

THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS



WE ARE NOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

We have exciting news to share! The Housing Authority is now on Facebook! So follow us for any updates and alerts.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Family violence is defined as a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner. According to statistics, over their lifetime, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 7 men experience severe physical violence by an intimate partner. Over their lifetime, 1 in 3 (31%) women and 1 in 6 (16%) men have been stalked by an intimate partner placing them in fear for their own life or the lives of those close to them.

If you or someone you know needs help, you can call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the Georgia Hotline at 800-334-2836.

Signal For Help



FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

October is also Fire Prevention Month. Did you know that cooking is the leading cause of home fires? The NFPA says: “Cook with Caution” • Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don’t use the stove or stovetop. • Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove. • If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking. • Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

We have had several fires in the past that started with cooking so please pay attention to these tips to keep you, your family and neighbors safe.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The beginning of a new year is fast approaching and that means it will be time for re-certifications to begin in January. For those that are required by HUD to do community service, remember that all hours due must be completed and turned in before your re-certification appointment. If anyone needs any activity sheets, stop by the office and pick some up or give Kay a call at ext. 105.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

If you’re looking to get some of those community service hours in, Hands on Thomas County is a great opportunity to do that. If this sounds like something you want to do, the date is October 21st from 9:00 – 12:00. For more information visit their website at www.handsonthomascounty.org.

BINGO NEWS

The big Bingo winner for September was Gwen Jones with 3 wins. Second place was a 3-way tie between Thelma Knight, Mae Kimmons and Shirley Thurman with 2 wins each. Come join us for some games and fellowship!

RESIDENT REMINDERS

*Remember smoking is not allowed in our units under any circumstances.

*Inspections are the week of the 16th 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.

*Home covid tests are still available at the College Terrace community building.

*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.

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

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 1 – Rent due
- Oct. 9 – Columbus Day
- Oct. 9 – Last day to pay rent before late fees
- Oct. 10 – Late fees
- Oct. 11 – Games at College Terrace Comm. Bldg.
- Week of Oct. 16 – Pest control/Meter reading
- Oct. 19 – Resident Advisory Board meeting
- Oct. 23 – Last day to pay rent before Dispos
- Oct. 24 – Dispossessorys for non-payment
- Oct. 25 – 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.

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.**

The trick-or-treaters will be out on the 31st so be extra careful in the complexes and on the streets. We want everyone to stay safe and have fun.



HAPPY OCTOBER!