

THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS



HAPPY RETIREMENT

After almost 21 years of loyal service, the time has come when we must bid farewell to one of our own, Mr. Steve Beckham. As of May 31st Steve began enjoying retirement. Steve was hired on August 5, 2003, starting his career with the Housing Authority in the maintenance department and working his way up to Occupancy Specialist. He held that position for many years. Steve will certainly be missed by us all. He has plans to take care of some jobs at home, keep busy and then enjoy a leisurely life. Join us in wishing Steve a happy retirement. It is well deserved.

STAFF CHANGES

The new Occupancy Specialist needs no introduction, Mrs. Kim O’Quinn. All of you know her as our former Administrative Assistant. She will be

taking over her new position beginning June 1st. If you have any questions, you may give Kim a call at extension 103.

Our new Administrative Assistant is Mr. Carter Boatwright. He is a recent graduate of Florida Atlantic University. Many of you have already met him or spoken with him on the phone. Give Carter a call if you have any questions about your rent. Welcome Carter! We are happy you have joined us.

FATHER’S DAY

We wish all Dads a very happy Father’s Day on June 16th. We hope you enjoy the day with your children.

BLOCKED EGRESSES

This is a reminder to not block doors and windows in any way whatsoever. This is called a blocked egress and is a very serious lease violation per HUD. You must be able to escape in case of an emergency! We are seeing an increased number of violations. Per our maintenance charge list, the first offense is a \$50 fine, second offense is a \$100 fine and a third offense is eviction. Thank you all for your cooperation. We want you all to be safe and one way to do this is to keep all exits free.

BOSTON MAILBOXES

After a long process, the mailboxes at Sunset and Rosedale Terraces are now complete. If you want to use your box, contact Kay at the office to get your key and new address. Also, do NOT park in front of the mailboxes. Mail will not be delivered if they are not able to access the boxes. This is a result of the Resident Advisory Board request to better serve the residents of Boston.

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



Our resident spotlight for June shines on Ms. Ann Mickens a/k/a The Sheriff. She is a longtime resident of the Housing Authority. She enjoys going to the Senior Center every day where she loves participating in all the activities and seeing everyone. Say hello to Ms. Ann if see her wheeling around the neighborhood.

RESIDENT REMINDERS

*This is another reminder that if you receive a letter to come to the office, you MUST comply with this request.

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

*We ask that you please wait until Wednesdays to put items outside for pick up. We run the dump wagon on Thursdays.

*Call the office if your 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. Don't forget to pull it back after pick up. Thank you!

JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER

June 1 – Rent due

June 10 – Last day to pay rent before late fees

June 11 – Late fees

June 14 – Flag Day

June 16 – Father's Day

Week of June 17 – Pest control/Meter reading

June 19 – Juneteenth – Office Closed

June 20 – First Day of Summer

June 24 – Last day to pay rent before Dispos

June 25 – Dispossessorys for non-payment

June 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.**

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