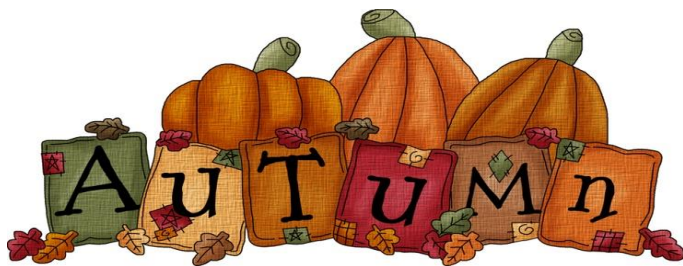


# THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS



The Housing Authority will have new office hours that take effect October 1<sup>st</sup>. They will be Monday – Thursday 7:30 – 5:30 and closed on Fridays. You may still put money orders in the drop box if the office is closed and call in emergency work orders as always.

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Welcome Fall...We've been waiting on you so bring on some cooler temperatures!

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## **CONDOLENCES**

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of Ms. Cathy Green. Ms. Cathy was a longtime resident of the Housing Authority and passed away last month. She had lived here since 2004. She will be missed by us all.

## **OCTOBER IS NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION MONTH**

October is National Fire Prevention Month and that means it's time to take precautionary steps to prevent dangerous and life-threatening fires.

According to the National Fire Prevention Association, the winter months see an increase in home fires, deaths and injuries. Here are some tips to keep your family safe:

**Kitchen** – Do not leave burners or grills unattended. Keep dish towels, clothing and other items away from heating elements and open flame. Keep pets secured away from the kitchen, especially when you're not home. They can turn on burners accidentally.

**Candle** – Never leave a burning candle unattended. Battery operated candles are a good alternative.

**Smoking** – Unattended cigarettes can start fires. Make sure matches and lighters are well out of reach of children. Remember that smoking is not allowed in apartments.

Have an escape plan and practice fire drills with your family and make sure everyone knows where to go depending on where the fire is in the home. Have at least two ways to get out of your apartment and set a meeting place for everyone. Practice fire safety all year long and not just once a year.

Stay safe!



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

A great way to get in your community service hours is to volunteer at Hands On Thomas County. The

date is October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. You can sign up at [www.handsonthomascounty.org](http://www.handsonthomascounty.org). If you volunteer you will receive a free t-shirt and lunch is included.

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**DISTURBANCES**

We have received some complaints about residents disturbing others with loud noises and excessive company. Remember that it is a lease violation when this occurs. You can be evicted for this offense so please be respectful of your neighbors.

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**USE CAUTION**

Kids will be out trick-or-treating on the 31<sup>st</sup> so please use caution when driving through the complexes. We want everyone to stay safe, have fun and enjoy this time with your family.

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**RESIDENT REMINDERS**

\*\*Please wait until Thursdays before putting items on your porch for pick up on Fridays. Thank you!  
\*\*Remember to check your yard every day for litter to avoid a litter fine. 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. It is there to alert you in case of an emergency and helps keep your family safe. If it is beeping or if there is a problem call the work order line and we will replace the battery or put up a new one. The first offense is a \$35.00 fine and the second offense is a \$50 fine.

\*\*Inspections are the week of the 17<sup>th</sup> this month so be sure your apartment is ready by keeping everything clean and neat. Most have been doing a great job and the number of re-inspections have been going down. If you have any questions about housekeeping, you're welcome to give us a call to discuss it.

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**OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Oct. 1 – Rent due
- Oct. 10 – Last day to pay rent before late fees

- Oct. 11 – Late fees
- Oct. 10 – Columbus Day
- Oct. 12 – Games at College Terrace Comm. Bldg.
- Week of Oct. 17 – Meter reading/pest control
- Oct. 24 – Last day to pay rent before Dispos
- Oct. 25 – Dispossessions (Magistrate Court)
- Oct. 26 – Games at College Terrace Comm. Bldg.
- Oct. 31 - Halloween

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.

