

THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS



A new school year begins Monday, August 4th and we wish all our students a great year of learning. Make it your best year yet! Be safe and have fun. Parents, please be aware of students walking to and from school in our complexes and don't forget to slow down in those school zones. We want everyone to be safe.

*"Education is the most powerful weapon,
which you can use to change the world."*
-Nelson Mandela

UTILITY BILL TIPS

We're probably all looking forward to fall with some cooler weather but in the meantime it's summer and you know what that means...higher utility bills. You can help lower your bill by keeping your blinds and drapes closed during the day to keep heat out and keeping your thermostat turned up higher when you're not home. Also, don't leave doors or windows open when you're a/c is on and washing clothes in cold water will also help. It's inevitable that everyone's bills will be higher this time of year but maybe these tips will help lower your bill.

*"Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching
them what counts is best."*

-Bob Talbert

BINGO NEWS

The big winner for July was Ann Mickens. We enjoyed playing games and some good snacks courtesy of Ms. Ethel Robinson. August dates are the 13th and 27th.

Per request, we will be going to lunch at O'Neal's on Wednesday, August 13th at 11:30 a.m. following games at 10:00. Make plans to join us for some fun games and good food!

CONDOLENCES

Our most sincere condolences go to the family, friends and neighbors of Ms. Joan Hobbs. She passed away last month. She had been a resident of Faircloth homes for the past three years. May you rest in peace, Ms. Joan.

BAN LIST

The following names have been added to our ban list: Jamone Parker, Cekeria Mitchell, Marcus Richardson and Christopher "Redman" Thomas. If you see these individuals or anyone else on our ban list, please call 911. They are not to be on any Housing Authority property at any time.

INCIDENTS

If an incident occurs at your apartment or in the complex that needs immediate attention, call 911 to report it. If you do not report it to the police and

wait until the office opens, there is nothing we can do after the fact. This has happened numerous times. Incidents need to be dealt with immediately. We want you to stay safe and this should help.

HOUSEKEEPING

Our first housekeeping workshop was held last month for residents that failed their final housekeeping inspection. Attendance in this class is mandatory if you receive a letter to attend. Content will include helpful tips for cleaning and a lesson on what is expected as a resident of the housing authority. Everyone will be given one chance per year to correct their housekeeping. If someone does not attend, they will receive a 30-day notice with a chance to have a hearing with the director.

RESIDENT REMINDERS

***PARKING SPACES ARE NOT ASSIGNED TO ANYONE.**

*Please do not put your garbage in anyone else's can. Use your own!

***PER YOUR LEASE, A CHANGE IN INCOME MUST BE REPORTED WITHIN 10 DAYS. IT IS A VERY SERIOUS LEASE VIOLATION FOR FAILING TO DO SO AND MAY RESULT IN EVICTION.**

*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!

*Inspections are the week of the 18th 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 the can to keep it clean. Don't forget to pull it back after pickup. Thank you!

AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug. 1 – Rent due

Aug. 3 – Friendship Day

Aug. 4 – First day of school

Aug. 10 – Last day to pay before late fees

Aug. 11 – Late fees

Aug. 13 – Bingo at College Terrace/Lunch at O'Neals
Week of 18th – Pest control/meter reading

Aug. 24 – Last day to pay rent before Dispos

Aug. 25 – Dispossessorys for non-payment

Aug. 27 – Bingo at College Terrace

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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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.