THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS



SEPTEMBER 2ND

The administrative and maintenance staff at the Housing Authority wish all of you a happy and safe Labor Day. We hope you enjoy your day in whatever way you wish to celebrate.

We will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of the Labor Day holiday. You may call the emergency number at 229-403-7436 if you have an emergency work order. The list of emergencies is on page 2 of this newsletter for your information.

ATTENTION: ALL RESIDENTS

Please check your porches and make sure you don't have too much clutter on them. You are only allowed no more than a couple of chairs and two plants on the front and the same on the back. Please have your porches cleaned up by the end of September. Thank you all for your cooperation.



Patriot Day is a holiday observed in the United States on September 11 to commemorate the lives of those who died in the 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Virginia and those who perished when the hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in Pennsylvania.

ATTENTION: BOSTON RESIDENTS

For those interested in receiving mail at your complex and have not yet picked up your mailbox key from the administrative office, please do so as soon as possible. Most have already taken care of this. However, if you do not want to utilize these boxes, please call Kay at the office to advise her of your choice. Thank you!

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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INSPECTIONS/HOUSEKEEPING

Housekeeping inspections are done at the same time as pest control beginning the 3rd week of every month. Please be mindful of this and help us keep re-inspections to a minimum. Major problems every month are stoves, tubs/showers, floors and overall housekeeping. Please make sure these and all other areas stay clean. Thank you!

RESIDENT REMINDERS

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

*Inspections are the week of the 16th this month. Be sure to have your apartment ready by keeping everything clean and neat. <u>REPEATED VIOLATIONS</u> <u>WILL RESULT IN BEING PLACED ON HOUSEKEEPING</u> <u>PROBATION.</u>

*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, <u>PLEASE PUT GARBAGE IN BAGS BEFORE</u> <u>PLACING IT IN YOUR CAN TO KEEP IT CLEAN</u>. Don't forget to pull it back after pick up. Thank you!

SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 1 – Rent due

- Sept. 2 Labor Day (Office closed)
- Sept. 8 Grandparents Day
- Sept. 10 Last day to pay rent before late fees
- Sept. 11 Late fees
- Sept. 11 Patriot Day
- Week of Sept. 16 Pest control/Meter reading
- Sept. 22 First day of Autumn
- Sept. 24 Last day to pay rent before Dispos
- Sept. 25 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.





September 8th

Many of our residents have grandchildren living with them. Here are a few facts about that. In 2021, grandparents were more likely to be responsible for their grandchildren for 5 years or longer (49.3%) compared to 2012 (39.3%). In 2021, 70.9% of grandparents who had grandchildren living with them were the householder. At least one parent of the grandchildren was present in 81.4% of these households.

