

THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS



WELCOME 2025!

We hope everyone had a good 2024 and we wish you a great 2025. May this year be filled with happiness, good health and blessings for you and your family.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1st in observance of New Year’s Day. We will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd at 7:30 a.m. We wish you all a very happy and safe holiday.

We will also be closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and will reopen on Tuesday, the 21st.



BINGO CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Bingo club members enjoyed a delicious lunch at O’Neal’s last month and everyone left with a

special gift. A special guest was none other than our former co-worker and friend, Steve Beckham. Attendees were Glovanna Anderson, Shirley Thurman, Ethel Robinson, Ann Mickens, Brenda Thomas-Smith, Cynthia Jones, Mae Kimmons, Cathrine Williams, Thelma Knight with her aide, Angela and Elaine Geter. It was good to get together again and see everyone.



FREE CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

The Church of Hope will once again be holding a free clothing giveaway at Faircloth Homes on January 25th from 11:00 – 1:00. They ask that you please do not arrive before 11:00 a.m. This is a wonderful ministry to help our residents that are in need.

RECERTIFICATIONS

You should have already received your appointment letter for your recertification. This is a HUD requirement and all residents must do this annually beginning in January of every year. Please bring all required documentation with you to your appointment and also bring everyone over 18 in your household. Don’t forget to turn in your

community service hours BEFORE your appointment.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Don't forget about the scholarship offer from PHADA we discussed in last month's newsletter. Just a reminder that the deadline for applications is before January 24, 2025. They have (1) \$10,000 and (2) \$5,000 scholarships available. This is a wonderful opportunity for our resident high school seniors. If you are interested in applying, contact Kay at the office for more information.

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

If you are in need of free income tax preparation, there are volunteers at the Thomas County Extension office at 442 Smith Avenue. This is a free service. Call them to set up an appointment at 225-4130 if you are interested. This is courtesy of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

RESIDENT REMINDERS

*Remember, there is a \$10 charge for not pulling your garbage can back to your unit within 24 hours after pickup and a \$10 charge for putting items on your porch for the dump wagon before Wednesday.

NO ITEMS FOR PICK UP ON THE FRONT PORCH – BACK PORCH ONLY!

*Please call the office and let us know if your phone number has changed just in case we need to contact you.

*If you receive a letter to come to the office, you MUST comply with this request.

*Inspections are the week of the 13th 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.

*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!

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 1 – Rent due
- Jan. 1 – Office closed
- Jan. 12 – Last day to pay rent before late fees
- Jan. 13 – Late fees
- Week of Jan. 13 – Pest control/Meter reading
- Jan. 20 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 20 – Office closed
- Jan. 26 – Last day to pay rent before Dispos
- Jan. 27 – Dispossessorys for non-payment

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.**

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.