

# NHA Today

NHARAC

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**COME JOIN US!** On the second Monday of every month the Newport Housing Authority Resident Advisory Council meets. Our next meeting will be August 8, 2022 at 5pm at the Rhea Mims Hotel. Remember, the council represents you the tenant. So this is your time to voice concerns, share ideas or just meet new friends. After the meeting we will have a pot luck supper. Everyone come and bring a dish. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



## Wise Words from Walter

### From the desk of Walter Cole, Executive Director

WOW what a Summer. NHA had a the Party at the Park. We had free swimming, free food and gave a bicycle away. Just 3 weeks later we had a “Back to School” Block Party. Soo much fun. Did everyone get their picture taken with Natasha? I hope everyone took advantage of the free back pack, school supplies, free kids’ shoes, children’s clothes and food. My goal is to do this for your children every year. What helps us to decide on whether we keep doing the event is your participation. The more everyone participates, it shows a need and then we can show there is a need for us to continue doing it. Just like Christmas in the NHA. With school opening up, I hope everyone stays safe. Make sure to read your newsletter and take advantage of all the stuff.

Please take the upcoming HUD inspection on August 11th and 12th seriously.

Sincerely,

*Walter L. Cole*

Executive Director



## **RENT PAYMENT THINGS TO REMEMBER**

Since the lobby remains closed from the 1st thru the 8th we are still asking that you put your rent payments in the drop box the **entire** month. No payments will be processed at the front window. We have tried to clearly mark where payments go. But as always if you have questions please don't hesitate to call us at (423) 623-1575.

- **Do not leave blank checks, money orders or cash in the payment drop box.**
- When paying your rent, your filled out money order or check must be placed in the payment drop box. A receipt will be mailed back to you.
- If someone is paying rent for you, then they will need to make sure your name and/or address is listed on the check or money order. Or, place the payment in a sealed envelope with your name and address on the outside.
- **PRINT CLEARLY** on the check or money order.
- If you think you may be late with your rent payment for whatever reason please call Cindy at ext. 4 to make arrangements.
- The easiest way to remember how to fill your money order out no matter where you purchase it at is:

\*Pay to the order of will be: **NHA**

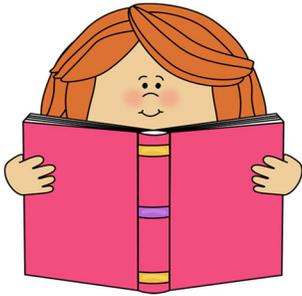
\*In the "for" section: **Print your address**

\*Make sure to **sign** the money order as purchaser. **Do not sign them on the back.**

*The greatness of a community is most accurately measure by the com-  
passionate actions of it's members-Coretta Scott King*

Tenant Services is still here for you. If you need information on support groups, food dis-  
tribution services, or help offered in our community please don't hesitate to call us at  
(423) 532-8001 on Mondays 9am-12pm and we will be more than happy to assist you.





**FROM THE DESK OF ANDREA TAYLOR, HOUSING MANAGER**

A few reminders.....

- If time flies when you're having fun then this summer must have been a blast! Now that school is starting back please be sure to watch for kids getting off and on the school bus.
- Please make sure to read the Pet Policy that is on the back of your lease. There is nothing worse than having to tell someone they have to rehome a pet because it is not within our policy guidelines. If you are thinking or getting a pet please ask first. Just keep in mind if you have a pet it is your responsibility to take care of it.
- If you have changed your phone number please make sure to call us and let us know. Or if you have an email address please make sure to let us know what it is.
- I'm sure you all have heard about the upcoming HUD inspection on August 11th and 12th. Please call your work orders in now and not the day of the inspection. Keep in mind they will be looking for the following:
  - Do not block bedroom windows, doors, or wall heaters
  - Make sure your house inside as well as outside is not cluttered and up to housekeeping standards
  - There should be no water leaks or running toilets
  - No cracked or missing plug in or light switch covers
- Remember to continue to call in if you or someone in your household either tests positive for Covid or if you are quarantined.

As always if you have any additional questions feel free to contact me at (423) 623-1575 ext.3

Sincerely,

*Andrea E Taylor, PHM*

Housing Manager



## FROM THE DESK OF FELECIA HILL, OCCUPANCY COORDINATOR

- Remember that you must report your income and family composition changes within **14 calendar days**. You can do this by calling the office at (423) 623-1575 ext. 2 and explaining to me what happened.
- If you fail to report an increase of wages within the 14 calendar day period, a retroactive rent charge will be charged to your account. This is the difference in the amount of rent that you were charged as opposed to the amount of rent that you should have been charged. If your retroactive rent exceeds \$2400.00 you will be required to find housing elsewhere.
- If you have not reported any decrease in wages you will not be given any credit for the months that your rent should have been reduced.
- Annual recertification are conducted by phone interview. Be sure to keep your phone number updated. A packet will then be mailed to you in which you are to return to the black drop box or you may return it by mail. The packet has postage paid for you to do so.

### A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING FOR EVERYONE!



Did someone say FREE? Of course all the items at the Bryant Town Boutique are free to our residents. So be sure to stop by and take a look around. We now have another boutique located at 375 Alex Street in the Tenant Services Building. Make sure to check your calendar for the dates and times we are open. We look forward to seeing everyone!



Looking for work.....

Search for jobs and apply online at [dejobs.org](http://dejobs.org)



# KIDS CORNER



# Back to School Word Search



ELEMENTARY	S P O R T S Y S M B R E L U R
MIDDLE	N A A R D A H G H T E R W O U
JUNIOR HIGH	U C T P C I I E A S M P E N S
HIGH SCHOOL	L M L H E O G T A C O V R P D
BACKPACK	J U N I O R H I G H R E C I E
PENCIL	U I P E C R S P I O I L A C L
PAPER	P T N S R E C E S S E T L E E
SCISSORS	R T R O N G H A T G S A C X M
RULER	O S C I S S O R S O S Y U T E
CRAYONS	T L R U L R O A T S E N L T N
MARKERS	R E A G L E L A T L I R A A T
BOOKS	A A Y Y P K R E D T R E T Y A
PENS	C J O N E R O D H L E H O B R
PROTRACTOR	T Y N E M A I E M O I D R A Y
COMPASS	O H S T A S S A P M O C R B S
CALCULATOR	R S K O O B A C V J B R N N B
RECESS	F O S E M A T E A C H E R E L
CLASS	B A C K P A C K E R W A P O P
SPORTS	
TEACHER	