

THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS

celebrate **BLACK** history **MONTH**

February is Black History Month. President Gerald Ford proclaimed February to be Black History Month in 1976 and it's an annual celebration to recognize the contributions of black Americans to our country.

The 5th Annual Black History Month Parade and Celebration will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Downtown Thomasville. Following the parade there will be a celebration at The Ritz Amphitheater.

Ms. Ucher Dent, a local resident, will serve as the Grand Marshall.

NOTICE

Ucher Dent and Latania Brown with the Warrior Apostolic Training Center will be having games, music and speaking every 3rd Sunday of each month rotating at each of our complexes. The first event will take place at College Terrace on February 19th from 12:00 – 1:30 pm for everyone from kids to adults. They will have something for everyone so go out if you would like to and see what it's all about. The next stop will be on March 19th at Normal Park.



FEBRUARY 20TH IS PRESIDENT'S DAY.

The Housing Authority will be closed Monday, February 20th, in observance of Presidents Day. We will return on February 21st. We hope you have a good holiday.

FREE COVID TESTS

We still have free Covid home tests for anyone that needs some. Call Kay at 226-4065 ext. 105 if you would like to pick some up. If you are experiencing symptoms please do not come to the office. We ask that you send someone to pick them up or we will deliver them to your door.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Our long-awaited website is about to go live. We will update everyone when this happens. Stay tuned!

VALENTINE'S DAY

Happy Valentine's Day to all our residents! February 14th! Remember your loved ones on this day and every day.



RECERTIFICATIONS

Annual re-certifications have begun. As you all are aware, this is a HUD requirement in order to continue living with the Housing Authority. Please try to keep your appointment that was mailed to you. If you are unable to come in at your appointed time, you may call Steve at ext. 103 to advise him when you will be able to come. Please make sure to bring all your required paperwork to your appointment. This includes PRINTED check stubs, award letter from Social Security, child support and birth certificate and Social Security card if you have a new addition to your household. If someone in your household is age 18 or older, then they must also come in with you to sign paperwork. Also, if you haven't turned in your community service hours, please bring them with you to your appointment.

RESIDENT REMINDERS

**Inspections are the week of the 20th this month and will begin on Tuesday, February 21st. Be sure to have your apartment ready by keeping everything clean and neat. REPEATED RE-INSPECTIONS WILL RESULT IN BEING PLACED ON HOUSEKEEPING PROBATION.

**If your garbage can is damaged, call the office and we will report it to the city. We ask that it be pulled back to your apartment after pick up as soon as possible.

**Remember that the Boys and Girls Club is a great place for kids to go after school for homework help, a healthy snack, and even transportation from school to the club. Call 228-5155 for more information if you are interested.

**Don't forget our new pickup day is Thursday so place any unwanted items outside on Wednesdays for pick up. Thank you!

**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.

FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 1 – Rent due

Feb. 2 – Groundhog Day

Feb. 8 – Last day to pay rent before late fees

Feb. 9 – Late fees

Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day

Feb. 20 – Presidents Day – Office closed

Week of Feb. 20 – Meter reading/pest control

Feb. 22 – Last day to pay rent before Dispos

Feb. 23 – Dispossessory for non-payment

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.**