

Housing Hotline

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Office CLOSED:

Dec. 20th – 10:30-3:30 for Office Development
Dec. 24th – 25th – For Christmas
Dec 31st – At 3pm for end of month processing
Jan. 1st – For New Year's Day

Pest Control – Due to the last Wednesday of the month falling on Christmas Day, **pest control and inspections have been moved to Wednesday, December 18th. Consider this your Notice of Entry.**



Smoke Alarms/Carbon Monoxide Detectors – New smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors must be installed before the end of the year. This is a new requirement. Maintenance will be in your units throughout December with electricians to finish installation that started Nov. 4th. Please be sure to remove an abundance of clutter to allow access for where maintenance needs to be to install these new alarms. **Consider this your Notice of Entry.**

Leaving During the Holidays – If you will be away from your unit overnight, please inform the office, especially if there is a chance for freezing weather. **Do not** turn off the heat in your unit when you leave. **Do** leave cabinet doors open to allow heat in those areas.

Scholarships - Scholarship awards are available to public housing residents, participants in rental assistance or similar programs, both heads of household and other family members. Visit the following housing websites: www.swnahro.org and www.phada.org for more information. Deadlines are fast approaching.

Christmas Trees - Please **do not** use any **LIVE** trees as these could become fire hazards. Remember not to nail, hook, or permanently attach inside or outside lights to the unit (you may use non-damaging clips). All holiday decorations must be removed by **Monday, January 13, 2025.**

60-Day/Interim Re-Exams – Attention: Residents on the sixty (60) day interim recertification schedule, please be reminded to keep your appointment and bring your **completed paperwork**. Re-Exams are December 17th and December 18th. It is **YOUR** responsibility to provide requested documentation. If you are experiencing difficulties gathering your paperwork and/or keeping your appointment, you must contact the office before your appointment time. ***Households that do not comply with their lease agreement may be set at flat rate.***

Public Hearing – A public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 10:00am in the Foy Howard Community Center located at 605 Lucas Street (at the main office) to specifically discuss:

- 2025 Annual Plan/Agency Plan
- 5-Year Agency Plan
- Modernizations/Improvements

This is every tenant's opportunity to express cares/concerns about your unit, the area you live, and common areas such as playgrounds and community centers.

WARNING! – There have been attempted thefts around Lucas Circle. It is advised to remove keys from vehicles and keep doors locked. Be mindful of your surroundings. If you see something suspicious, report it to the police.

Recipes – Do you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share? Submit your favorite recipes in person at the office or via email to cha@cha-ar.com for a chance to have your recipe spotlighted in a future newsletter.

Food Distribution – There were several bags of food leftover from the November food distribution. Come by the office in December during normal business hours to pick up a bag of food. First come, first serve.

Fire Hazards – Do NOT use space heaters, the oven, or the stovetop to heat the unit. Space heaters are not allowed. The oven and stovetop are not meant to be a source of heat. Additionally, candles are not allowed in units. You may use a wax warmer, but no open flames are allowed in the units.

Under Sink Storage – Be mindful when storing items under the kitchen and bathroom sinks so the area is not over filled. When that area does become over filled, the plumbing can get knocked loose and cause damage because it is not always easily noticeable at first. Tenants will be responsible for damage that occurs due to over storage under the sink.

Non-Emergency After Hours Calls – There has been a significant increase in non-emergency maintenance calls made after hours and on weekends. For any true emergency maintenance work order, call the numbers on the card you were given at the time of your lease signing. If you do not get an answer, then call the CPD and they will contact the Director. **Do not contact other office personnel** for work orders or emergency maintenance after business hours. Wellness checks should be called into the police department, not Housing Authority maintenance personnel.

What Is An Emergency Work Order? – Work orders that fall under the emergency category are smoke alarms beeping, carbon monoxide detectors going off, plumbing/water issues, electrical, or HVAC/heating issues. This is not an extensive list. Use your best judgment. If you don't know, it is best to call and ask. Maintenance can determine if it is an emergency or if it can wait until regular business hours.

Trash Can - Please remember to “bag” your trash before you place it in your trash can.

Disconnect all garden hoses from outside water faucets before the first heavy frost/freeze. Any tenant whose frozen garden hose causes damage will be responsible for the cost of repair.



From everyone at the CHA,
we wish you the happiest
holiday season.

No Smoking – There is a no smoking policy. You and all guests must be 25 feet or more away from units when smoking. Smoking in units or on porches is prohibited. This includes tenants and their guests.



Marijuana in Public Housing – Reminder: HUD's official stance on medical marijuana is “NO”. **This is a FEDERAL RULE.** Residents of public housing are not allowed to use cannabis, even for medicinal purposes, on public housing property.



