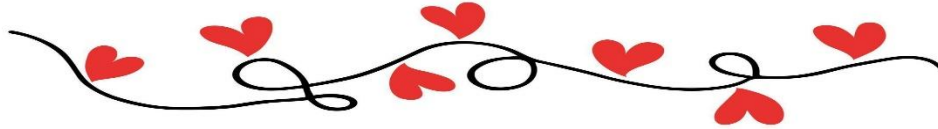




## February 2026 Newsletter



### Greetings from the Fitzgerald Housing Authority!


As we step into the month of February, we're excited to share community updates, upcoming activities, and helpful programs designed with our residents in mind. Thank you for being part of the FHA family—we look forward to a month of togetherness, appreciation, and positive growth!

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### Community Engagement

#### Board of Commissioners Meeting

 **March 19, 2026**

 **5:30 PM**

 Fitzgerald Housing Authority Conference Room 314 S. Sherman Street

Residents are encouraged to attend! This is your opportunity to voice concerns, learn about upcoming projects, and hear about FHA programs.

 *Light refreshments will be served.*

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### Resident Advisory Board Meeting

 **Friday, February 27, 2026**

 **11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

 Fitzgerald Housing Authority, 314 S. Sherman Street

This meeting is for Resident Advisory Board members and will focus on upcoming changes, community events, and resident involvement opportunities.

 *Light refreshments provided.*

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## Upcoming Events


### SERC/NAHRO “What Home Means to Me” Poster Contest

Students may enter in **Elementary, Middle School, or High School** categories.

#### Awards:

- **1st Place:** Art kit + \$25 gift card + GAHRA certificate
- **2nd & 3rd Place:** Art kit + certificate

Winners advance to the SERC Annual Conference—and possibly the **National NAHRO level**, with a chance to be featured in the **2027 NAHRO Calendar!**

 Posters and required paperwork must be submitted to FHA by **March 13, 2026, at 12:00 noon.**

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## Health & Wellness

### Health Fair (Date TBA)

FHA will partner with our local Technical College to provide a **FREE Health Fair** for residents. Walk-ins welcome—no registration required!


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## **March Madness Celebration**

 **Saturday, March 7, 2026**

 **11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

 **Roanoke Homes, Riggs Drive**



This day will be packed with fun-filled sports activities, field day games, and music for residents of all ages! Kids will especially enjoy the kiddie train ride and exciting bouncy houses—fun for the whole family! Join us for a fun-filled resident engagement event!





### ♥ Spreading Love & Appreciation ♥

In the spirit of Valentine's Day ♥ ♥ , FHA will be delivering a **sweet token of love** to all of our residents during Valentine's week as our way of saying *thank you* for being part of our wonderful community!

♥ HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! ♥

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FAMILY CLEANING

### ☀ Resident Spotlight

Special recognition goes to residents who **excelled in housekeeping inspections**, many passed with flying colors! Your dedication does not go unnoticed. Thank you for your hard work and cooperation as we continue housekeeping inspections throughout 2026. Keep up the great work! Thank you for helping keep our community looking great! 🧹 ✨

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## 💖 ✨ **Black History Spotlight: Building Better Homes**

This month, we honor Black inventors whose work helped shape housing and home living:

### 🏠 **Sarah E. Goode (1885)**

Invented the **folding cabinet bed**, an early space-saving solution—perfect for apartments and smaller homes!

### 🔧 **Norbert Rillieux**

Revolutionized heating systems with safer industrial heating methods, influencing modern building infrastructure.

### 🧱 **Elijah McCoy**


Created automatic lubricating systems still used in machinery and building equipment today—helping homes and buildings run more efficiently.

We celebrate these innovators who laid foundations—literally and figuratively—for stronger communities.

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### **After-School Tutoring Program (FREE!)**

 Tuesday–Thursday


 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Contact the FHA office to sign up. This program supports student learning in a safe and welcoming environment.

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### **Maintenance Requests**

Please contact the office to submit work orders.

 Emergency requests include:

- Smell of gas
- Power outage

Non-emergency repairs may take up to **48 hours**.

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### **Winter Weather Safety**

Please ensure heating systems are working properly and report issues promptly. Watch out for the rain and ice around walkways to help keep everyone safe.

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### **Office Closure Notice – President’s Day**

In observance of President's Day, the Fitzgerald Housing Authority office will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2026.

We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Thank you for your understanding, and we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday! us

### **Rent Payment & Late Fees**

- Rent due by the **5th business day** of each month
- Late fees apply to unpaid balances
- Mandatory meetings are required for late rent
- Repeated late payments may result in lease violations or court processing

### **Ways to Pay:**

- Cash, money order, or debit card (office hours)
- Online: [www.housingauthorityfitz.com](http://www.housingauthorityfitz.com)
- Drop box: Money orders only (no cash)

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### **Looking Ahead**

Coming soon:

- Financial literacy workshops
- Job readiness classes
- Fitness & health education

Details coming next month!

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### **Stay Connected**

Main Office: **(229) 423-3755**

Website: [www.housingauthorityfitz.com](http://www.housingauthorityfitz.com)

Office Hours:

Monday–Friday | 7:45 AM–5:30 PM

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Let's make February a month full of love , connection, and community growth.

Thank you for being part of Fitzgerald Housing Authority—we look forward to a successful year ahead!

**Warm regards,**  
**The Fitzgerald Housing Authority Team**