

THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS



HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

"I like to see a man proud of the place
in which he lives. I like to see a man
live so that his place will be proud of
him." – Abraham Lincoln

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, let's be thankful we live in a free country. In observance of the holiday, the office will be closed on Monday, July 6th and will re-open on Tuesday, July 7th. If you have an emergency work order, please call 229-403-7436 to report it. There is a list of emergencies on page 2 of this newsletter.

BINGO CLUB

Members met last month and the big winner for June was Keziah Howell with 5 wins with Pat Morris,

Ethel Robinson and Betty Mango tied for second place. Again, thanks to Ms. Ethel for the delicious cake she brought to share. If you're looking for something to do to get out of the house for a little while, why not come join us. If you don't have transportation we will gladly pick you up. We'd love to have you join us.

CONDOLENCES

Our most sincere condolences go out to the family, friends and neighbors of Mr. Leroy Floyd. He passed away in May. He was a resident of Normal Park and had lived with us for a short while. He was the brother of Ms. Giovanna Anderson and Mr. Larry Floyd. May he rest in peace.

SUMERTIME AND ELECTRIC BILLS

It's summer and you all know what that means...higher electric bills. It has been extremely hot and air conditioners have been working overtime to keep us cool. To try to keep your bill lower keep doors and windows closed, keep your thermostat at 78 degrees or higher and wash larger loads of clothes. That's just a few tips and hopefully it helps.

ATTENTION: GRADUATES

If you are undecided what you'd like to do in the future, Job Corps will train you in a trade and assist you in finding employment. This is a completely free program that includes tuition, housing and meals. You must be between 16 -24 years of age to enroll. This is a great opportunity to learn a trade at no cost to you. We have already had several inquiries about this program.

FAIRCLOTH COMMUNITY BUILDING

STORE

The store will be open on Tuesday, July 14th, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm this month. We have some new donations so if you are in need of any items, you're welcome to visit and see if there's anything you need. Best of all...it's all free of charge. If you would like to donate anything you have that's in good condition, contact Kay at 226-4065 ext. 5 to coordinate pick up or drop off.

RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD

The Resident Advisory Board will be meeting on Thursday, July 16th to discuss recommendations to improve our complexes. We have a vacancy on our board so if you live at Cherokee Homes and would be interested in being a voice for your neighbors, you may call Kay at 226-4065 ext. 5 to discuss it. Thank you all for your participation.

RESIDENT REMINDERS

*Remember not to block windows and doors. This is a major lease violation and against HUD rules. At least one window must be free in case of an emergency. There is also a fine for this violation. Thank you all for cooperating.

*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 20th 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.

"July signals the second half of the year; make yours even better than the first!"

JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

July 1 – Rent due

July 4 – Independence Day

July 6 – July 4th observed – Office closed

July 7 – Last day to pay before late fees

July 8 – Late Fees

July 8 – Bingo at College Terrace Comm. Bldg.

July 14 – Store open at Faircloth Comm. Bldg 1-3 pm

Week of 20th – Pest control/meter reading

July 21 – Last day to pay rent before Dispos

July 22 – 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.