

Fitzgerald Housing Authority Newsletter
August 2026 Edition



 Message from the Executive Director

As we enter the month of August, I would like to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued cooperation, patience, and commitment to making Fitzgerald Housing Authority a place we can all be proud to call home.

The success of our community depends on all of us working together. We encourage every resident to continue taking pride in their home, keeping their surroundings clean, following community policies, and treating our staff, neighbors, and fellow residents with courtesy and respect.

I am also pleased to see the continued participation in our resident programs and community activities. These programs are designed to provide opportunities for our residents to connect, learn, and grow together. We encourage you and your families to take advantage of the activities and services offered by Resident Services.

As we begin a new school year, I want to wish all of our students a successful and productive school year. To our parents and guardians, thank you for supporting and encouraging our young people. Education and community involvement are important investments in the future of our families and our community.

Please remember that staying informed is an important part of being a successful resident. Continue to read our newsletters, notices, and other communications from the Housing Authority so that you are aware of important dates, inspections, policy updates, programs, and community events.

Thank you for being a valued member of the Fitzgerald Housing Authority community. Together, we can continue building a safe, clean, respectful, and thriving community for everyone.

With warm wishes,

Executive Director
Fitzgerald Housing Authority

★ Resident Spotlight ★

Special Thanks to our new RAB Members

The Fitzgerald Housing Authority is pleased to welcome our **2026 Resident Advisory Board (RAB) members!** We are excited to have you serve as representatives for our residents.

The Resident Advisory Board (RAB) is a group of residents who serve as a communication link between residents and the Fitzgerald Housing Authority. The Board provides residents with an opportunity to share ideas, concerns, and feedback regarding housing, community programs, resident services, and the overall quality of life within our community.

RAB members serve a **one-year term**, with new members elected each year in July.

Please join us in welcoming our **2026 RAB members:**

Allyson Fussell • Claudia Renteria • Jerry Steverson Jr.

We look forward to working together to strengthen communication, encourage resident involvement, and continue building a stronger and more connected community.

Welcome aboard and thank you for your commitment to serving our residents!

Important Dates & Upcoming Programs



Board of Commissioners Meeting

 Fitzgerald Housing Authority Conference Room

314 S. Sherman Street

 September 17, 2026

 5:30 PM

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.

Resident Advisory Board Meeting

📍 Fitzgerald Housing Authority, 314 S. Sherman Street

📅 August 27, 2026

🕒 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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

Upcoming Events

🎉 Community Engagement & Upcoming Events

Get ready for fun and community activities this upcoming Fall!

More detailed information about each event will be shared soon. Stay tuned and mark your calendars!



📌 Important Reminders

- Please report maintenance issues promptly so they can be addressed as quickly as possible.
- Help keep our playground and common areas clean and free of clutter to ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for all residents.

- Observe all community rules regarding noise, parking, smoking, and pets to help maintain a peaceful neighborhood.
 - Parents and guardians are responsible for their children's actions and behavior while on Fitzgerald Housing Authority property.
 - Watch for updates on housekeeping inspections, community events, activities, and upcoming programs in future newsletters.
 - Pest control services are scheduled for the **third Wednesday of each month**. Please ensure that your unit is accessible on that day.
 - Effective June 5, 2026, the Fitzgerald Housing Authority office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:15 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. The office lobby will close daily at 5:00 p.m. The office will be closed on Fridays.
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Office Closure Reminder



The Fitzgerald Housing Authority office will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2026, in observance of Labor Day. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.



After-School Tutoring Program (FREE!)

 Tuesday – Thursday

 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

- 123 South Marion Ave – R.E. Barfield Learning Center

Our **After-School Tutoring Program** provides children with a safe, supportive, and engaging environment where they can learn, grow, and enjoy their peers! Children receive **homework assistance from our certified teachers**, participate in fun social and recreational activities, and enjoy a **healthy afternoon snack**.

Best of all, the program is FREE to FHA residents! Be sure to register your child and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.



The **Annual Back-to-School Drive** was a tremendous success! We are especially grateful to **Becky Gay and Communities in Schools** for their generous support and dedication to our residents and students.

Through this partnership, we were able to provide **free school supplies to more than 100 FHA residents**, helping local students start the new school year prepared and ready to succeed.

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to Becky Gay and **Communities in Schools** for their continued commitment to supporting our families and making a positive difference in our community.

We look forward to an **even larger turnout next school year** and another opportunity to come together to support our students!

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Maintenance Requests

Please contact the office to submit work orders.

Emergency Requests Include:

- Smell of gas
- Power outage
- Major water Leak

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

Rent Payment & Late Fees

- Rent is 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
 - Drop box: Money orders only (**No Cash allowed**)
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Looking Ahead

Exciting programs and opportunities are coming soon!

- Financial Literacy Workshops
- Job Readiness Classes
- Fitness & Health Education
- Summer Feeding Program
- Summer Enrichment Program (Learning Activities, Tutoring, and field trips)

Stay tuned — more details will be shared next month!

RESIDENT TOWN HALL MEETINGS

The Fitzgerald Housing Authority (FHA) is preparing for a **make-up session of the Resident Town Hall Meetings**.

Attendance is **MANDATORY**, and **each Head of Household is required to attend one (1) session**. During the meeting, FHA will provide important updates, review agency policies

and upcoming initiatives, and provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions and receive clarification.

This will be the final Town Hall Meeting session available. Please contact the FHA office as soon as possible to schedule your meeting date and time.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to your participation.

Stay Connected

Main Office: (229) 423-3755

Website: www.housingauthorityfitz.com

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday | 7:15 AM – 5:45 PM | Lobby closes at 5:00pm. Office closed on Friday.

As we welcome the month of **August**, let's continue working together to build a strong, supportive, and connected community. Thank you for being a valued member of the Fitzgerald Housing Authority family. Your cooperation, kindness, and involvement help make our neighborhoods a wonderful place to call home.

As summer comes to an end and a new school year begins, we wish all of our residents a **safe, successful, and productive August**. We encourage everyone to take advantage of the programs, activities, and opportunities available throughout the month.

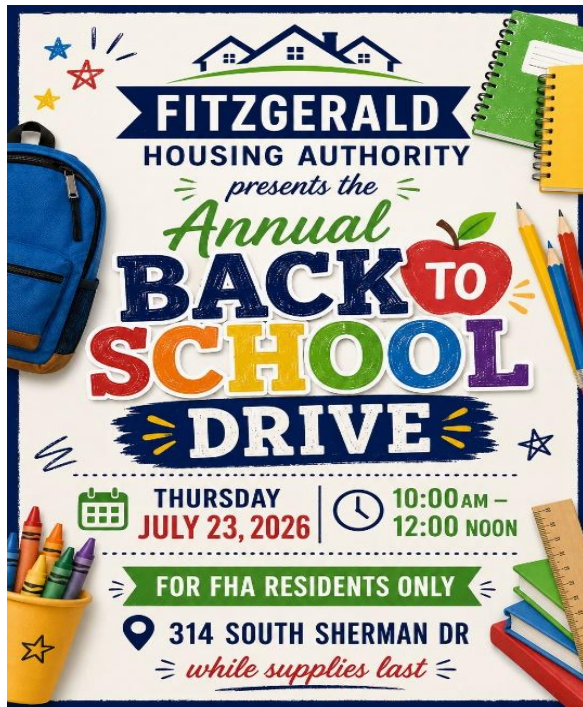
We appreciate each of you and look forward to another month of **connecting, growing, and building a stronger community together!**

Warm regards,

The Fitzgerald Housing Authority Team 



Photo's from the Back to School Drive Event 2026









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