

NHA Today

NHARAC

440 Lennon Circle, Newport, TN 37821
423-623-1575

January 2023

COME JOIN US! On the second Monday of every month the Newport Housing Authority Resident Advisory Council meets. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2023 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

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. It was fun getting to see a lot of you all while delivering Christmas presents. Our sponsors and donors are posted on our website at nhatoday.com. The coloring page, Color Your Dreams, was a huge hit with 2 bedrooms getting a makeover. We received a lot of coloring pages. So, not only did we pick 1 winner out we picked 2 winners! However, you will have to wait until next month's newsletter for the pictures. We will be doing it again in March, so get to coloring. Winter time is here and that means cold weather. Cold Weather means higher electric bills. The recommended temperature setting for your thermostat when you are home is 68 and when you are away or asleep it is 64. Continuously moving the thermostat up and down will cause your electric bill to go up. It also helps to keep your windows and doors closed.

Sincerely,

Walter L. Cole

Executive Director

Tenant Services Office

375 Alex Street

(423)532-8001

MONDAYS

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Office open)

You can call anytime and leave a message

Please call our office and see if we can help. Remember, if you need food, coats, clothing or have any other NEED,

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!



Craft Classes



Rhea Mims 10am

Second Friday every month

On the second Friday of every month, we will be having a craft class. Please let us know if you have a craft that you would like to share with the class. We would like to have a different volunteer to teach a craft each month.



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 distribution 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.....

During this past spray day there were several things that I saw that need to be addressed.

- While we have had some mild days I understand that if you have a pet you want it to be able to be outside and enjoy the sunshine. However, please do not leave your dog tied up to your porch. There is a leash law inside the city limits. Your dog must be on a leash and under your control at all times. If your dog is outside you should be too.
- Several pet owners put puppy (“pee”) pads out for their dogs. While this is fine you need to make sure that you change them regularly. The urine soaked pads will ruin the tile floor of your apartment and you will be responsible for the cost of replacing the tile. Clean up after your pet both inside the unit and **especially** outside. Dog feces was in several yards. Just because mowing season is over doesn’t mean you don’t have to pick up after your pet outside.
- The NHA is a smoke free housing authority. While we understand it is getting cold outside you still cannot smoke in your unit. If you are caught smoking in your unit you could be fined for doing so. Also, when you smoke outside dispose of your cigarette ducts properly. Don’t throw them down in the yard or leave them outside on your window sill.
- In several newsletter we have asked that you please do not put anything in front of the air return closet. When we come around for spray day we need access to that closet so that we can change your air filter. We understand that the closet can make arranging your living room furniture difficult. However, if you will at least move any furniture from in front of the closet on spray day that would be extremely helpful. This may not seem like a big deal to you but have a little consideration of the Maintenance Staff and the job they do.
- Since it is getting cold make sure to leave your cabinet doors below your kitchen sink and your bathroom sink open so your pipes won’t freeze.

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

HELP NAME THE NEW COMMUNITY TEACHING GARDEN



The Community Teaching Garden Collaborative will build a Community Teaching Garden at the end of Bailey Street in Newport. Potential name submissions from the community will be accepted from Jan. 1 - 15, 2023.



<https://bit.ly/3UZoUiZ>

If you want to know more, contact Airika Actouka at 423-623-8733 or by email airika.actouka@tn.gov or Sarah Orr at sorr6@utk.edu.

This project is funded under a grant contract with the State of Tennessee.

Be
Creative

Bryant Town Boutique

Alex Street Boutique



Stop by and visit us at both boutiques!

All items are FREE!!

Mondays

9 am-12 pm

Alex Street

Wednesdays

10 am - 4pm

Bryant Town

We have coats, winter clothes, housewares,
diapers and lots more!!!

BRING THIS PAGE WITH YOU TO THE BOUTIQUE



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.....

