

Fitzgerald Housing Authority
October 2025 Newsletter



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Residents,

As we enter the vibrant month of October, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible spirit I've seen throughout our community. Over the past months, I have witnessed neighbors lending a hand to one another, families participating in our programs, and residents taking pride in keeping their homes and surroundings well-maintained. That spirit is what makes the Fitzgerald Housing Authority so much more than a place to live — it's a true community.

This month, we are excited to bring you opportunities for connection, celebration, and growth. October also gives us a chance to focus on **Breast Cancer Awareness**, an issue that has touched many families. We encourage you to take advantage of the resources and information we'll be sharing to promote health and early detection.

As cooler weather approaches, please remember to prepare your homes for the season from checking heaters to ensuring smoke detectors are working. Our **Safety Corner** in this issue offers tips to keep you and your family safe.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone that community success starts with communication and respect. Let's continue to honor our lease agreements, keep our spaces clean, and treat each other with kindness. Together, we can make Fitzgerald Housing Authority not just a place where we live, but a place where we thrive.

Thank you for being an important part of this community. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and hearing your ideas for making our neighborhood even better.

With appreciation,
Dr. Lemond Hall
Executive Director

Upcoming Events

- **Domestic Violence Awareness Session**
 - **Date:** October 7, 2025 — 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
 - **Location:** Fitzgerald Housing Authority
 - **Guest Speaker:** Charles Sheppard, Investigator District Attorney's Office
 - **Details:** This event combines community outreach with education and support resources.

 - **Resident Advisory Board Meeting**

Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 - 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Fitzgerald Housing Authority

Details: Discussions on community improvements, policy updates, and upcoming initiatives.

 - **Thanksgiving Dinner**
 - **Date:** November 25, 2025 — 11:00 AM
 - **Location:** Fitzgerald Housing Authority
 - **Details:** The Thanksgiving dinner is to bring family and friends together to express gratitude for the blessings and abundance in our lives.

 - **Christmas Dinner**
 - **Date:** December 18, 2025 — 11:00 AM
 - **Location:** Fitzgerald Housing Authority
 - **Details:** The Christmas dinner is to gather loved ones in celebration of the holiday season, fostering joy, warmth, and togetherness.
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Community Announcements

- **Lease Compliance Reminder**


Please ensure you're following all lease guidelines, including no smoking inside units, no unauthorized occupants, and maintaining a clean living space.


- **Resident Portal – Coming Soon**

Our new online portal will allow you to pay rent, submit work orders, and access important forms from your phone or computer. More details will be shared when the portal launches.

Community Programs

- **After School Program**

 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

 R.E. Barfield Learning Center, 123 S. Marion Ave.

Tutors Kandi Sandifer and Antaniyah Foster are available to help students strengthen reading and math skills.

- **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

Resources and information will be available at the office and during community events. Remember: early detection saves lives.

Safety Corner

- Test smoke detectors monthly.
 - Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything flammable.
 - Avoid overloading electrical outlets and extension cords.
 - Keep exits and walkways clear in case of emergency.
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Maintenance Updates

- **Pest Control** – 3rd Wednesday of each month. Clear under sinks and store food properly.
- **Landscaping** – Teams will be working biweekly; please keep porches and yards clear.

Resident Resources

- **Office Hours:**
 - Mon–Thu: 7:45 AM – 5:30 PM
 - Fri: 7:45 AM – 12:45 PM
- **Contact Info:**
 - Main Office: (229) 423-3755
 - Emergency Maintenance: (229) 423-3755
- **Rent Reminder:** Rent is due on the 1st and late after the 5th.