

# “Round Town”

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**Office Closures**

- The office will close at Noon on Friday, December 22, 2006 and will be closed Monday, December 25, 2006
- The office will close at Noon on Friday, December 29, 2006 and will be closed Monday, January 1, 2007
- The office will be closed Monday, January 15 and Monday, February 19, 2007

## REAC Inspections: The results are in!

Nearly 4 million American families live in rental housing that is owned, insured or subsidized by HUD.

To ensure that these families have housing that is decent, safe, sanitary and in good repair, REAC conducts approximately 20,000 physical inspections on properties each year.

REAC inspections occurred this past September. AAHC received staggering scores as compared to previous years scores.

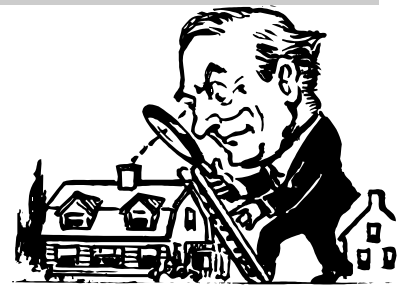
Most points were lost for deficiencies noted in the common areas of buildings

particularly at Miller and Baker.

The second most cited deficiency were health and safety violations., like missing smoke detectors or sidewalk trip hazards.

Though, AAHC scored low this year all of the noted deficiencies were listed as the most frequently cited deficiencies of all PHA’s.

What’s more important is that we address these citations. Each individual unit, where there was an “observed deficiency”, has been or will be addressed and repaired. Work orders for repairs were generated



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in mid October and repairs are underway.

Though, we are not proud of the findings, *our goal is to minimize our errors and maximize your quality of living.*

*Signed  
Betsy Lindsley,  
Executive Director*

## ETCS Home Weatherization Assistance Program

The Michigan Weatherization Assistance Program is a energy conservation program, providing free energy conservation to low-income families.

The purpose of the program is to reduce home energy use to lower utility bills. Repairs are deter-

mined by a computerized audit to provide the most efficient repairs possible. Participants can save up to 25%, which adds up to \$300.00 a year, on their heating bills.

Your homes repairs will be completed within a year of approval. Seniors, dis-

abled, and families receiving state assistance are given priority.

For more information or to apply call Washtenaw County Employment Training and Community Services Weatherization at 734-484-6610.



## AAHC Pet Peeves

A resident of a dwelling unit in AAHC public housing may own one common household pet. A common household pet does not include reptiles, ferrets, birds of prey, or any other exotic animal. Family sites are subject to a refundable pet fee of \$150.00, which is paid at initial registration for any cat or dog, or \$25.00 fee for all other permitted pets. Miller Manor & Baker Common, or other elderly

and disabled residents have a registration fee of \$50.00. For pets other than fish, small birds, rabbits/mice, an additional monthly fee of \$10.00 or \$5.00 will be charged. AAHC does reserve the right to refuse to register an animal if the animal does not meet requirements of the pet policy. Apartments must be free of pet odors and maintained in a clean and sanitary manner, free of ver-

min. The pet owner is expected to adhere to all City Code requirements pertaining to animals as part of the AAHC policy, including picking up outside deposits. Residents are not allowed to "pet sit" for a non-resident animal on premises. Residents with pets must complete a registration form and provide all required information including the payment of a refundable security deposit.

## Modernization Meetings

In an effort, to improve our performance we will begin monthly Modernization Meetings. The Modernization Meetings will allow you to personally express your concerns and receive information from the AAHC. Staff will schedule group meetings.

Chuck, our Maintenance Super-

visor, will join us and provide tips on do-it-yourself repairs and answer your questions. Leslee, our Public Housing Specialist, will provide information on lease policies and other issues. Betsy, Executive Director, will join us and share HUD regulations, the direction of the AAHC, and other information.

### Chocolate Drizzled Apple Slices

#### Ingredients:

Apple, 1/4 cup chocolate chips, 1 cup caramel or butterscotch, & 3 tsp shortening

#### Utensils

2 bowls, 2 forks, wax paper, & tray

#### Directions

Mix 2 tsp shortening & caramel or butterscotch, melt for 30 sec., Slice Apples dip in caramel with fork, then lay on wax paper.

Mix 1 tsp shortening & chocolate melt for 15 sec. Then drizzle over apples with fork. **Eat & Enjoy!**



### Community Supportive Services:

HAIG Public Housing Resident Scholarship Program

Hey, graduating seniors and graduates. If you have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and attending or planning to attend college, university, or technical school. You can win a \$2,500 scholarship. Applicants must write an essay, provide two letters of recommendation, and a copy of your high school or college transcript. Scholarships are awarded to 4 in-

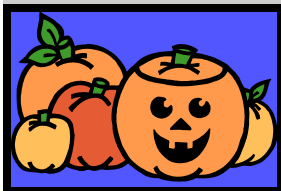
dividuals across the U.S.

