

HOUSING HOTLINE

JANUARY

2025

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Office CLOSED:

Jan. 1st – New Year's Day

Jan. 20th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 31st – At 3pm for end of month processing

*** If roads are bad due to ice/snow, call the office before visiting, as we may not be open. ***

Public Hearing – A public hearing will be held on Monday, January 20, 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, area you live in, and common areas such as playgrounds and community centers.

Holiday Decorations - All holiday decorations must be removed by **Monday, January 13, 2025**.

Freezing Weather – During freezing weather, be sure to leave the doors open to the back porch/storage area and the front coat closet in the living room. This will help the pipes to not freeze and could keep your unit from flooding.

Water Heater – Reminder "hot water" travels through colder pipes during winter months. It may appear you run out of hot water more quickly. If you have hot water at your kitchen sink and in your shower, then the water heater is working normally. If you still feel you are having a problem, please call the office and ask for a work order. Maintenance is limited by industry standards for temperature settings to ensure safety.

WARNING: Your oven is NOT for storage. Your oven should never store anything other than bakeware. It is for cooking purposes only. Even more importantly NEVER put paper or plastic in your oven! THIS IS A FIRE HAZARD! Always open your oven and check to be sure nothing is inside before you turn on your oven.

Fire Hazards – Do **NOT** use space heaters, ovens, or stovetops 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 units.

Thermostat Settings – Leave your thermostat set on AUTO heat and the temperature you want. Do not turn your thermostat off when you are going to be absent from the unit during cold weather possibilities. Please be reminded YOU are responsible for damages incurred from negligence. *If maintenance comes to your home for an after-hours call because you have not turned your thermostat on – you may expect a charge for that trip.* If you do not know how to turn your thermostat on/off – call during work hours and maintenance will gladly explain your thermostat. Also, if the outside temperature drops below 35°, you should set your thermostat to the Emergency Heat setting IF your thermostat has that option. (Remember not all thermostats are the same, so yours may not have that option.)

Emergency Planning – Remember to keep a few extra supplies on hand just in case weather turns bad. Some examples are water bottles, toilet paper, paper towels, medicines, non-perishable food that is easy open and requires no cooking.

Freezing Pipes – When the temperature falls below 25°F, please remember the following:

- Open the doors to your kitchen sink and bathroom vanity.
- Turn the faucets in the kitchen sink, bathroom vanity, and shower/tub to a slow drip. (CHA pays for the water.)
- Leave the heat lamp in the storage room on if you have one. (Not all units are designed like that.)
- If you leave your unit overnight, please leave the heat on no lower than 60°F.

REMEMBER: Storage rooms doors should remain closed at all times.

IMPORTANT

If you are unsure if the office may or may not be open due to weather, call 479-754-3564 before traveling in possibly unsafe conditions.

TENANT EVENTS

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

Bingo – Bingo will be held on Tuesday, January 7th and Friday, January 24th from 2-3pm. Both days will be “for fun” only. No prizes given.

Cards – Come play a few hands of cards on Friday, January 10th and Tuesday, January 28th from 2-3pm.

Dominos – Play Dominos on Wednesday, January 15th from 2-3pm.

Coffee & Conversation – Get a cup of coffee and have a conversation with Family Resource Coordinator Joel Ostendorf on Friday, January 17th from 10-11am.

Lunch with Speaker – Lunch will be served on Thursday, January 23rd from 12:00–1:00pm. David Smothers from the Arkansas State Police will be speaking. RSVP to this event no later than Thursday, January 16th. A headcount is required. Call the office to RSVP. Simply leave your name with how many from your household will attend the luncheon. *** IF YOU DO NOT RSVP TO THIS EVENT, THERE MAY NOT BE ENOUGH FOOD FOR YOU. ***

Happy New Year from the
Clarksville Housing Authority!

May 2025 bring you joy,
happiness, and health!



Scholarships - Scholarship awards are available to public housing residents, participants in rental assistance or similar programs for heads of household and other family members. Visit the following housing websites: www.swnahro.org and www.phada.org for more information. **The deadline for the PHADA scholarship is January 24, 2025. The deadline for the Southwest NAHRO scholarship is March 14, 2025.**

Superstitions

There are many superstitions surrounding New Year's from all over the globe. Here are a few of the more popular from the United States and from around the world:

1. **Midnight Kiss:** Kissing someone at midnight is said to ensure the relationship will last all year.
2. **Eat 12 Grapes:** This tradition originated in Spain. Eating 12 grapes ensures good luck for each month of the year.
3. **Eat Collard Greens & Black-Eyed Peas:** Eating collard greens & black-eyed peas on New Year's Day is said to bring prosperity and well-being.
4. **Clean your House Before Midnight:** In Japan, this tradition is called “osoji”. This is from the belief that a clean home help purify the space and prepare it for a fresh start in the new year.
5. **Put Mistletoe Under Your Pillow:** In Ireland people put a spring of mistletoe, holly, or ivy under their pillows on New Year's Eve, so they'll dream of their future love.
6. **Wear White:** In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil it is said to wear white on New Year's Eve to attract peace for the coming year.
7. **Drizzle Honey on a Dish:** Drizzling honey on a New Year's Eve dish is said to ensure “sweetness” for the year ahead. This tradition dates all the way back to Roman times!
8. **Write a Letter to Yourself:** Write a letter to yourself for you to open the next New Year. It can be reflective on the past year, goal-oriented, or just capturing the current moment for your future self to remember.

January



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
HAPPY <i>New Year</i>			1 Office Closed (New Year's)	2 Rent Due	3	4
5	6	7 Bingo 2-3pm	8 Delinquent Letters	9	10 Late Fees Added Cards 2-3pm	11
12	13 Holiday decorations must be removed.	14	15 Eviction Letters Dominos 2-3pm	16	17 Coffee & Convo 10-11am	18
19	20 Public Hearing 10am Office Closed	21	22	23 Lunch with Guest Speaker 12-1pm	24 Bingo 2-3pm	25
26	27	28 Cards 2-3pm	29 Presto-X & Inspections 	30	31 Office Closed at 3pm to foot traffic	