

THOMASVILLE AND BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS



IT'S DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME!

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 7th because Daylight Saving Time begins at midnight. If you don't you'll be late for church on Sunday morning!



SPRING BEGINS MARCH 20TH

Hello Spring! We've been waiting on you. We love your warm temperatures and pretty flowers. Please stay around awhile.

FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

If you are in need of free income tax assistance, you can get it at the Thomas County UGA Extension office. It's located at 442 Smith Avenue, phone number is 229-225-4130 and email is olivia.tumlin@uga.edu. Please contact them to find out what information you need to provide and to make an appointment. This is a volunteer program through the University of Georgia and the Thomas County Extension office. If you are interested, it's best to contact them as soon as possible because appointments fill up fast.

BINGO

After a brief break due to a busy holiday season, Bingo is back and will be returning in March. Dates are the 11th and 25th. We look forward to seeing our faithful members and would love to welcome new ones. See you soon!

RE-CERTIFICATIONS UPDATE

It's now time for Boston re-certifications. Letters are in the process of going out with your appointment date and time. Please try to keep your appointment and don't forget to bring in all required information...check stubs, S.S. award letters, child care forms or income letter from someone who gives you money each month and that includes ALL income for the household. If anyone in your household is 18 or older, they must come in with the head of household. We ask that you also bring in your photo ID if you haven't already. Thank you!

***THOMASVILLE RESIDENTS MUST BE RE-CERTIFIED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31ST AND BOSTON RESIDENTS BY APRIL 30TH. IF YOU DO NOT RE-**

CERTIFY BEFORE THEN YOU WILL RECEIVE A 30-DAY NOTICE TO VACATE. THIS IS A HUD REQUIREMENT IN ORDER TO LIVE IN PUBLIC HOUSING.

This is an important reminder. If you owe community service hours, they must be turned in before your re-certification.

FAIRCLOTH COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Faircloth community building is now available for use by our residents. Call Kay at the office if you would like to reserve it.

ALSO, ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH FROM 1:00 – 3:00 P.M., ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO COME SHOP FOR VARIOUS ITEMS FREE OF CHARGE AT THE FAIRCLOTH COMMUNITY BUILDING. THERE WILL BE SOME FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, CLOTHING, PURSES AND SHOES TO CHOOSE. THIS IS TO HELP OUR RESIDENTS IN NEED.

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 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.

MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 1 – Rent due
- March 8 – Daylight Saving Time begins
- March 8 – Last day to pay before late fees
- March 9 – Late Fees

- Week of 16th – Annual inspections at Normal Park
- Week of 16th – Pest control/meter reading
- March 17 – St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 – First day of Spring
- March 22 – Last day to pay rent before Dispos
- March 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.

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."

-Maya Angelou