

# NHA Today

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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 Monday, March 13, 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**

We will be mowing soon. So, let's make sure that we get our yards cleaned up. Store your items in your building not behind or beside your unit. Unless it is outdoor patio furniture it cannot be stored on your porches or outside. If we have to move or pick-up items in your yard to mow including trash, dog chains, kids' toys, or anything else whether it's yours or not, you will be charged \$20 plus any damage it may cause to the mowers. Let's take some pride and make our community look good. This includes trash in parking spaces and picking up cigarette butts as they are considered trash too. Get your "Color Your Dreams" coloring pages in by March 10th for a chance to win a Bedroom Makeover. Coloring pages are also available online @ [nhatoday.com](http://nhatoday.com). The NHA will also have the University of Tennessee Entomology coming to do a bug inspection of our property on March 7th thru 10th. Your unit may or may not be picked. However, this is your 48-hours notice to be ready. This inspection may also include treating any units that may be identified as having any issues. For more information, contact the NHA's Main Office.

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 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.....

It was so good to see everyone during this past spray day! We certainly had some pretty weather those couple of days. I hope that everyone was able to get out and enjoy that beautiful sunshine. There were just a few things that need to be addressed:

- Please call your work orders into the Main Office. Don't wait until you see a maintenance person to tell them.
- Since it is pretty weather make sure that if your kids are outside playing they need to be respectful of your neighbors.
- If your kid is drawing with sidewalk chalk please make sure that you clean it up.
- There are NO fire pits allowed. If you have one you will need to get rid of it.
- There is to be nothing flammable near your unit. If you wish to have a grill please grill out in the yard and not on your porch.
- Please do not leave uneaten food out. If you are finished with it throw it away. Leaving multiple days of food out is going to cause bugs.
- Do not disconnect your smoke detectors. If it keeps beeping or you are having issues with it, call the office and turn in a work order. Repeated instances of disconnecting your smoke detector could result in fines being added to your account.
- The Housekeeping Standards still apply to the inside of the unit as well as the outside. While we may only be in your unit every other month, you are still expected to keep your housekeeping up to standards. If you do not have a copy of the Housekeeping Standards, you can call the office and we will provide you a copy.

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!



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## KIDS CORNER

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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2. LEPRECHAUN
3. IRELAND
4. RAINBOW
5. GOLD
6. CELTIC



7. CLOVER
8. IRISH
9. GREEN
10. LUCK
11. JIG
12. COINS