

# THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!**

As we celebrate the 249<sup>th</sup> birth of our nation, let us all reflect on the freedoms we enjoy in the greatest nation on earth. The staff of the Housing Authority wishes you a safe and memorable day with your friends and family, however you choose to celebrate. We will be closed on Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of the holiday.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

It was announced by HUD that the Thomasville Housing Authority has once again been designated a high performer with a score of 99 out of 100 according to the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS)! This is a high honor and the result of a lot of hard work by the staff per our Executive Director, Mike House.

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## **BINGO NEWS**

The big winner for June was Betty Mango. We enjoyed playing games and some good snacks courtesy of Ms. Ethel Robinson. If you'd like to join us on July 23<sup>rd</sup> we'd love to have you.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member, Patricia Morris.

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## **RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD**

Our Resident Advisory Board met on June 12th to introduce new members, elect new officers and discuss the needs of the complexes. Present were Elaine Geter, College Terrace, Floyd Green, Flipper Homes, Liquitta Jackson, Cherokee, Brenda Thomas-Smith, Faircloth, Tamara Samuel, Rosedale Terrace and Charlette Jackson, Sunset Terrace. Absent was Jewell Peters from Normal Park. Floyd Green and Liquitta Jackson were welcomed to the board as new members. New officers were elected and include: President: Liquitta Jackson, Vice-President: Elaine Geter and Secretary: Charlette Jackson. A list of recommendations was submitted to our director for approval. We will advise you at a later date of any changes. Thank you to all our board members willing to serve.

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## **BOSTON MAILBOXES**

We have had complaints about someone putting mud in mailbox slots and key holes in the Boston mailboxes. Damaging a mailbox or the mail inside it is actually a federal crime. We will be watching the cameras to find the culprits and take action accordingly.

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## **YMCA SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM**

Don't forget about the Summer Food Program that continues thru July 18<sup>th</sup>. It provides children 18 and under with a nutritious meal during the summer months.

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### **GARBAGE CANS**

Please check the number on the garbage cans before pulling them back to your unit. Make sure you have your own can and not someone else's. We have had several instances where they have gotten mixed up. Thank you!

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### **HOUSEKEEPING**

In the future if a resident fails a final re-inspection, they will be required to attend a housekeeping workshop. This will be mandatory. 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. Housekeeping is a major issue. Re-read your lease, if necessary, to see our requirements and expectations



### **RESIDENT REMINDERS**

**\*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 21<sup>st</sup> 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!

### **JULY DATES TO REMEMBER**

July 1 – Rent due  
July 3 – Office closed for July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday  
July 4 – Independence Day  
July - 8 – Last day to pay before late fees  
July - 9 – Late fees  
Week of 21<sup>st</sup> – Pest control/meter reading  
July 22 – Last day to pay rent before Dispos  
July 23 – Dispossessorys for non-payment  
July 23 – Bingo at College Terrace

### **LATE NOTICES**

Remember, the late notices are added after the 5<sup>th</sup> 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.