

# THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS



Merry Christmas from the staff of the Housing Authority! We wish you a very happy and blessed Christmas with your family and friends and remember that Jesus is the reason for the season.

The Housing Authority will be closed for the holidays beginning on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> and return on Tuesday, December 27th.

Remember that if you have an emergency you can call the emergency work order line at 229-403-7436. You can find a list of emergencies at the end of this newsletter for your reference.

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### **RECERTIFICATIONS**

It's almost that time of year again. Yes, recertifications begin next month. You will be receiving a letter with your appointment date and time along with the required documentation to bring in. Even if you have recently moved in, you will still have to come in to renew your lease. This is an annual requirement from HUD for all residents to continue living with the Housing Authority. If you

are unable to come in for your appointment, please call Steve at ext. 103 to reschedule.

For those required by HUD to do community service, make sure your hours are turned in before your appointment time. If you have any questions or need to know how many hours are due, you may call Kay at ext. 105.

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### **HAPPENINGS**



**Focus Communications installing new cameras.**

Improvements are still going on with lots of activity happening at College Terrace. New cameras have been installed for the safety of our residents. Also, roofs are still being installed at College Terrace so thank you to our residents for their understanding with all the noise going on. Thanks to these improvements plus residents taking pride in their neighborhoods, the complexes continue to look better and better.

### **BAN LIST**

Maurice Zatocatravious Graham has been added to our ban list. We ask that you please call and report it if you see him on our complex grounds. This help keep our residents safe. Thank you.

**DISTURBANCES**

Please be considerate of your neighbors and don't let anyone in your household or your guests cause a disturbance. This includes playing loud music and large groups of people hanging out outside or on someone else's porch. This is a lease violation and grounds for eviction.

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**BINGO CLUB**

The Bingo Club enjoyed a delicious meal and good fellowship at Rock Bottom last month after playing some games. The big winner for November was Ava McKinney with 3 wins. Attending were Thelma Knight, Shirley Thurman, Ethel Robinson, Gwen Jones, Mary Moody and Giovanna Anderson.

After playing a few games on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> the Bingo Club will be taking time to celebrate Christmas together with a small party afterwards.

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**RESIDENT REMINDERS**

- \*\*PLEASE PUT ANY ITEMS OUTSIDE ON WEDNESDAYS FOR PICK UP. THURSDAY IS OUR NEW PICK-UP DAY.
- \*\*Please do not take your battery out of your smoke alarm or take it down. This is a VERY serious lease violation and very dangerous.
- \*\*Inspections are the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> this month so be sure your apartment is ready by keeping everything clean and neat.

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**DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Dec. 1 – Rent due
- Dec. 8 – Last day to pay rent before late fees
- Dec. 12 – Late fees
- Dec. 14 – Games at College Terrace Comm. Bldg.
- Week of Dec. 19 – Meter reading/pest control
- Dec. 21 – First Day of Winter
- Dec. 21 – Office Closed
- Dec. 22 – Office Closed
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

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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.

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**LATE NOTICES**

Remember, the late notices are added after the 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

