

THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2022!**

Welcome, 2022! The staff at the Housing Authority wish you all a very happy, safe, healthy and blessed new year.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday but we will re-open on Tuesday, January 18th. Call the emergency number at 229-403-7436 if needed. You will find a list of emergency work orders on page 2 of this newsletter.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – January 17th

Did you know that Dr. King –

-skipped grades 9-12 and enrolled in college at the age of 15?

-was jailed 29 times?

-narrowly escaped an assassination attempt in 1958 after being stabbed with a letter opener?

-lost his mother in 1974 as she played the organ at Ebenezer Baptist Church? She was shot by a man that went there to kill his father.

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is “What are you doing for others?”

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr



If you are looking for a way to honor Dr. King, a great way would be to volunteer at Student Hands on Thomas County on January 17th from 9:00 – 12:00. You can even earn service hours by volunteering. Here are some opportunities for interested students:

*Book Drive – Donate a new or gently used book by 1/12. 1 book = 1 service hour (limit 3).

*Project Warmth – Donate socks and hats to give warmth to someone this winter.

*Crafts For A Cause – Knit, crochet or make “no-sew” scarves to be donated.

If you would like more information about volunteering, go to www.handsonthomascounty.org or call Kay at ext. 105.

LAST CHANCE FOR THE PHADA SCHOLARSHIP

January 31st is your last chance to apply for the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association (PHADA) scholarship available to graduating seniors that are public housing residents. There is one for \$7,000 and two for \$5,000 each. If you will be a 2022 graduate and want more information on this great opportunity, you may call Kay at the administrative office at ext. 105.

RECERTIFICATIONS

If you haven't received a letter with an appointment date and time for your annual recertification, you should receive it soon. Your letter will state the information you need to bring with you to your appointment. We ask that you please try to be on time and have all your required paperwork. If you have any questions, you may call Steve at ext. 103.

RESIDENT REMINDERS

**Don't forget to turn in your community service hours if you are required to do them. This must be done before your recertification appointment.

Thank you!

**To all Cherokee Homes residents – Please do not throw trash of any kind across the road on Reid Street. This is city property. Thank you!

**Inspections are the week of the 17th this month so be sure your apartment is ready.

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 1 – Rent due

Jan. 1 – New Year's Day

Jan. 9 – Last day to pay rent before late fees

Jan. 10 – Late fees

Jan. 17 – Martin Luther King, Dr. Day

Jan. 17 – Office closed for MLK Day

Week of Jan. 17 – Meter reading/pest control

Jan. 23 – Last day to pay rent before Dispos

Jan. 24 – Dispossessions (Magistrate Court)

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.