THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS



The Housing Authority will be closed on Monday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day. We wish everyone a happy, blessed, safe and prosperous new year!



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY JANUARY 15TH

Are you looking for a way to give back to honor Dr. King? How about volunteering with Hands on Thomas County for this national day of service? They have several service projects going on including a Book Drive until Jan. 12th, the Manna Drop and MLK Faith Walk & Festival on Jan. 13th and Crafts for a Cause and a Literacy Fair on Jan. 15th. If you would like to volunteer for any of these projects, you may contact Hands on Thomas County at www.handsonthomascounty.org. This is also a great way to get in community service hours!

IMPORTANT REMINDER

This is a reminder of how important it is to pay your rent on time. If you receive a dispossesory from the Magistrate Court for non-payment of rent and it is your 2nd in a 12-month period, you <u>WILL</u> receive a 30-day eviction notice. THIS POLICY WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED EFFECTIVE JANUARY, 2024.

MAINTENANCE



Tommy and Jimmy hard at work unstopping a sewer line at Cherokee Homes.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Bingo Club enjoyed a Christmas lunch at O'Neal's last month. Everyone enjoyed the food, fellowship and everyone went home with a gift.



RECERTIFICATIONS REMINDER

If you haven't received your appointment letter yet for your annual re-certification, no worries, letters will be mailed out around the end of December with dates and times to re-certify. Just a reminder you must bring in ALL income for the household and anyone over 18 MUST come in with you to sign documents. Let's all try to make this a smooth process for 2024. Thank you for your cooperation.

RESIDENT REMINDERS

- *Please make sure your garbage can is not overflowing and the lid will close. This will stop trash from falling out on the ground into the complexes. 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! *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.
- *Remember smoking is not allowed in our units under any circumstances.
- *Inspections are the week of the 15th 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.
- *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 BAGS BEFORE PLACING IT IN YOUR CAN TO KEEP IT CLEAN</u>. Thank you!

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 1 – Rent due

Jan. 1 – New Year's Day – Office closed

Jan. 9 – Last day to pay rent before late fees

Jan. 10 - Late fees

Jan. 10 – Games at College Terrace Comm. Bldg.

Jan. 15 - MLK Jr. Day - Office closed

Week of Jan. 15 – Pest control/Meter reading Jan. 23 – Last day to pay rent before Dispos Jan. 24 – Dispossessorys 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.

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.

