

Fitzgerald Housing Authority Newsletter
September 2026 Edition



 Message from the Executive Director

As we welcome the month of **September**, 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.

I want to take a moment to thank each of you for being an important part of the **Fitzgerald Housing Authority (FHA) community**. Your cooperation, respect for your neighbors, and commitment to maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming environment make a meaningful difference every day. Strong communities are built not only through programs and services, but through the residents who call them home.

This month, we will continue focusing on maintaining high standards throughout our properties, responding to maintenance requests as efficiently as possible, and strengthening the services we provide to our residents. If you have submitted a work order or have a concern, please know that our team is committed to addressing requests as promptly as possible. We appreciate your patience, cooperation, and communication.

September is also a great time to reconnect with neighbors and become involved in activities and opportunities within our community. We encourage you to stay informed by reading posted notices, checking upcoming announcements, and participating in resident meetings and events. **Your voice matters**, and your feedback helps us continue improving the services we provide.

As always, if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the management office. We are here to listen, assist, and support you.

Thank you for being a valued part of the Fitzgerald Housing Authority community. **Together, we can continue building a stronger, safer, and more connected community.**

With warm wishes,

Executive Director
Fitzgerald Housing Authority

★ Resident Spotlight ★

Special Acknowledgement to Learning Center Students

As we step into the fall season, we want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful memories and exciting experiences shared with our **Summer Enrichment Program and After School Program students** throughout the summer!

Our students have truly stayed busy, engaged, and ready to learn! From exciting **field trips and hands-on STEM activities** to educational experiences, creative projects, special guest visitors, and plenty of opportunities to explore and have fun, this summer has been filled with **learning, laughter, discovery, and unforgettable memories.**

One of the highlights of our program has been watching our students work together, ask questions, try new things, and experience learning beyond the classroom. Whether they were building creative structures, exploring the wonders of the aquarium, meeting special guests, or simply enjoying time with their friends, each activity provided an opportunity for our students to grow, learn, and shine.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, creativity, and positive energy our students have brought to the program. Their smiles, curiosity, and willingness to participate remind us just how important it is to provide our young people with opportunities to **learn, explore, create, and dream!**

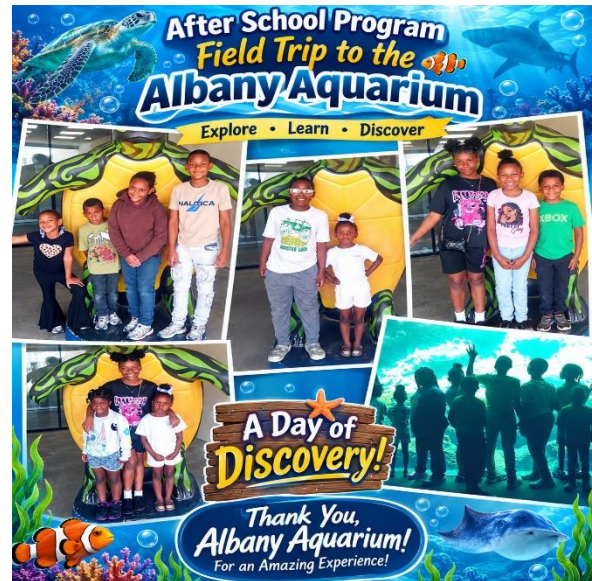
A very special **THANK YOU** goes to our **Fitzgerald Housing Authority residential parents and guardians** for trusting us with your children and allowing them to participate in our Summer Enrichment Program and After School Program activities. Your continued support and encouragement make these experiences possible.

We also extend our appreciation to all of our staff, community partners, special guests, and volunteers who helped make this summer such a memorable one. Your time, talents, and commitment to our youth are truly appreciated.

As we welcome a new school year, we look forward to creating even more opportunities for our students to learn, grow, and make memories together.

Here's to a new school year filled with learning, new adventures, big dreams, and even bigger smiles!

Keep learning. Keep exploring. Keep shining! 🌞 📖 🧪 🚚 🎨



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

📅 September 24, 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**

👤 **Parent Engagement Session**

Fitzgerald Housing Authority, in collaboration with **Ben Hill County Schools**, invites FHA parents and guardians to join us for an informative Parent Engagement Session.

📅 **Tuesday, September 29, 2026**

🕒 **5:00–6:00 PM**

📍 **FHA Office – 314 S. Sherman St., Fitzgerald, GA 31750**

Connect with school representatives, ask questions, share concerns, and learn helpful ways to support your child's educational success.

🍝 **Lasagna dinners will be served!**

🎁 **\$50 Gift Card Drawing:** All FHA parents and guardians in attendance will be entered for a chance to win!



📌 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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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.

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



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
- After School Tutoring Program (Learning Activities, Tutoring, and field trips)

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 **September**, let's embrace the changing season as an opportunity to reflect, reconnect, and continue building a strong and supportive community. 🍁 ✨

We are grateful for the continued cooperation and involvement of our residents. Thank you for helping make **Fitzgerald Housing Authority** a place where neighbors, families, and our community can grow together. Here's to a wonderful September! 💙 🏠

Warm regards,

The Fitzgerald Housing Authority Team 🌸