This means it does not matter if your doctor wrote you a prescription, neither you nor your guests are allowed to use medical marijuana on public housing property. Do not let your quest's behavior earn you an eviction.

Sickness – If you have a fever or have been sick during the time of pest control or scheduled maintenance/repairs, or have called in a work order, it is extremely important that you inform the office before maintenance arrives at your unit.

Tenant Events

All tenant events will be held at the Foy Howard Community Center.

Christmas Bingo – It's that time of the year again! CHA will host the annual Christmas Bingo on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 from 2-4pm. We will play a couple of games of Musical Bingo and a few rounds of regular Bingo. There will be prizes! Everyone will leave with at least one gift. There will be food! No one should leave with an empty tummy! We hope to see you there! Please RSVP no later than Friday, December 6th.

Christmas Crafts – Try your hand at some Christmas crafts on Monday, December 9th from 2-3pm.

Painting – Come paint on Monday, December 16th from 10-11am.

Coffee & Convo – Join Joel for a cup of Joe Thursday, December 19th from 9-10am.

Community Events

Free Christmas Lunch – The Second Baptist Church in Clarksville will host a FREE lunch on Christmas Day from 11:00am to 1:00pm. The church is located just behind Roller Cox Funeral Home.

Christmas Parades – The Clarksville Christmas Parade 2024 is December 7th at 5pm. The parade will go through Main Street and down to the Spadra Bridge. This year's theme is I'll Be Gnome for Christmas. The Coal Hill Christmas Parade is December 1st at 2pm. Pictures with Santa at City Hall will be immediately after the parade. The Oark Christmas Parade is December 14th at 11am. Visits with Santa will immediately follow the parade. The Lamar Christmas Parade is December 21st at 2pm. Visits with Santa at City Hall immediately follow the parade.

Community Christmas Movie Event – Link Church will host four movies on Saturday, December 14th. Doors open at 1:15 for the 2pm showing of The Grinch and The Star and 3:15 for the 4pm showing of Elf and The Polar Express. It will be held at 2424 W. Clark Rd in Clarksville at the old movie theatre. Admission and concessions are free. You can pre-register on Facebook. Walkup tickets will be limited. There will be a photo opportunity with the Grinch.

Cookies & Cocoa with Santa – Join Santa for holiday goodies and get your photo taken at the courthouse after the Clarksville Parade on December 7th.

Quiet Zone – There is a QUIET ZONE for the Clarksville Parade located at the beginning of the parade and ends at the J.C. Bargain Outlet. This is helpful for anyone with sensitivity to flashing lights, loud sounds, large crowds, etc.

Lunch with Santa – December 7th from 11am-1pm at the Hagarville Community Center enjoy lunch with Santa. Lunch is ham or turkey and cheese sandwiches, chips, and punch. After lunch, you can decorate Christmas cookies and make ornaments. Afterwards, you can have your picture taken with Santa.

Storytime with the Grinch – Enjoy story time with the Grinch at 10am on December 19th at the Johnson County Public Library.

Recipes

Tortellini Soup

Ingredients:

- 1lb Italian sausage (browned & drained)
- 2 cans Italian diced tomatoes
- 4 cups vegetable or chicken broth
- 8 oz cream cheese (cubed)
- 4 cups fresh spinach
- 1 bag frozen cheese tortellini

Instructions:

1. Place everything except for the tortellini & spinach into slow cooker.
2. Cook on low for 4 hours.
3. Add tortellini and spinach and cook for additional 30 minutes.

Taco Soup

Ingredients:

- 1lb ground beef
- 1 onion diced
- 16oz pinto beans (drained & rinsed)
- 10oz Rotel
- 8oz tomato sauce
- 4oz green Chile peppers (diced)
- 2 cups beef broth
- ¾ cup frozen corn
- ¾ cup green pepper (diced, or ½ small green pepper)
- 1pkg taco seasoning mix (or homemade)

Instructions

1. In a large pot, brown ground beef with onion until no pink remains.
2. Drain off any excess fat.
3. Add remaining ingredients to the pot. Bring to a boil. Turn down to simmer for 15-20 mins.

Notes: Leftovers can be stored in fridge for 3 days. Freeze for up to 2 months. Thaw and reheat on stove.



December



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 <u>Rent Due</u>	3	4	5	6 <u>Delinquent Letters</u>	7
8	9 Crafts 2-3pm	10 <u>Late Fees Added</u>	11 Christmas Bingo 2-4pm	12	13 <u>Eviction Letters</u>	14
15	16 Painting 10-11am	17	18 <u>Pest Control & Inspections</u> 	19 Coffee & Convo 9-10am	20 <u>Office Closed</u> 10:30-3:30	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
						
29	30	31 <u>Office Closed at 3pm to foot traffic</u>				