THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS



BLACK HISTORY MONTH PARADE & CELEBRATION

The 7th Annual Black History Month celebration and parade will be held downtown on Broad Street on Saturday, February, 3rd beginning at 10:00 a.m. Immediately following the parade will be a celebration at the Ritz Amphitheatre with food vendors, music and performances.



Monday, February 19th is President's Day and the Housing Authority will be closed for the holiday. We will re-open on Tuesday, the 20th. You may call the emergency work order line if needed. Enjoy the day!

CONDOLENCES

Our sincerest condolences go to the family and friends of Ms. Cora Sue Jones. Ms. Sue was a resident of Faircloth Homes for several years and passed away in December. She will certainly be missed by her family, friends and neighbors.



Outreach at Cherokee Homes in December

FREE CLOTHING GIVE-A-WAY

A big thank you to the Church of Hope for sponsoring a clothing give-a-way at Cherokee Homes in December. They had a great turn-out and many residents benefited from their generosity. They have men's, women's and children's clothing. The next one will be at Faircloth Homes on March 16th from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm so don't miss out on this opportunity!

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you received a dispossessory from the Magistrate Court for non-payment of rent in January, please know that you are not allowed another one this entire year or you <u>WILL</u> receive a 30-day eviction notice. You are not allowed to receive two in a twelve month period. This is our policy that is being strictly enforced.

RECERTIFICATIONS

Recertifications are well underway and so far so good. Thank you to everyone that has already taken care of this annual HUD requirement. We know many of you are employed so if you can't make your appointment, please call the office to reschedule. Just a reminder you must bring in ALL income for the household and anyone over 18 MUST come in with you to sign documents.

RESIDENT REMINDERS

*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! *Items are not allowed to be left on porches. If you are warned and ignore those warnings, the items will be picked up and disposed of.

*Inspections are the week of the 19th this month. Be sure to have your apartment ready by keeping everything clean and neat. <u>REPEATED RE-</u> <u>INSPECTIONS WILL RESULT IN BEING PLACED ON</u>

HOUSEKEEPING PROBATION.

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

FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 1 – Rent due Feb. 2 – Groundhog Day

- Feb. 11 Last day to pay rent before late fees
- Feb. 12 Late fees
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb. 19 President's Day Office closed
- Week of Feb. 19 Pest control/Meter reading
- Feb. 25 Last day to pay rent before Dispos
- Feb. 26 Dispossessorys for non-payment
- Feb. 28 Games at College Terrace Comm. Bldg.

Feb. 29 – Leap Day

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) <u>calendar</u> 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.



Don't forget your loved ones on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th.