

THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS

COLLEGE TERRACE PROJECT

As our residents have noticed, the first phase of our project at College Terrace has already begun. New electrical wiring is currently being installed for the new air conditioners and bathroom fans that will be replaced first. This is a large project and will take some time to complete so please be patient with our contractor.



You know the old saying “Spring forward, fall back”. Well, it’s time to spring forward on Sunday, March 9th. Get ready to lose an hour of sleep. Don’t forget to set your clocks AHEAD one hour on Saturday night. If you don’t, you’ll be late for a date.

APPLICATIONS

Our next date for taking applications for 2 AND 3 BEDROOMS ONLY will be Thursday, March 20th. This will be every 3rd Thursday of each month until further notice.

RECERTIFICATIONS

Recertifications are still being done so if you haven’t come in to take care of yours, you must do so as soon as possible. Failure to take care of this annual HUD requirement by the deadline will result in a 30-day eviction notice. Remember that everyone in your household over 18 must come in also.

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

Remember you can get your taxes prepared at the Thomas County Extension office at 442 Smith Avenue. This is a free service. Hopefully, they still have some appointments available. They fill up fast so call them to set up an appointment at 225-4130 if

you are interested. This is courtesy of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

HOUSEKEEPING TIPS

We have a lot of stoves that fail inspections every month. A tip to avoid a failure is to clean the oven and put tin foil under the coil at the bottom to catch spills and then replace the foil as needed. Also, make sure the oven door stays clean and wipe crumbs from under the stovetop. Also, please make sure the refrigerator/freezer is clean from any liquid and food spills. Please feel free to call the office if you have any housekeeping questions. We would be happy to help.

INSPECTION REPAIRS

Repairs for units at Faircloth Homes will be starting March 3rd – March 15th. This is a result of annual inspections. You do not have to be present for repairs to be done. Please be patient with our maintenance employees while repairs are made.

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 17th 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!

MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1 – Rent due

March 9 – Daylight Saving Time begins

March 9 – Last day to pay before late fees

March 10 – Late fees

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

Week of 17th – Pest control/meter reading

March 20 – First Day of Spring

March 23 – Last day to pay rent before Dispos

March 24 – 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.