

THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS



Happy Independence Day! Whether you're having a barbeque, swimming, relaxing, attending fireworks or other activities, we wish you a fun, safe holiday!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

The office will be closed on July 4th. You may call the emergency line at 403-7436 if needed.

HOME OWNERSHIP



Erica Patterson, a former resident of Cherokee Homes, is holding the keys to her very first home. Erica put in the time and hard work in order to purchase this home for her and her family. A huge congratulation goes to you, Erica! We hope you enjoy your new home for many years to come.

Erica was a member of our Resident Advisory Board representing Cherokee Homes. Her absence leaves a vacancy on the Board so if you live at Cherokee and are interested in joining, call Kay at 226-4065 ext. 105.

LOWERING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL

It's that time of year! The hot temperatures are definitely here to stay awhile. If you're trying to lower your utility bill, here are a few tips to help:

- *Keep doors and windows closed.
- *Do not run your air conditioning unit with doors and windows open.
- *Keep your thermostat at 78 degrees or higher.
- *Hang clothes on your clothesline to dry instead of using the dryer.
- *Wash larger loads to save energy.

These are just a few tips and there are many others but try these and see what happens.

BINGO NEWS

The big Bingo winner for June was Thelma Knight with 6 wins. Second place went to Gwen Jones with 5 wins. Everyone had a good time playing games and fellowshiping with their neighbors and friends. We invite you to come join us for some fun.

BAN LIST

Javon Williams, Brian Bernard Smallwood (BJ) and Donald Dennis have been added to our ban list. If you see any one of them or anyone else that is on our ban list, we ask that you call dispatch at 226-2101 and report it. Those who are on the ban list are not allowed to be on any housing authority property at any time for any reason. Thanks for helping keep our neighborhoods safe.

RESIDENT REMINDERS

*Call the office if your garbage can is damaged and we will inform the city and have it repaired or replaced for you. Also, PLEASE PUT GARBAGE IN BAGS BEFORE PLACING IT IN YOUR CAN TO KEEP IT CLEAN. Thank you!

*YOUR GARBAGE CAN MUST BE PULLED BACK TO YOUR UNIT THE SAME DAY IT'S PICKED UP.

*It's summer time and yes, it's hot but this is a reminder that swimming pools are not allowed in the complexes or on resident's porches.

*If you receive a letter to come to the office, you MUST comply with the request.

*Inspections are the week of the 17th this month. Be sure to have your apartment ready by keeping everything clean and neat. REPEATED RE-INSPECTIONS WILL RESULT IN BEING PLACED ON HOUSEKEEPING PROBATION.

*Maintenance runs the dump wagon on Wednesdays for any items that you need picked up. Please wait until Wednesdays to put items out. Thank you!

*Remember to call the office to update your phone number if it has changed.

JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

July 1 – Rent due

July 4 – Independence Day – Office closed

July 11 – Last day to pay rent before late fees

July 12 – Late fees

July 12 – Games at College Terrace Comm. Bldg.

Week of July 17 – Pest control/Meter reading

July 21 – YMCA Summer Food Program ends

July 23 – Parents Day

July 25 – Last day to pay rent before Dispos

July 26 – Dispossessorys for non-payment

July 26 – Games at College Terrace Comm. Bldg.

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.**

"You cannot separate peace and freedom. Because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom." – Malcolm X