

THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH



The 9th Annual Black History Month Parade and Celebration will be Saturday, February 28th. It features a parade downtown at 10:00 a.m. followed by festivities at The Ritz Amphitheater. Don't forget to visit the Jack Hadley Black History Museum for African American history and culture.



President's Day is Monday, February 16th and in observance of the holiday the office will be closed and re-open on Tuesday, the 17th. Remember that if you have an emergency workorder call 229-403-7436 and report it. If you have the day off, we hope you have a great one!

PHOTO ID's NEEDED

Thank you to everyone that has already brought in their updated photo for our files. We appreciate it. If you have not, please bring it with you when you

come in for your recertification appointment. It can be your driver's license, legal ID card or school ID. If you need to do so, you can email it to sharonb-tha@outlook.com. We are off to a great start with recertifications so make sure you have all your information when you come in including your childcare form already signed if needed. Also, please try to be on time for your appointment.

Don't forget that for those required to do community service your hours must be turned in before your appointment.

CONDOLENCES

Our most sincere condolences go out to the family, friends and neighbors of Patashia Samuel Fleming. Ms. Patashia was a longtime resident of Flipper Homes and known for her kindness and baking skills that she generously shared with others. She will be missed. May you rest in peace, Ms. Patashia.

BAN LIST UPDATE

In case someone missed it last month, Jathard Fleming has been added to our ban list for all properties. Please alert the police if you see him on ANY housing authority property. Thank you!

MAINTENANCE CHARGE UPDATE

We have an update on our maintenance charge list. The current cost for an extra key is now \$10.00. Please only get extra keys if absolutely necessary.



Don't forget those sweet Valentines of yours on the 14th!

MONTHLY INSPECTIONS

We continue to have a problem with re-inspections for stoves/ovens every month. Monthly inspections, along with pest control, are conducted the third week of every month as always. Please make sure everything in your apartment is clean before maintenance comes in. That includes floors mopped, bathrooms, closets (clothes need to be in baskets, boxes or tubs if not hung), countertops wiped off, refrigerators/freezers wiped out and especially ovens and under stovetops. A good tip is to put tin foil under the coil in your oven to be changed when food spills over when baking. That will save time cleaning it. Make sure the oven door is clean also. Repeated re-inspections will result in being put on housekeeping probation and if a final inspection is failed it will result in a mandatory housekeeping class.

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!

*Inspections are the week of the 16th this month.

*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 pick up.

FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 1 – Rent due
- Feb. 2 – Groundhog Day
- Feb. 8 – Last day to pay before late fees
- Feb. 9 – Late Fees
- Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day
- Feb. 16 – President's Day – Office closed
- Week of 16th – Pest control/meter reading
- Feb. 22 – Last day to pay rent before Dispos
- Feb. 23 – 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.**

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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.