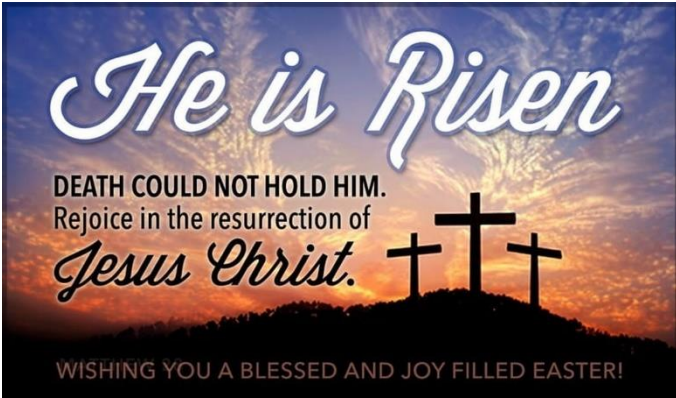


THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS



The staff of the Housing Authority wishes all our residents a very happy and blessed Easter – April 17th.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know Easter is always celebrated the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21? That means Easter is observed on a Sunday anywhere between March 22 and April 25 every year.

Did you know that christians used the word Pascha, from the Jewish festival of Passover, before they starting using the word Easter?

Did you know that the custom of an Easter egg hunt began because children believed that the Easter rabbit laid eggs in the grass?

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Thomasville Housing Authority would like to welcome Mr. Elijah Miranda to our Board of Commissioners. Mr. Miranda currently serves as the

Executive Director of Vashti. We'd also like to thank Mr. Bill Raney for serving as our Chairman for the upcoming year and Mr. Arthur Miles, our Vice-Chairman.

A very special thank you goes to our outgoing board member and Chairman, Mr. Frank Delaney. He has served the housing authority well during his tenure on our Board of Commissioners and we truly appreciate his wisdom and advice over the years. We wish you many blessings in the future, Mr. Delaney!

Our current board members are: Mr. Bill Raney, Mr. Arthur Miles, Ms. Adrian Burns, Mr. Shan Daniels and Mr. Elijah Miranda.

RENT CHANGE REMINDER

This is a friendly reminder that if your rent is increasing after re-certifying then it will be effective April 1st. That date is for our Thomasville residents only. If you are a Boston resident, your new rent increase will be effective May 1st. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office at 226-4065 and someone will be happy to help you.



HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN

Don't forget the Rose Show is coming up on April 22nd and 23rd. There's plenty of things to see and do around town so take the family and enjoy the festivities.

CONGRATULATIONS CORNER

Congratulations goes to Brianna Presley for making the A-B Honor Roll for the third quarter at Thomas County Middle School. Keep up the good work, Brianna!

RESIDENT REMINDERS

**Inspections are the week of the 18th this month so be sure your apartment is ready. Check the stove, tub/shower, floors, refrigerator, closets and everything in between to keep from getting a reinspection. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation.

**If you ever suspect you may have bed bugs, we ask that you call the office as soon as possible and let us know. Please do not try to treat the problem on your own because home remedies and sprays do not work. We have a checklist of things you have to do before we can spray.

**Please do not bring used furniture in your apartment until it is checked by our maintenance department. Call in a work order and we'll be happy to inspect it for bed bugs. If it's checked before you take it in, that will save time, trouble and money.

**If your phone number has changed, please call the office and let us know so our records can be updated. There are times we need to get in touch with our residents and it's important that we have your current information. Thank you!

**Please put items out for pickup on Thursdays to be picked up by the dump wagon on Fridays.

APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 1 – Rent due
- April 4-8 – Spring break
- April 7 – Last day to pay rent before late fees
- April 8 – Late fees
- April 15 – Good Friday
- April 17 – Easter
- Week of April 18 – Meter reading/pest control
- April 21 – Last day to pay rent before Dispos
- April 22 – Dispossessions (Magistrate Court)
- April 22-23 – Rose Show & Festival

Our Maintenance Department is open for emergency work orders 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

EMERGENCY WORK ORDER #403-7436

1. Gas leak or smell
2. Main sewer line backed up
3. Stopped up toilet (if running over on floor)
4. Main water line break
5. Apartment is flooded.
6. Heater is out if below 32 degrees F or not after 10:00 pm
7. Power is out.

LATE NOTICES

Remember, the late notices are added after the 5th working day of each month. If you receive a late notice for past due rent, you have fourteen (14) calendar days to pay. This will not always be the same date every month. After the 14 days, if rent is still not paid you will be turned over to the Magistrate court and charged an additional \$80. Then, if rent is not paid in the next 7 days a Writ of Possession is issued and the Magistrate court sets a date and time to set out a tenant's belongings with an additional \$25 added to the account.

In order to avoid a late fee, rent must be paid in the office or put in the drop box BEFORE late fees are added. It doesn't matter when the money order is dated. If it is not turned in to the office by the due date, then it is considered late. Remember that rent and utilities must be paid in full. **NO PARTIAL PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**



Do what you can, with what you have, where you are at.

-Theodore Roosevelt