

GREAT FALLS HOUSING AUTHORITY  
APRIL 2014  
NOTICES

*HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!*

## *College Scholarship*

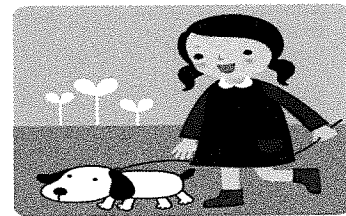
We are still accepting applications from graduating High School Seniors and from current scholarship recipients if they still meet the scholarship requirements. The scholarship this year is \$800.00. Applications are available at the Housing Authority Office and any of the high schools. Applications must be turned in to the Housing Authority office at 1500 Chowen Springs Loop by Friday, April 11, 2014.

## Excess Utilities

Please remember to call the Housing Office to get your balance on rent and excess utilities on or after the 26th of the month. It is your responsibility to have this paid. 453-4311

GREAT FALLS  
HOUSING AUTHORITY  
1500 CHOWEN SPRINGS LOOP  
PHONE: 406-453-4311  
FAX: 406-727-5566  
EMERGENCY NUMBER AFTER  
HOURS: 788-0427  
EMERGENCY DISPATCH: 911  
POLICE DISPATCH:  
771-1180

**APRIL PYAC SCHEDULE**  
**Grade School: Ages 6 through 12**  
**Friday, April 11th, 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.**  
  
**Middle School & High School:**  
**Friday, April 25th, 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.**



## SPRING CLEAN-UP

It's about that time of the year again when the snow and ice start to melt and the trees and grass begin to green. The weather begins to warm up and everybody starts to enjoy the outdoors.

To further benefit from this experience tenants need to remember to keep their yards clean from trash and pet feces.

If a tenant's yard is not kept clean within the guidelines of the lease they will receive a **lease violation**. If the tenant then fails to resolve the problem they will be charged **\$50.00** for maintenance to come by and clean it up.

**The Leasing Managers will be out checking yards to enforce the policy.**

Everyday, I hear complaints about various neighborhoods and how bad they are, the crime is crazy and no one cares. I ask the question, “What have your neighbors said?” The normal response is “I haven’t talked with the neighbors!”. I have used the recipe below as an article for the newsletter and I believe it is time to dust it off and print it again. I have changed the title from “Recipe to Prevent Conflict Between Neighbors” to:

## **Recipe to be a Good Neighbor**

**Meet your neighbors**—introduce yourself and learn your neighbor’s names.

**Keep your neighbors informed**—contact them before doing something that might affect them—such as hosting a party.

**Observe the Golden Rule**—set an example by being a good neighbor yourself.

**Be aware of differences**—age, ethnic background, etc. Make an effort to talk with and understand each other. Diversity is a strength!

**Consider your neighbors’ point of view**—how do the toys in your yard look from the neighbor’s point of view—is it messy?

**Be appreciative**—if a neighbor does something you like, tell them.

**Be positive**—if your neighbor does something that irritates you, don’t assume it was on purpose. Presume the neighbor does not know about the annoyance. Talk to them.

**Be candid**—if your neighbors do something that bothers you, let them know.

**Be respectful**—talk directly with the neighbor, don’t gossip, don’t feed on the rumors.

**Be calm**—listen carefully and thank them for telling you how they feel. Don’t react defensively.

**Listen well**—try to understand how your neighbor feels.

**Take your time**—If you need to. Take a break to think about the conversation. Arrange to finish the discussion later.

A neighborhood is only as strong as its neighbors want it to be.

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