



The Busy Bee Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

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

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Billie Erwin, not pictured

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COMMISSIONERS: Wilburn Aker, Chairman * Clinton Marshall, Ist Vice-Chair*
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Office Closing
 The Calhoun Housing Authority will be closed in observance of
 Christmas December 24th—27th and New Years Eve on
 December 31, 2010

**Housing Authority of the City of Calhoun Public Notice
 Annual Plan**

The Housing Authority of the City of Calhoun has developed its Five-Year Agency Plan for Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2011 in compliance with PIH Notice 2008-41 and the QHWRA Act of 1998. It is available for review at the Authority’s Office located at 607 Oothcalooga Street, Calhoun, GA. Office hours are Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. In addition a public hearing will be held on **December 15, 2010** at the Authority’s office at **11:45 PM**. A special Board Meeting will be held following the Public Hearing.

Correction on Senior Halloween Contest Winner



From Left, Lourdes, Vestia, Johnnie, Glenda and Kara.

Johnnie Frashier was the winner of the Halloween Contest.



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 computer training and preparing a RESUME. 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!

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

Energy Assistance

Tallatoona will begin their Energy Assistance Program Registration for all other age groups on December 1st. Please call 706-629-2333 for an appointment.

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 10:30 a.m. -1:00 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.

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



Attention:

All Calhoun Housing Authority Children and Teens Come join us for a fun filled day!



Mark your calendars for December 7th from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

“Make Your Own Gingerbread House” activity at the Imagination Station located at 629 Harkins St.

All children are invited to participate. All materials and candy will be provided by the Housing Authority. All you need to do is just show up and you can make a real Gingerbread House with real candy. Everyone that plans to attend must call ahead and register with the office at (706) 629-9183. It is limited to the first 35 registrants. You **MUST** be registered by December 6, 2010 in order to participate. If you do not register, you will not be able to participate.

We are very excited about this activity and hope to see you all there!



SERC-NAHRO Newsletter of the Year Award



From Left: Tom Wachs, Alicia Gasaway, David Baldwin of Bristol, VA, Jacob Oglesby of Augusta, GA and John Nolan.
Not pictured: Franklin Housing Authority.

The Calhoun Housing Authority won the SERC - NAHRO (Southeastern Regional Council - National Association Of Housing And Redevelopment Officials) Newsletter of the year Award in the small housing authority category. The awards were presented by John Nolan, President of SERC - NAHRO and Tom Wachs of the Eufaula, Alabama Housing Authority.

The winner of the Medium Housing Authority category was the Franklin Housing Authority of Franklin, Tennessee. The winner of the Large Housing Authority category was the Bristol Housing Authority of Bristol, Virginia. The winner of the Extra Large Housing Authority category was the Augusta Housing Authority of Augusta, Georgia.

Representatives from the Calhoun Housing Authority that were sent to the Fall conference to accept the award were Alicia Gasaway, Janice Tipps and Lourdes Bravo- President of our Senior Resident Association.

The winner of the Medium Housing Authority category was the Franklin Housing Authority of Franklin, Tennessee.



From Left: Janice, Lourdes and Alicia



Christmas Tree Safety

Consider an artificial tree (they are much safer and cleaner).

- A real tree should not lose green needles when you tap it on the ground.
- Cut 1 inch off the trunk to help absorb water.
- The stand should hold at least 1 gal. of water.
- A 6' tree will use 1 gallon of water every two days.
- Mix a commercial preservative with the water.
- Check the water level every day.
- Secure the tree with wire to keep it from tipping.
- Keep tree away from floor heaters, fire places, or other heat sources.
- Use only UL-listed lights, and no more than 3 strands linked together.
- Use miniature lights--which have cool-burning bulbs.
- Turn off the Christmas lights when you sleep, or if you leave your home for very long.
- Never use candles, even on artificial trees.
- Clean the tree stand to improve the tree's water intake, use one capful of bleach to a cup of water.
- Dispose of the tree properly.





Down Payment Assistance Program

- 1st time home buyer, or cannot have owned a home in the past 3 years
- Household income limits:
 Bartow County
 Family of 1- \$40,250 -- Family of 2 - \$46,000
 Family of 3 - \$51,750 -- Family of 4 - \$57,450
 Gordon County
 Family of 1- \$29,800 -- Family of 2 - \$34,050
 Family of 3 - \$38,300 -- Family of 4- \$42,250
- Buyer must contribute minimum of \$500 from own funds or gift from relative
- NorthSide Bank will match the buyer's funds X 5.
- Maximum match from the bank is \$7,500
- Example: Buyer puts up \$1,000 - NorthSide Bank matches X 5 = \$5,000 + \$1,000 from buyer = \$6,000 to go toward buyer's down payment &/or closing cost
- Assistance is a 'soft second' mortgage with no payments and -0%- interest rate.
- Second is totally forgiven after 5 years. Prorated forgiveness of 20% per year if home is sold or refinanced in the first 5 years
- Buyer must complete Homebuyer Education Course with CredAbility (the new name for CCCS)

For more information, contact Dan Greeson at 770-773-7300.

Let me tell you a little about myself.....




