

THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS

FREE TAX PREPARATION

If you haven't done your 2021 taxes yet, then here's some information you may be interested in. The IRS is sponsoring the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program at the Thomas County Public Library through April 12th. If no more appointments are available there, you can schedule an appointment at the Envision Credit Union beside the new post office by calling 850-739-8642. April 12th is also their last day. You may also call the Thomas County Extension Office at 225-4130 to schedule an appointment through April 8th. Appointments are REQUIRED so hurry and schedule yours today. This is an annual event so if you're not able to get in this year just remember to call early next year around December to get your name on the list.



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You know the old saying "Spring Forward, Fall Back." Well, March 13th is the day! Daylight Saving Time begins so don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead on Saturday night before going to bed. We lose an hour of sleep but the beautiful springtime weather makes up for it. Spring begins on March 20th.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT



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Maintenance employees Tommy Glover, David Storey and Maintenance Director Elam Cooper hard at work repairing a sewer line at Faircloth Homes last month. We apologize for any inconvenience this caused our residents. We appreciate our Maintenance guys! Thanks for all your hard work.

ANNUAL RECERTIFICATIONS

If you have not re-certified yet, please do so as soon as possible. Our deadline is fast approaching when all residents must be recertified to continue living with the Housing Authority. Please come in as soon as possible. Please make sure you have all your

required information to help your appointment go more quickly. It is required by HUD that this is done annually by every resident of the Housing Authority.
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LEASE REMINDER

Remember you only have 10 DAYS to report a change in your household income at any time during the year. This is very important because it is a serious lease violation and grounds for eviction if you do not. A simple phone call is all it takes. Thank you.

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Treat everyone with politeness, even those who are rude to you, not because THEY are not nice but because YOU are nice.

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RESIDENT REMINDERS

- **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.
- **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 21st this month so be sure your apartment is ready.

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MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 1 – Rent due
- March 7 – Last day to pay rent before late fees
- March 8 – Late fees
- March 13 – Daylight Saving Time begins
- March 17 – St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 – First Day of Spring
- March 21 – Last day to pay rent before Dispos

Week of March 21 – Meter reading/pest control
March 22 – 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.**

A KIND WORD IS LIKE A SPRING DAY!