This photo by

Search for jobs and apply online at

dejobs.org



WITH TABLET*

*1 TIME \$11 FEE

FEDERAL AID: Affordable Connectivity Program

*If eligible for Tablet, will pay **\$11 ONE-TIME fee** with CASH to pick up tablet.*

**Fill out form below and call Joy
423-202-8594**

Joy will set tablet pick-up/delivery when you call her

FreeWifiTablet.com

You may be eligible for Tablet benefit if you have at least one of the following:

Food Stamps ~ Medicaid ~ SSI
WIC ~ Federal Public Housing
Veterans & Survivors Benefits
TANF ~ WTW ~ Pell Grant
Reduced Lunch *and more*

1 ACP Wireless Benefit per Household

Legal Name on ID: _____ Receive Text? Yes No

Address: _____ Medicare? Yes No

City, State, Zip: _____ TNCare/Medicaid? Yes No

Phone Number: (____) _____ Date of Birth: _____ Last 4 of SSN: _____

Email: must supply _____

Any questions? Call or Text Joy: 423-202-8594

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL BENEFITS CHECK-UP

I have circled or marked the following plan information I am interested in: Life Insurance/Final-Expense, Dental - Vision Plans, Prescription Drug Plans, Medicare Supplements, Medicare Advantage Plans, Hospital Indemnity Plans

 I have **MEDICARE** with TennCare-MEDICAID, check my eligibility for a plan that has **\$380 Monthly Benefits for FOOD/Groceries, Over The Counter items, Utilities, etc.**

 I have **MEDICARE** with "Extra Help" or Low Income Subsidy, check my eligibility for a plan that has benefits for **FOOD/Groceries, Over The Counter or Utilities, etc.**

By Providing my email or telephone number, I agree to allow a licensed sales representative to contact me regarding information related to Life Insurance, Medicare health plans and health insurance plans, products, services and/or educational information related to health care. According to Medicare rules, we need your permission to contact you to discuss your Medicare plan options. By accepting this form, you are agreeing to a sales telephone call, text, or an email from a licensed sales agent to discuss the specific types of products above. The person who will be discussing plan options with you is with or contracted by a Medicare health plan or prescription drug plan that is not the Federal Government, and they may be compensated based on your enrollment in a plan. Signing this does NOT affect your current enrollment, nor will it enroll you in a Medicare Advantage Plan, Prescription Drug Plan, or any other Medicare plan.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



KIDS CORNER

New Year's Word Search



J A N U A R Y F R I E N A C E
 F R I E N D S Y A S R I L A H
 N E Y S E R T I E M O W B L C
 B S I L Y F A E N E I Y A E O
 N O C R N V N V E Y D L B N U
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BABY
 BALL
 CALENDAR
 CELEBRATION
 CLOCK
 CONFETTI
 COUNTDOWN
 EVE

FAMILY
 FRIENDS
 HAPPY
 JANUARY
 MIDNIGHT
 NEW YEAR
 NOISEMAKER
 PARTY

RESOLUTION
 TOAST





January 2023



Trash Pick Up Days:

Monday: Larmie, Musterfield, Gregg Lane, Lamons Graham, Nutmeg, Alex, Cooper, Lamaster, Driskill, Whitson, Harper, Briggs, Swagerty and Lennon.

Wednesday: Masters, Runnion, Bowman, and Myers

Ban List Additions

*A copy of the full list is located at our website nhatoday.com as well as our Main Office.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2-NHA Closed	3	4-Bryant Town Boutique Open 10am-4pm	5	6-Rhea Mims 12pm Bingo	7
8	9-Tenant Services – Mini Boutique Open 9am-12pm Rent must be paid in full today 	10	11-Bryant Town Boutique Open 10am-4pm	12	13-Rhea Mims 10am Craft Classes 12pm Bingo	14
15	16-Tenant Services – Mini Boutique Open 9am-12pm NHA Offices Closed	17	18-Bryant Town Boutique Open 10am-4pm	19-Swansylvania	20-Reah Mims 12 pm Bingo	21
22	23-Tenant Services – Mini Boutique Open 9am-12pm	24	25-Bryant Town Boutique Open 10am-4pm	26	27-Rhea Mims 12pm Bingo	28
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PHM

January 1, 2023

Words of Wisdom

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Can you put this in the next news letter? Thank you

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Dr. Dennis Branch Homes
Rhea - Mims Hotel

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