My name is Justin Kinsey. I have worked at the Calhoun Housing Authority for 3 years in the maintenance department. I was born and raised in Gordon County. I live in the middle of my family's farm just outside of town. I have been married to my wonderful wife Sharika for over a year now. In November my wife gave birth to our first child, a little boy named Khail. I really enjoy working at the Calhoun Housing Authority and hope to continue to do so for many more years to come. What makes my job so enjoyable are the residents and the people that I work with. There is always something different going on every day.

**BANNED INDIVIDUALS
FROM THE CALHOUN HOUSING AUTHORITY**

As of November 30, 2010

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

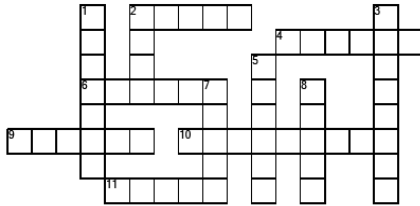
Kids
Corner




Name: _____
 Date: _____

Twelve Days of Christmas Crossword

Complete the activity.



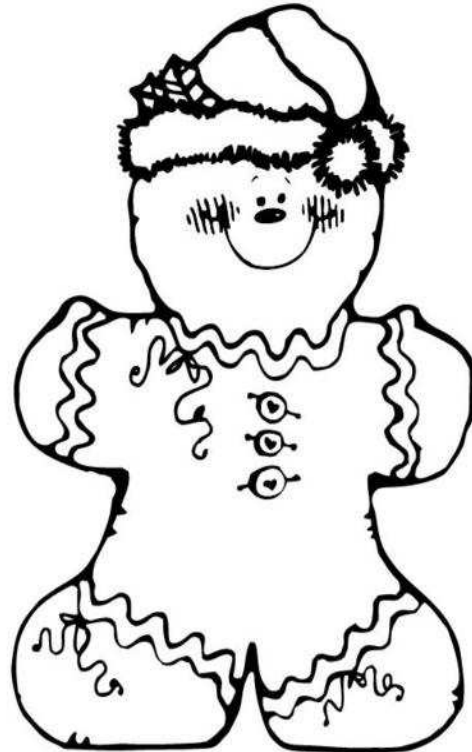
ACROSS

- 2. a-laying
- 4. piping
- 6. dancing
- 9. hens
- 10. in a pear tree
- 11. a-leaping

DOWN

- 1. birds
- 2. rings
- 3. drumming
- 5. doves
- 7. a-swimming
- 8. a-milking

Partridge	Calling	Swans	Lords
Turtle	Gold	Maids	Pipers
French	Geese	Ladies	Drummers



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Retro Snowflakes

These simple yet sophisticated decorations are made from cardboard tubes and pipe cleaners. Paint the outsides of the tubes before cutting them, if desired, or keep them unpainted for a natural look.

Materials:

- Cardboard tubes
- Pipe cleaners
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Thread or string

Instructions :

- For each ornament, flatten a 7 1/2-inch length of cardboard tube. Mark and cut it into 3/4-inch-wide rings; you'll need 10 for this project.
- On each flattened ring, mark dots 3/4 inches in from each folded edge. With a hole punch, make holes at the dots.
- Starting with the inner circle, string the rings onto a pipe cleaner. For the outer circle, twist two pipe cleaners together to make a double-long piece, then thread it through the outer holes in the cardboard rings. Twist the ends together and trim the excess. Hang with thread or string.

Calendar of Events

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

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

December 6th—7th :
Exterminators

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

Resident Association Calendar

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

None this Month

All seniors living in the housing
authority are invited.

**Hillhouse Spice Girls & Porch
Hound Dawgs Resident**

**Associations:
TBA**

617 Hillhouse Bldg.

Bring your dues.

**Sunshine Family Resident
Association**

TBA

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.

DECEMBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Exterminating & Air Filters	7 Exterminating & Air Filters Late Fees apply @ 4:00 p.m.	8	9	10 Office Closed for Lunch	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Office Closed for Lunch	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Office Closed for Christmas	25
26	27 Office Closed for Christmas	28	29	30	31 Office Closed for New Years	
Notice: Hillhouse Junction closing to be announced.						

December 2010

Fun excuses to celebrate this month:

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| Safe Toy and Gift Month | 16th Boston Tea Party Anniversary |
| 1st Rosa Park's Day | 17th Wright Brother's Day |
| 1st Hanukkah Begins at Sunset | 18th Wear a Plunger On Your Head Day |
| 2nd National Fritters Day | 19th Oatmeal Muffin Day |
| 3rd National Roof-Over-Your-Head Day | 20th Games Day |
| 4th Wear Brown Shoes Day | 21st First Day of Winter |
| 5th Walt Disney's Birthday | 22nd Thermometer Was Invented |
| 6th Mitten Tree Day | 23rd Roots Day |
| 7th Pearl Harbor Day | 24th National Egg Nog Day |
| 8th National Brownie Day | 25th Christmas |
| 9th First Christmas Seals Issued | 26th Kwanzaa Begins |
| 10th Human Rights Day | 27th Visit the Zoo Day |
| 12th Poinsettia Day | 28th Card Playing Day |
| 13th National Cocoa Day | 29th Bowling Ball Invented |
| 14th South Pole Discovered | 30th Tiger Woods' Birthday |
| 15th Phonograph Patented | 31st New Year's Eve |

Birthstone: Turquoise, Zircon

Flower- Narcissus, Holly

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.