

HOUSING HOTLINE

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After Hours Work Orders

Please be reminded that maintenance after hours calls are for maintenance emergencies only, not for tenant related domestic issues. If you need to report anything other than maintenance, please call the office.

Welcome New Staff Member Tiffany Dorsett.

Mrs. Dorsett begins her new duties as AA/RIC (Administrative Assistant/Resident Initiative Clerk) on February 28, 2022. Her first days of work will be a little hectic since it will be during rent collection. Please be patient through the training process.

Presto-X/HVAC Filters

As you may have noticed, maintenance did not enter units last Wednesday (pest control did not happen) because of the inclement weather we received. With that being said, all units will be treated on **March 30th**. HVAC air filters will be changed at this time also.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. Community Center (located at 605 Lucas Street – the main office) to specifically discuss

- 2022 Annual Plan/Agency Plan
- 5-Year Agency Plan

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. This will be our first large group meeting in the community center since

Covid-19 caused the closure of most group meeting spaces; therefore, **masks will be mandatory**. This will also serve as a "meet and greet" for new staff member Tiffany Dorsett and recently promoted staff member Angie Holland. Door prizes will be drawn at the end of the public hearing. Only CHA tenants eligible to win door prizes and they must be present to win.

High Electric and/or Gas Bill

If your household is experiencing a hardship due to unexpected increase in utilities, call ARVAC, Inc. They currently have two (2) programs and you may be eligible for both. For more information contact ARVAC, Inc. at 479-219-5292. The Clarksville branch office of ARVAC, Inc. is currently undergoing staff training and that is why you are asked to call the Dardanelle office at 479-219-5292 (option 4).

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LI-HEAP)

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LI-HEAP) is designed to assist low-income individuals with keeping heat in their homes in the winter and cooling in the summer with the goal of preventing a potential utility shut-off or restoring home energy. **Individuals who meet the federal poverty income guidelines may apply to receive a one-time payment applied to their utility bill.** *Request our office print a TTP sheet to provide proof of eligibility for low-income housing.*

LI-HEAP Crisis (Crisis Intervention Program)

The Crisis Intervention Program prevents utility shut-offs through service loss prevention. Applicants must meet the same income

guidelines as for the regular LI-HEAP Program and not have received Crisis Intervention assistance in the current fiscal year.

Curb Appeal

Maintenance has asked that reminders be sent out about having too much stuff piled against the units or flower/vegetable beds reaching too far in the yard.

It is not easy for any staff member (including maintenance) to ask someone who has a “green thumb” to stop planting all around their unit; however, this is public housing and we must maintain consistency with our units. Consider March a time of new beginnings, a time to tidy up around your unit. Remember flower beds are only to be next to front or back porch area and not to exceed what would be considered a small flower bed. Containers may be used for flowers or vegetables; however, they must be limited to same area – next to the porch.

Yes, tenants are allowed to have lawn furniture outside as long as the tenant keeps the grass under/around the furniture clipped. Storage of items such as ladders, empty containers, etc. should be in your storage room.

Dog Ties

Reminder, do not stake or tie your dog(s) outside. If a lawnmower or weed eater is damaged because it hits a dog tie you can expect to receive a bill for the repairs. Maintenance has been instructed to remove dog ties when they see them.



Yard Sale - March 11th and 12th

Please take this opportunity to get rid of things that may be sitting around collecting dust or taking up space. The yard sales will run from Friday, March 11th through Saturday, March 12th. All items must be removed by 5:00 p.m. on

Saturday. Please remove any signs you may have posted.

Daylight Savings Time

Spring Forward 1 Hour on your clock before going to bed on Saturday, March 12th. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 13th. Or, you can turn the clock forward 1 hour on Sunday morning. Whatever you do, don't forget to change your clocks!

Severe Weather Week

The National Weather Service (NWS), in cooperation with the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM), has proclaimed February 27-March 5, 2022 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Arkansas. Citizens of the state are urged to prepare for the severe weather season. **Below are 12 suggested ways to prepare:**

1. Sign up for Alerts and Warnings
2. Make A Plan
3. Save for a Rainy Day
4. Practice Emergency Drills
5. Test Family Communication Plan
6. Safeguard Documents
7. Plan with Neighbors
8. Make Your Home Safer
9. Know Evacuation Routes
10. Assemble or Update Supplies
11. Get Involved in Your Community
12. Document and Insure Personal Property

Find more suggestions and information on the website “Ready.gov”.


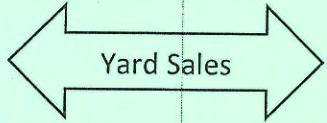





NATIONAL DRESS IN BLUE DAY

In an effort to knock out one of the top cancers causing death, National Dress in Blue Day on the first Friday in March encourages everyone to learn about the causes of colon cancer and raise awareness by wearing blue. The American Cancer Society and the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommend everyone 45 years and older should start screening for colorectal cancer (CRC).



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 RENT DUE	2	3	4 	5
6	7 Delinquent Letters	8	9 Add Late Fees	10	11 	12
13  Daylight Savings Time Begins: 1 hour ahead	14 Eviction Letters	15 "Beware the Ides of March"	16	17 2:30 Public Hearing – Community Center/Office 	18	19
20 First Day of Spring 	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Eviction Deadline	29	30 Presto-X Pest Control & Filters in All Units 	31 CLOSED After 12 noon to foot traffic (End of Month Processing)	History confirms that because Roman society was superstitious, the real-life dictator Julius Caesar employed a seer named Spurinna, who repeatedly warned him about impending treachery for a month leading up to the ides of March. 	

Leprechauns (also leprecauns or lepracauns) are figures in Irish folklore who guard hidden treasure. Regarded as small and incredibly agile male fairies or goblins, they most often guard a pot of gold. Living solitary lives, a leprechaun can be a source of mischief for the unwary and they are infamous for being extremely difficult to catch or trap. Even if they are caught, the captor must keep them always within sight or they will not give away the location of their treasure, usually a crock of gold coins. Leprechauns share many characteristics with more ancient creatures from Irish-Celtic and wider European mythology, but since the 19th century CE, they have risen to the dominant position of being the most recognizable symbol of Irish folklore.



Fruits

Y	R	R	E	B	P	S	A	R	T	E	A	L	M	BLACKBERRY
A	E	N	B	L	A	C	K	B	E	R	R	Y	I	LIME
B	I	P	E	N	B	W	G	A	A	R	R	W	E	WATERMELON
R	R	A	E	A	O	A	A	Y	N	P	R	A	N	BLUEBERRY
R	E	K	W	C	O	T	O	S	A	A	L	P	G	PAPAYA
B	R	I	I	A	Y	E	B	T	N	P	E	P	R	KIWI
W	O	W	Y	A	R	R	L	R	A	A	M	L	A	ORANGE
W	R	I	N	R	R	M	U	A	B	Y	O	E	P	RASPBERRY
R	A	K	O	O	B	E	E	W	L	A	N	B	E	APPLE
P	N	L	L	C	I	L	B	B	K	E	E	R	G	BANANA
A	G	B	C	I	I	O	E	E	B	R	E	Y	A	STRAWBERRY
R	E	E	E	B	M	N	R	R	R	S	E	O	I	GRAPE
A	O	E	N	K	O	E	R	R	E	G	N	C	E	LEMON
C	E	G	B	Y	B	M	Y	Y	I	E	O	Y	E	