

THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS



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Thanksgiving isn't just a day...It's a way we can live our lives every day.

-Katrina Mayer

The staff of the Housing Authority wishes all our residents a very happy Thanksgiving! No matter our circumstances we all have so much to be thankful for. We hope you have a blessed day with your family and friends. If you know someone that will be alone on that day, perhaps you could invite them to share the day with you. Be blessed.

The Housing Authority will close for the holiday on Wednesday, November 23rd and Thursday, November 24th. We will return on Monday, November 28th.

Remember that if you have an emergency you can call the emergency work order line at 229-403-7436.

BLOCKED EGRESS

What is a blocked egress? It is a window or door that is blocked in any way. Last month we had several residents with this violation. Per HUD rules you must be able to escape in an emergency and if a window or door is blocked, this would not be possible. There is a \$50 fine for the 1st offense and

a \$100 fine for a 2nd offense. The third offense is eviction. This is for your family's safety.

COMMUNITY LEADERS

A huge thank you goes to Cherokee Homes residents, Mae Kimmons and Erica Patterson, for starting the Neighborhood Community Cleanup project. These two ladies have been taking time on Saturdays to pick up garbage that has been thrown out or blown out of resident's cans. They encourage others to help with this project to keep their neighborhood clean. This would also count as community service hours for those required by HUD to participate.



PROGRESS

We love progress and the latest is new roofs at College Terrace. This is only one of several improvements being made throughout our complexes. Thank you for your patience while this work is being done.

BINGO CLUB

The Bingo Club is having lunch at Rock Bottom after bingo on November 9th. It is open to anyone that would like to join us. We hope you will. Let us know if you need a ride.



Veterans day, November 11th

The Housing Authority salutes our residents that served in the military. Thank you for serving. We appreciate you today and every day.

ELECTION DAY

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th. If you would like a ride to the polls, call Kay at 226-4065 ext. 105 to schedule to be picked up, taken to the polls and dropped back off at your apartment. This is an important day in our country. Let your voice be heard.

TIME CHANGE! TIME CHANGE!

Yes, it's time to FALL BACK! Daylight Saving Time ends on November 6th so don't forget to set your clocks BACK one hour the night before.

RESIDENT REMINDERS

- **PLEASE PUT ANY ITEMS OUTSIDE ON WEDNESDAYS FOR PICK UP. THURSDAY IS OUR NEW PICK-UP DAY.
- **Who wants a litter fine? Nobody! Check your yard every day for litter...front and back. It also helps keep our grounds clean.
- **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 21st this month so be sure your apartment is ready by keeping everything clean and neat.

NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 1 – Rent due
- Nov. 6 – Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov. 8 – Election Day

- Nov. 8 – Last day to pay rent before late fees
- Nov. 9 – Late fees
- Nov. 9 – Games at College Terrace Comm. Bldg.
- Nov. 11 - Veterans Day
- Week of Nov. 21 – Meter reading/pest control
- Nov. 23 – Office closed
- Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving (Office closed)
- Nov. 25 – Office closed

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.