

# THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS



Another year has come and gone and now it's time to start a new one...2023 is here! A very happy new year from the Housing Authority staff. We wish you and your family a blessed new year.

The Housing Authority will be closed Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of New Year's Day.  
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**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
**1929 – 1968**  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
**January 16, 2023**

I have decided to stick with *love*. Hate is too big a burden to bear. -MLK, Jr.

The office will be closed in observance of the holiday and will re-open on Tuesday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>.  
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## **FREE COVID TESTS**

The Housing Authority has free Covid self tests available for our residents, courtesy of the Georgia Department of Public Health. If you need one now or for future use you may pick one up at the administrative office from Kay. If you suspect you have Covid, please call 226-4065 ext. 105 before coming so we can arrange to get some tests to you. Remember, these are completely FREE and available to our residents.

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## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

If you're looking to get some community service hours in or just want to volunteer, Hands on Thomas County is sponsoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Other projects will be going on all weekend from Saturday – Monday. If you'd like to volunteer you can sign up on their website at [www.handsonthomascounty.org](http://www.handsonthomascounty.org).

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## **RECERTIFICATIONS**

Re-certifications have begun starting this month. If you haven't already received a letter with your appointment date and time, you will be receiving it soon. It will also list what information you will need to bring with you and give you plenty of time to gather it before your appointment. Please come prepared. 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.

If you have any questions or need to reschedule your appointment, you may call Steve at 226-4065 ext. 103.

### **BINGO CLUB**

The Bingo Club met in December for some games and a small Christmas party with some good eats and good fellowship. Thanks to everyone that brought some treats. The big winners for December were Elaine Williams, Cynthia Jones and Mary Moody. In addition to the winners, also attending were Ava McKinney, Thelma Knight, Patricia Culbreath, Harriett Ingram, Ethel Robinson and Brenda Thomas-Smith.

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### **INSPECTIONS**

This is the beginning of a new year so we ask that you make a commitment to keep your apartment clean and clutter free. It doesn't have to be spotless, just clean. Pay special attention to floors, closets, bathrooms, especially tubs/showers, and, of course, stoves. That's the biggest problem areas we find. Thank you and let's make this a good year!

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### **RESIDENT REMINDERS**

\*\*It has been extremely cold so don't be surprised if your utility bill is a little higher this month. We are thankful to have a warm place to live in these times.

\*\*Don't forget to pull your garbage can 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.

\*\*Inspections are the week of the 16<sup>th</sup> this month so be sure your apartment is ready by keeping everything clean and neat.

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### **JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER**

Jan. 1 – Rent due

Jan. 1 – New Year's Day

Jan. 2 – Office closed

Jan. 10 – Last day to pay rent before late fees

Jan. 11 – Late fees

Jan. 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Office closed

Jan. 11 – Games at College Terrace Comm. Bldg.

Week of Jan. 16 – Meter reading/pest control

Jan. 24 – Last day to pay rent before Dispos

Jan. 25 – 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.

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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.**