For an application and full details call us at 994-4926, we'll mail the application and requirements to you. Applications and other required documents must be mailed together and posted marked by April 30, 2007. Provided by Housing Authority Insurance Group.

### Community Action Network Thanks

*Michael Brann for cooking dinner at the community center every Thursday evening. His macaroni and cheese dish is irresistible and kids and staff alike are delighted to eat his delicious dinners!*

*Melinda, Karen and Roben from Green Baxter Court for the beautiful flower garden they grew this summer next to the new playground. Everyone who saw the garden couldn't help but feel a bit happier!*



## Hikone's Halloween Party was a wonderful community event.

"This mummy's family speaks Spanish at home with one little goblin" and "This daddy ghost makes the best macaroni and cheese for all the Hikone goblins" were two of the clues Hikone children had to solve during the annual Hikone Halloween party this year. Held on October 30, the event was the most successful ever. There were arts and crafts, games and treats - as well as the

traditional scavenger hunt, which had kids running back and forth between homes, picking up clues and prizes from participating parents at each house. But the biggest draw was the Haunted House. CAN pulled out all the plugs, and staff members along with volunteers worked all weekend to pull it together. A U of M fraternity helped out during the day --

jumping out of closets and grabbing people's legs. The downstairs was "slightly scary" so the younger kids could enjoy it, and the upstairs was..... Well, to quote a teenager, who had to abort his first attempt at making it through, "I thought the Haunted House was going to be all dorky, but it was *s-c-a-r-r-y!*" After the party was over, everyone went home, exhausted, but happy. *JMD*

## In the News

### United Way

#### Dial 211

The launch for the United Way 211 Call Center held for Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at 7 A.M.. This is a health and human service help line, operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

#### Day of Caring

Was a huge success!!! Thank you to all volunteers...

*Washtenaw County Employees  
Sears Roebucks Employees  
and Residents*

### Work Order Procedures

The Work Order Line is designed for non-emergency repair request. The Work Order Line will ask a series of questions be specific, speak slowly and clearly.

Remember, maintenance has up to 30 days to complete non-emergency repairs. This is the procedure for work order request. If you need to report an emergency contact our automated answering service.

Non-emergency 734-994-4891

Emergency 734-994-2829

### Utility Allowance Decrease

Effective December 1, 2006, as a result of the decrease in utility cost, residents may see an adjustment in rent charges.

#### Utility Allowance Rate Table

Family Size	Rate	Savings
1BD	97	22%
2BD	121	22%
3BD	133	22%
3BD P003	98	22%
4BD	154	22%
5BD	189	22%

## Miller Manor to the Rescue

In September, Miller Manor experienced three false fire alarms. A combined effort from the new digital security cameras at Miller Manor and our residents; allowed the AAHC to identify and charge the perpetrator with this unlawful deed.

The residents at Miller Manor

were very courageous and obliging to offer their assistance.

The AAHC fears that criminal acts of this nature will damage the credibility of the fire alarms. We want to ensure the safety of our residents. Security cameras will also be activated at Baker Commons by December 2006.

AAHC wants to thank all residents who assisted us in identifying the perpetrator.

**Kudos!**

Who said "crime doesn't pay," Miller Manor.



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## Ann Arbor Housing Commission's

### Mission Statement

*Ann Arbor Housing Commission (AAHC) seeks to provide desirable housing and related supportive services for low-income individuals and families on a transitional and/or permanent basis. AAHC will partner with housing and service providers to build healthy residential communities and promote an atmosphere of pride and responsibility.*



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## Did You Know:

Reading to your child as early as six months can create an experience to the child. An infant's brain is partially developed through early experiences. Reading early on in a child's life will trigger some past experience; developing new brain cells as existing cells are amplifying.

Reading to a child is connected to the child's ability to read. A child's environment has an altering effect on literacy development. Reading aloud to your child can increase your child's success in learn-

ing to read. It only takes 10 to 20 minutes a day, so pick up a book and make a difference in your child's life.

Your local library holds events to encourage reading. Visit your local library to see what type of reading programs they have available. Check out the **AXIS** event for your teen. This includes video game tournaments, poetry slams, and other events. For your infants and toddlers check out the Storytime and PlayDay events.

### Library Locations:

- Pittsfield Branch
- Mallets Creek Branch
- Serendipity Club: Hikone & CAN, Arrowood, North & South Maple, Pinelake, and Bryant

Library locations: (734) 327-4200

Serendipity Club: (734) 665-4027



*Reading is a great way to increase your child's literacy development..*