



Jackson Housing Authority



FEBRUARY 2026 EDITION



- **After Hours Emergency Maintenance 770-468-2136.**
- Reminder to residents with heat pump systems—On these very cold nights and days it's not unusual for the unit to run much longer and briefly blow cooler air. If your unit seems to be struggling make sure you have it set to a reasonable temperature like 68. This is the recommended setting from most power companies during winter. Temperatures below 32 degrees outside cause more frequent defrost cycles. During those cycles is when the air feels cooler momentarily. Thermostats set to higher temperatures result in higher power bills and more frequent breakdowns. Simply put, the colder it is outside the more the unit runs especially when set to higher temperatures. I have personally seen thermostats set over 80 and struggling to 72 with freezing temperatures.



A note from our Executive Director

HAPPY FEBRUARY!!! The City of Jackson Housing Authority will soon be undergoing an NSPIRE inspection, and we appreciate our residents' cooperation in helping ensure a successful review. NSPIRE inspections focus on health, safety, and overall housing quality, and resident participation is an important part of the process. Residents can assist by keeping their units clean and free of clutter, particularly around entryways, kitchens, bathrooms, windows, and heating areas. Please ensure smoke detectors are not covered, exits are unobstructed, and all utilities are accessible for inspection.

Residents are also encouraged to report any maintenance concerns to the Housing Authority office as soon as possible so repairs can be addressed ahead of the inspection. Preparing early helps support safe housing conditions and a smooth inspection process. Thank you for working with the City of Jackson Hous-



We would like to give a warm welcome to our new BHA/JHA housing manager Candice Lynn!

My name is Candice, and I'm excited to be part of the team here!

Outside of work, I enjoy photography, creative projects, and spending times outdoors with my family and friends. I'm grateful to be here and look forward to getting to know the community and building positive connections together.



- Jackson Housing Authority Annual Recertifications will begin in March. A letter with the scheduled date and time of your recertification will be sent by March 1, 2026.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Rent Due	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Pest Control			
8 Late Day	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day 
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Last Day to Pay	23 DISPO Day	24	25	26	27	28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| Charlie Barber | Charity Walker |
| Mary Mae Barnette | Carron Ward |
| Lorean Britt | Hannah Watkins |
| Rictavian Dawson | Charlie Watson Jr |
| Aaleiyah Gooden | KaToya Freeman |
| Delores McClendon | |
| Janice McDowell | |
| Debora Sidney | |
| Ryan Smith | |
| Anniston Walker | |
| LaRacheal Coley | |
| Harmonii Smith | |

Congrats Charlie Barber!
You are our birthday winner for February.
Please come by the office for your gift, or contact BeLinda Whitaker to set up a time for delivery.

FEBRUARY

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| ARROWS | GROUNDHOG |
| BALLOONS | HEARTS |
| CANDY | LOVE |
| CARDS | PRESIDENTS |
| CHOCOLATE | RELATIONSHIP |
| CUPID | SUGAR |
| FLOWERS | SWEETS |
| FRIENDSHIP | VALENTINE |



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Tenant Buzz with BeLinda



Our **food pantry is up and running**. One is located at Carter Ave and the other is at Mallett St. If you are in need of further food assistance, please contact me so I can help.

If your household is in need of **sanitary napkin products**, please contact me directly. These items are available. As always, feel free to reach out if you need assistance or have any questions.

Please remember to notify the office as soon as there is **any change to your contact information**, including phone numbers or email addresses, so we can keep our records up to date.

Let's give a huge thank you to Wellstar Sylvan Grove Medical Center for sponsoring our Food Pantry Program by hosting a Canned Food Drive on February 13, 2026.

Their generosity and commitment to serving the community help ensure that residents of the Jackson Housing Authority have access to essential food resources. This partnership makes a meaningful difference and supports the health and well-being of our residents.

Thank you for helping feed our community!



FEBRUARY IS **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Honoring the Past • Celebrating the Present • Inspiring the Future

Black History Month is a time to recognize and celebrate the rich history, culture, and contributions of Black Americans who have helped shape our nation and our communities.

From trailblazing leaders and activists to artists, educators, innovators, and everyday heroes, Black history is American history. This month invites us to reflect on the resilience, strength, and achievements of those who paved the way, while also uplifting voices that continue to inspire change today.

Let us take this time to learn, reflect, and come together in unity as we honor the legacy and impact of Black individuals past and present.

Celebrate. Learn. Reflect. Honor.



Spotlight

In honor of Black History Month we would like to spotlight figures that have paved the way in the black community with their accomplishments and determination.



On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson became the first African American to play Major League Baseball in the modern era. He would later become the first African American named a vice president at a fortune 500 company; serve as an advisor to politicians; start a bank and a housing development company; and, was a key figure in advancing equal opportunity and first-class citizenship for all Americans during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s. Hailed a “..freedom rider before freedom rides,” Robinson’s name has become synonymous with breaking barriers.



Maya Angelou was an American poet, memoirist, and actress whose several volumes of autobiography explore the themes of economic, racial, and sexual oppression. Her best-known work is the powerful memoir *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. By the end of her life, she was a world-famous literary figure who had inspired generations of women. Angelou wasn't just a writer; she was deeply entrenched in the fight for civil rights. In the 1960s, she worked alongside giants like Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, contributing to a collective movement that sought equality and justice for African Americans. Her work with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) saw her advocating for desegregation and racial equality. This involvement not only defined her as an activist but also infused her writing with a sense of urgency and purpose. By intertwining her literary gifts with her activism, Angelou helped illuminate the struggles of the civil rights movement, making it relatable and poignant to her readers.