

**Fitzgerald Housing Authority
November 2025 Newsletter**



Message from the Executive Director

Dear Residents,

As we welcome the month of November, I want to take a moment to share my gratitude for each of you who make the Fitzgerald Housing Authority more than just a place to live—it is a community where families grow, neighbors look out for one another, and opportunities continue to unfold.

November is a season of thankfulness, and it reminds us of the importance of slowing down to reflect on the blessings we have, even in the midst of challenges. Here at FHA, our staff has been working diligently to make sure your homes remain safe, comfortable, and well-maintained. We know that keeping housing affordable and reliable is more than just a responsibility, it is our commitment to you.

This month, we will continue with annual inspections, ensuring that every unit meets safety standards and that maintenance needs are addressed quickly. I encourage you to take this time to let us know of any concerns you may have so that we can serve you better. Your feedback matters, and your voice plays a vital role in helping us strengthen our community.

We are also looking forward to our **Thanksgiving Dinner** and community gathering. This is not just about sharing food, but about sharing fellowship, kindness, and support with one another. It is my hope that every resident feels seen, valued, and cared for during this season.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the opportunities we have to expand resources for our residents, whether through after-school programs for our children, partnerships with local organizations for health and wellness, or resident advisory meetings that give you a seat at

the table in decision-making. Your involvement is what makes this housing authority stronger, and I encourage you to stay connected and participate whenever possible.

As the holidays approach, please also remember to be mindful of safety—both inside and outside your homes. Check heaters, practice safe cooking habits, and keep an eye out for your neighbors. A safe community is one where we all take care of each other.

On behalf of the Fitzgerald Housing Authority, I want to wish you a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving season. May this time be filled with gratitude, peace, and togetherness for you and your families. Thank you for allowing us the privilege of serving you.

With gratitude,

Dr. Lemond Hall

Executive Director

Key Reminders for November

1. Annual Maintenance Inspections

- Our maintenance staff will begin routine inspections of units in November. Please be sure your home is in a safe, accessible state for them to check plumbing, HVAC, smoke detectors, and structural elements.
- If you have repair requests, submit them ahead of inspection dates to ensure prompt service.

2. Holiday Schedules & Office Closures

- The office will be closed on **Thanksgiving Day** (Thursday, November 27).
- Plan ahead for rent payments, maintenance requests, or other business with the office.

3. Resident Thanksgiving Meal

- We plan to host a small community gathering on November 25th at 11:00 AM to support residents during the holiday. More details will be posted in the lobby or mailed to your unit.

4. Winter Prep & Safety Tips

- As temperatures cool, check heaters, weather-strip windows and doors, and take care to prevent drafts or frozen pipes.

- Report any leaks, roof damage, or water intrusion promptly.

5. Resident Advisory Board / Volunteer Opportunities

- We are forming a Resident Advisory Board to help provide feedback and suggestions for community improvements. If interested in joining or volunteering, contact the office by **November 15**.
- Volunteer opportunities around winter cleanup, holiday decorations, or community events will also be available.

6. Fair Housing & Rights Information

- All residents should know their rights under fair housing laws. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs enforces the Georgia Fair Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin.

Important Notices & Updates

- **Public Housing Units**

The Fitzgerald Housing Authority is responsible for 221 public housing units.

- **Application / Waiting Lists**

Printable applications are available, but you must call the office to schedule pickup or in-person application times.

- **Security & Surveillance Reminder**

We continue to maintain safety through existing security measures including surveillance cameras at public housing sites.

- **Community Partnerships & Resources**

Be sure to check the Ben Hill County Community Resource Guide for local support services (legal aid, food pantries, healthcare, etc.).

Upcoming in December / Looking Ahead

- Holiday decor contest for units
- Winter energy assistance program signups with Family Connections

Office & Contact Info Reminder

- Address: 314 S. Sherman Street, Fitzgerald, GA 31750
- Phone: (229) 423-3755
- Fax: (229) 424-0236
- Office Hours:
Monday–Thursday: 7:45 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Friday: 7:45 A.M. – 12:45 P.M.