/10/01	
Kimberly Gibson	05/23/06		Connery Wade	11/15/06	
Calvin Peter Gunn	10/19/01		Christopher Washington	11/27/02	
Grayson Gregory	12/16/08		Walter A. Washington	10/27/05	08/26/10
Kristen Hamburg	11/07/05		Travis Watkins	02/26/99	
Everette Harper Sr.	05/29/03		Jeterus Wiley	03/28/02	
Darren Harris	09/29/08		Eric Wilkey	09/02/04	
Brian Jermaine Higgenbotham	11/05/02		Courtney Williams	07/08/10	07/08/17
Darlene Higginbotham	08/10/98		Jimmy Lee Williams	12/02/08	
Sara Higginbotham	04/25/01		<b>Justin Michael Williams</b>	<b>03/03/11</b>	
Shakira Nicole Kennedy	06/15/10	06/15/17	Patrick Woods	08/08/05	
Jeremy Johnson	11/20/03				



## Jelly Bean Chick

### What you'll need:

- 1/3 cup jelly beans
- Pleated sandwich bag
- 1 large yellow pom pom
- 3 yellow foam hearts
- 2 small wiggle eyes
- Scrap of orange felt or foam
- Chenille stem
- Small pom pom (color to match chenille stem)
- White craft glue
- Scissors



### How to make it:

1. Pour jelly beans into sandwich bag. Gather beans into one corner of the bag and twist chenille stem snugly around the bag.
  2. Trim the top of the bag, above the chenille stem, to about 1/2 inch. Fan out the top of the bag as if opening it to expose the center.
  3. Put a generous amount of white glue on the yellow pom pom and place on top of the bag.
  4. Put two yellow foam hearts next to each other on the table. These will be your chick's feet. Glue bag on top of the feet so that the rounded ends of the hearts are poking out the front.
  5. Cut the third yellow foam heart on half, these two pieces will be your chick's wings. Glue one to each side of the jelly bean bag.
  6. Glue wiggle eyes to the front of the pom pom head.
  7. Cut a small triangle from the orange felt or foam and glue on as the beak.
  8. Use the scissors to trim the ends of the chenille stem to about 2-3" each. Fold each side of the chenille stem in toward the center to look like a bow tie.
- Glue small pom pom to the center of the chenille bow tie.

### Tips:

- If you don't have pleated sandwich bags you can use zipper bags, just cut the zipper top off before starting.
- You can make full yellow chicks by using all yellow jelly beans, however this may be cost prohibitive unless you buy your jelly beans from a store that sells individual colors in bulk.

As an alternative you can glue the wings inward toward the front of the jelly bean bag and glue a small slip of paper with the message "Happy Easter" on it in front. Keep in mind that this will hide the jelly beans on your project.

Calendar of Events

Every 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday:  
Office closed for lunch.

Every Saturday:  
10:00 am-12:00 pm  
Senior Soup Kitchen Deliveries

April 4th—5th :  
Exterminators

April 7th  
Late fees applies at 4:00 pm.

Resident Association Calendar

April  
**Senior Luncheon for  
Hillhouse and Golden  
Circle seniors**

April 13th at 12:00 p.m.  
617 Hillhouse Community Bldg.

All seniors living in the housing  
authority are invited.

Hillhouse Spice Girls & Porch  
Hound Dawgs Resident

Associations:

April 20th @ 2:00 p.m.  
617 Hillhouse Bldg.

**Bring your dues.**

Sunshine Family Resident  
Association

April 14th @ 12:00 p.m.  
681 Pine St.

**Bring your dues.**

Parents **MUST** accompany all  
children.



The Hillhouse Junction  
Monday and Thursday  
7:00 a.m. –9:00 a.m.

A gathering place for the Seniors.  
ALL seniors are invited.  
Come enjoy a great breakfast.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Exterminating, Routine Maint/ Inspection	5 Exterminating, Routine Maint/ Inspection	6	7 Late Fees applied @ 4:00p.m.	8 Office Closed for Lunch	9
10	11	12	13 Senior Luncheon	14 ss Resident Assoc. Meeting	15 Office Closed for Lunch	16
17	18	19	20 HH Resident Assoc. Meeting	21	22 Office Closed for Good Friday	23
24 Easter	25	26	27	28	29 Office Closed for Lunch	30

## April 2011

Fun excuses to celebrate this month:

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Keep America Beautiful Month          | 16th National Eggs Benedict Day |
| National Garden Month                 | 17th Daffy Duck's Birthday      |
| 1st April Fool's Day                  | 18th Pet Owner's Day            |
| 2nd International Children's Book Day | 18th Humorous Day               |
| 3rd Find-A-Rainbow Day                | 20th Cuckoo Day                 |
| 4th 1st Home Phone Installed          | 21st Kindergarten Day           |
| 5th National Read a Road Map Day      | 22nd Arbor Day                  |
| 6th North Pole Discovered             | 22nd Earth Day                  |
| 7th World Health Day                  | 23rd Home Run Day               |
| 8th Ponce de Leon Day                 | 24th Easter                     |
| 9th 1st Public Library Opened         | 25th National Telephone Day     |
| 10th National Sibling Day             | 26th Hug a Friend Day           |
| 11th Jackie Robinson Day              | 27th Tell a Story Day           |
| 13th Thomas Jefferson's Birthday      | 28th Poetry Reading Day         |
| 14th Titanic Struck The Iceberg       | 29th Zipper Day                 |
| 15th Income Tax Day                   | 30th National Honesty Day       |

Birthstone: **Diamond**

Flower: **Sweet Pea**

### Calhoun Housing Authority Board Meeting Schedule

The Calhoun Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled the 4th Wednesday of each month. Call to verify that a meeting is scheduled and has not been cancelled prior to attending.

### Resident Reminder

**All income changes must be reported in writing within 10 days.**