

KICKAPOO HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWSLETTER

December 2022/January 2023

Season's Greetings!

The staff here at Kickapoo Housing Authority would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a healthy New Year to come.

We have been busy updating policies and procedures and making sure our workorders are being completed. If you should have a workorder during the day, please call the office before 4:00pm. If it is an emergency after 4:00pm, please call the on-call phone at **785-288-1671.**

An addendum to your rental lease has been approved by the Housing Board of Commissioners for a Pet Agreement. The prior policy was NO PETS. Your household is now being allowed to have up to 2 pets whether they are inside or outside pets, and a \$250.00 deposit must be paid. The pet addendum shall be mailed to your address to be completed. The Pet Addendum refers to the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas Animal Control and Regulation Title 26, Chapter 1, and is effective January 2, 2023. Please contact the office if you need to set up payment arrangements for the pet deposit.

KHA has a text caster for messages and/or severe weather updates. If you are not receiving these text casts and would like to, you may call the office to sign up. There is also a sign up form on our website.

KHA will be participating in the **Community Christmas Event** on Dec. 14th at the Boys & Girls Club from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Look for more details coming on the Kickapoo Tribe's FB page.

KHA encourages everyone to get vaccinated for the Covid-19 virus. Beginning in late January 2023, KHA will offer an incentive to tenants for receiving the Bivalent Vaccine Booster. You may want to contact the health center for the next scheduling of the Bivalent booster.

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Office Hours: 8am-4:30pm

On call number: 785-288-1671

Please call the office before 3:30pm for non-emergencies.

www.khakansas.org



Fire/Winter Safety Tips

- * Keep matches, lighters, and other ignitable substances out of the reach of children. Only use lighters with child-resistant features. Teach your children to tell you or a responsible adult when they find matches or lighters at home or school.
- * Do not put space heaters near anything flammable or in wet areas such as bathrooms. Do not plug into power strips or extension cords. Do not leave unattended.
- * Do not overload electrical outlets. There should be a maximum of only one high wattage appliance per outlet.
- * Do not run electrical cords or power strips under rugs or behind furniture. Covering cords and power strips inappropriately can increase the likelihood of fraying wires and sparks turning into a fire. Cover outlets with safety covers if you have small children.
- * Use a surge protector for Christmas tree lights to avoid voltage spikes. Use no more than 3 strands of connected lights on your tree. Always turn off/unplug holiday lights when you leave your home or go to bed.
- * Practice your home fire escape plan with your children several times a year. Also practice low crawling and stop, drop, and roll.
- * Familiarize children with the sound of your smoke alarm and what to do when they hear
- * Teach your children not to be scared of firefighters. Take them to your local fire department to meet them and learn about fire safety.
- * Use the test button to check the smoke alarm each month. Replace all batteries at least once a year.
- * Visit www.redcross.org/homefires for more information on children and fire safety.
- * Keep an emergency kit in your home that includes nonperishable food, water, flashlights, extra batteries, a first-aid kit, extra medicine, and baby items, if necessary.

Holidays and Events



December 14th, 2022: Community Christmas Event
December 16th, 2022: KHA Admin Day—Office closed
December 20th, 2022: Senior Christmas Party & Bingo
December 23rd-26th, 2022: Office closed for Christmas

December 30th, 2022: Office closed half day

December 31st, 2022: New Year's Eve January 1st, 2023: New Year's Day

January 20th, 2023: KHA Admin Day-Office closed