

# THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS



Our new website is finally up and running. It contains information useful to our residents and also potential residents. You can use it to print forms or policies you may need or just to get information on the Housing Authority. We invite you to check it out at [www.thomasvillehousingauthority.com](http://www.thomasvillehousingauthority.com).

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### **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Scholarship opportunities are available from GAHRA (Georgia Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities) for 2023 high school seniors and also for adults that are currently attending a college, university or vocational/technical school. Certain requirements apply so if you're interested in applying, call or see Kay at the office. The deadline for submission is March 23, 2023. The scholarships for high school seniors are in the amount of \$5,000, \$2,500, \$2,000, (2) \$1,500 and (2) \$1,000. For adults there are three academic awards for \$2,500, \$2,000 and \$1,500. There are also four technical/vocational awards for \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000 and another \$1,000.

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### **INCOME REPORTING**

Per HUD you have 10 days to report a change in income. It is very important that you abide by this rule because you may be charged with repaying rent

that you would have been paying had it been reported or you could face eviction. We encourage you to read your lease again to make sure you understand all the rules and what is expected of you as a resident of public housing.

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### **RECERTIFICATION UPDATE**

Boston residents have now received appointments for their annual re-certifications. Please try to keep your scheduled appointment and make sure to bring all the necessary paperwork. Please remember that anyone in your household age 18 and older must come in with you to sign paperwork also.

For our Thomasville residents that haven't re-certified, it is absolutely necessary that you come in as soon as possible. This is a requirement from HUD. Thank you to everyone that has already come in.

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### **COMPLEX IMPROVEMENT UPDATE**

The new roofs are now complete at College Terrace and new vinyl siding has been added to the front of some units. It all looks good and we're sure the improvements are appreciated.



**APPLICATIONS**

We will be accepting applications for Thomasville every Wednesday in April if someone is interested in applying.

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**FREE COVID TESTS**

There are still free covid tests available at the College Terrace community building if anyone is in need of one.

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**NORMAL PARK HOMES ACTIVITY**

Activities provided by the Warrior Apostolic Training Center will be on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at Normal Park Homes. The times are 12:00 – 1:30 pm. They invite everyone to come out for some games, music and listen to some speaking.

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**BINGO NEWS**

We met for Bingo last month and the big winner was Mae Kimmons. She is also the newest member of our club. Congratulations, Ms. Mae!

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**RESIDENT REMINDERS**

\*\*If anyone is in need of clothes hangers, we have some at the College Terrace community building at no charge.

\*\*Inspections are the week of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

\*\*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.

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**MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER**

- March 1 – Rent due
- March 8 – Games at College Terrace
- March 8 – Last day to pay rent before late fees
- March 9 – Late fees
- March 12 – Daylight Saving Time begins
- March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day

- March 19 – Event at Normal Park with Warrior Apostolic Training Center 12:00 – 1:30 pm
- March 20 – First Day of Spring
- Week of March 20 – Meter reading/pest control
- March 22 – Games at College Terrace
- March 22 – Last day to pay rent before Dispos
- March 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.

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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.**