

THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas from the staff of the Housing Authority. We wish you and your family a blessed Christmas. May your day be filled with blessings, hope, love and remembrance of the reason for the season – Jesus.

December is full of activities for families to enjoy together to get into the Christmas spirit. The Christmas Parade starts things off on Monday, December 2nd at 6:30 PM downtown. Then, Victorian Christmas is back this year on Thursday, December 12th and Friday, December 13th from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Why not join in the fun this Christmas season and make some memories?

OFFICE CLOSURE

We will be taking a few days off for the holidays to enjoy with our families so mark your calendar. We will be closed December 24th, 25th and 26th and will return on the 30th. If you have an emergency work

order during this time, please call the emergency line at 229-403-7436.

BINGO CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Bingo Club Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday, December 4th at 11:30 at O'Neal's. There will be food, fun and wonderful fellowship...along with a gift drawing. Members, please RSVP to Kay at 226-4065 ext. 5 no later than Monday, December 2nd. If you need a ride, we would be happy to pick you up in the van. We don't want you to miss out on the fun!

RECERTIFICATIONS

January starts our annual recertifications. This is a HUD requirement for all residents so watch for a letter in your door with your appointment day and time. If you miss your appointment, we ask that you come in as soon as possible. We have several new residents and this may be their first time recertifying so if anyone has any questions just give us a call. We'd be happy to help.

For those with community service hours due, they need to be turned in BEFORE your recertification appointment. Also, if you have received a letter to sign paperwork for community service that needs to be taken care of as soon as possible.

SCHOLARSHIPS

PHADA (Public Housing Authorities Directors Association) is offering an excellent opportunity for a deserving graduating high school senior to receive a scholarship. They have (1) \$10,000 and (2) \$5,000 scholarships available. If you are interested in applying, contact Kay at the office for more

information. Applications must be turned in before January 24, 2025. No exceptions!

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 the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

ATTENTION: BOSTON RESIDENTS

All but a few residents have picked up their mailbox keys from the administrative office. If you still want to receive mail at your complex, see Kay for your key and new address.

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 16th 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!

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 1 – Rent due

Dec. 4 – Bingo Christmas lunch

Dec. 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

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

Dec. 10 – Late fees

Week of Dec. 16 – Pest control/Meter reading

Dec. 21 – First Day of Winter

Dec. 23 – Last day to pay rent before Dispos

Dec. 24 – Dispossessorys for non-payment

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

Dec. 24, 25, 26 – Office closed

Dec. 26 – Kwanzaa begins

Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve

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.