

Fitzgerald Housing Authority Newsletter
October 2026 Edition



 Message from the Executive Director

As we welcome the month of **October**, we are reminded that this time of year brings new beginnings, fresh opportunities, and a renewed focus on the months ahead. As we transition into the fall season, it is a wonderful time to reflect on our progress, set new goals, and continue working together to make our community a safe, welcoming, and thriving place to call home.

With warm wishes,

Executive Director
Fitzgerald Housing Authority

 Resident Spotlight

 Honoring Our FHA Breast Cancer Warriors & Survivors

This October, Fitzgerald Housing Authority proudly shines a light on our amazing residents who are currently battling breast cancer, those on the road to recovery, and the courageous survivors who continue to inspire us every day.

We honor their strength, courage, resilience, and determination. Each day brings its own challenges, yet these incredible women continue to show what it means to be a daily warrior. 

To our residents who are fighting today: We see you, we support you, and we stand with you. To those who are recovering and celebrating remission: Your strength inspires us.

And to our survivors: Your journey is a beautiful reminder of hope, perseverance, and the power to keep moving forward.

FHA celebrates you—not just during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, but every day. Keep fighting. Keep believing. Keep shining. You are never alone. ❤️

★ Special Acknowledgement to Ben Hill County Schools and all of our FHA residents

** Parent Engagement Session: Connecting Families & Schools**

The Fitzgerald Housing Authority, in collaboration with Ben Hill County Schools, recently hosted a successful Parent Engagement Session for FHA residents.

Parents and guardians had the opportunity to connect with school representatives, ask questions, share concerns, and learn valuable ways to support their children's educational success. It was an informative and engaging session focused on strengthening the connection between families, schools, and the community.

Fitzgerald Housing Authority provided everyone with a delicious lasagna dinner while participating in meaningful conversations and learning opportunities. 🍲 

** Congratulations to Our \$50 Gift Card Winner!**

A special shout-out goes to our very own Ms. Patricia Person, who was selected as the lucky resident raffle winner! 🎁 

FHA extends a sincere thank you to Ben Hill County Schools for partnering with us and to all our FHA residents who attended and helped make this event a success.

Together, we are supporting families, strengthening partnerships, and building brighter futures! ❤️  



★ Special Acknowledgement to our Learning Center Staff

☀️ Spotlight on Mrs. Ollie White! ☀️

Fitzgerald Housing Authority is proud to shine the spotlight on **Mrs. Ollie White**, who was recently selected as the **2026–2027 Ben Hill County Elementary Teacher of the Year!** **Ms. White teaches 3rd Grade Math.**

Mrs. White recently joined the FHA family as a **certified teacher with our After-School Program**, where she brings her knowledge, dedication, and passion for helping students succeed. Her commitment to education and our youth makes her a wonderful addition to the FHA Team.

The FHA staff, along with our After-School students and After-School staff, are incredibly proud of Mrs. White and this well-deserved achievement! We are honored to have her as a valued member of the FHA team and look forward to celebrating her continued success.



Please join us in congratulating Mrs. White on being named **2026–2027 Ben Hill County Elementary Teacher of the Year!** We are so excited to have her as one of our very own!





Important Dates & Upcoming Programs



Board of Commissioners Meeting

 Fitzgerald Housing Authority Conference Room

314 S. Sherman Street

 December 10, 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

 October 29, 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.

Breast Cancer Awareness at FHA

This October, Fitzgerald Housing Authority proudly joins communities across the nation in recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month.  We take this opportunity to honor those who are currently battling breast cancer, celebrate survivors, and remember those whose lives have been touched by this disease.

We encourage our residents, families, and staff to wear pink, spread awareness, support one another, and prioritize regular screenings and conversations about breast health. Together, we can show strength, compassion, and support for everyone affected by breast cancer.  

FHA stands together in the fight—today, tomorrow, and always.

Upcoming Events

Trunk or Treat at FHA!

Get ready for some fun-filled Halloween festivities at the Fitzgerald Housing Authority! Join us on Thursday, October 29, 2026 at 4:00 PM-6:00 PM at 314 S. Sherman St. for our annual Trunk or Treat event!

FHA residents are invited to bring the family, dress up in their favorite costumes, and enjoy an afternoon of Halloween fun, treats, and community fellowship.   

 **October 29, 2026**

 **314 S. Sherman St.**

🕒 4:00PM- 6:00PM

🎨 While supplies last!

This event is for FHA residents only. We look forward to seeing our residents and families for a safe, fun, and festive Halloween celebration! ❤️ 🖤



🎨 Community Engagement

🍂 Upcoming Fall & Holiday Events 🌲

Fall is here, and the holiday season is just around the corner! 🍁 ✨ We have several exciting events and activities planned for our FHA residents to enjoy.

Be sure to **stay on the lookout for upcoming event announcements**, including dates, times, and locations. We'll have activities planned for **residents of all ages**, so there will be something for everyone to enjoy! 🍁 🍂 🌲

Stay tuned—we can't wait to celebrate the season with you! 🏠



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.
 - When visiting the office, please keep in mind the office **professional dress code**.
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Your Suggestions Matter!

- Residents, please remember that the suggestion box located in the FHA office lobby is always open! We encourage you to share your ideas, concerns, and suggestions with us. No idea is too small to be considered for review.
- Fitzgerald Housing Authority is currently reviewing and working on several suggestions submitted by our residents. Your feedback helps us identify opportunities to improve our programs, services, and overall community.
- Thank you to all of our residents who take the time to brainstorm, share ideas, and provide suggestions for FHA to review and consider. Your involvement makes a difference!

FHA appreciates the teamwork, communication, and community spirit that our residents bring to the table. Together, we can continue working toward a stronger and better community for everyone. 🏡💙

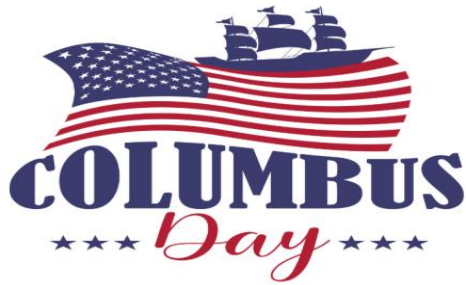
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Office Closure Reminder



The Fitzgerald Housing Authority office will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2026, in observance of Columbus Day. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

Ways to Make Your Payment During Office Closure

- **Online:** Make your payment securely at www.housingauthorityfitz.com
 - **Drop Box:** Money orders only. **NO CASH will be accepted** in the drop box.
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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 staff, including a certified teacher**, 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.



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
 - 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

Stay tuned — more details will be shared next month!

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 **October**, let's embrace the beauty of the fall season as an opportunity to reflect, reconnect, and continue building a strong and supportive community. 🍁🎃💖

We are grateful for the continued cooperation, participation, and involvement of our residents. Thank you for helping make **Fitzgerald Housing Authority** a place where neighbors, families, and our community can grow and thrive together.

As the leaves begin to change, may this new season bring warmth, joy, and wonderful moments to you and your family. Here's to a beautiful and meaningful **October!** 🍁 🏠 💖

Warm regards,

The Fitzgerald Housing Authority Team 🌸