Housing Hotline

Clarksville Housing Authority 605 Lucas Street Clarksville, AR 72830 Shelly Wood, Executive Director



Check out our website: cha-ar.com **February** 2024 Phone (479) 754-3564 Fax (479) 754-3963

Office CLOSED:

Feb. 19th – President's Day Feb. 29th – At 3pm for end of month processing *** If roads are bad due to ice/snow, please call the office before visiting, as we may not be open. ***

<u>Public Hearing</u> – The public hearing scheduled for January has been rescheduled for <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>February 20, 2024 at 10:00am</u> in the Foy Howard Community Center located at 605 Lucas Street (at the main office) to specifically discuss:

- 2024 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.

Food Distribution - The food distribution for January was postponed due to the weather. Bags will be distributed after the Public Hearing on February 20th. As the Thursday, January newsletter stated, if a tenant is unable to attend the Public Hearing (Ex: sickness, doctor's appointment, attended class or work), a friend may pick up your bag. You must call the office to let us know ahead of time. If you are homebound and cannot make arrangements for someone to pick up your bag, we will deliver this one time only. Please remember, many of the items are donated, so each bag will be different.

Financial Planning - A guest speaker, Janet

Williams, from Regions Bank will be at the Foy Howard Community Center On Tuesday, February 6th at 1:15pm. Mrs. Williams will educate on identifying



email and text message fraud. Everyone who attends will have their name put in for a door prize drawing.

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 onetime payment applied to their utility bill. More information can be found by calling 1-866-674-6327. also An email can be sent to energyassistance@ncat.org. Be sure to include your city, county, and state in the email. Request our office print a TTP sheet to provide proof of eligibility for low-income housing.

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 <u>completed</u> <u>paperwork</u>. Re-Exams are February 14th & 15th. 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 <u>before</u> your appointment time. *Households that do not comply with their lease agreement may be set at flat rate.*

From the Executive Director:

It has come to my attention that many of you are out of compliance with your lease agreement concerning recertifications. If you show up to your appointment without the required documentation, paperwork not filled out or anything preventing us from completing your recertification, you will sign your paperwork with Flat Rent. You will no longer be accommodated in noncompliance.

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Flat Rent Rates – The new flat rent rates are:

Studio & 0 Bedroom:	\$612.00
1 Bedroom:	\$628.00
2 Bedroom:	\$825.00
3 Bedroom:	\$1,050.00

Storage Room Heaters – If your storage room has a heater, please <u>do not change the settings</u> on it. Maintenance monitors these heaters to keep pipes from busting. If you have questions, feel free to call the office. Not every unit is the same, so your unit may not have a heater in the storage room and that is okay.

<u>Scholarships</u> - Scholarship awards are available to public housing residents, participants in rental assistance or similar programs, both heads of household and other family members. Visit www.swnahro.org for more information. The deadline for this scholarship is March 24, 2023.

What's Happening – Our new Family Resource Coordinator, Joel Ostendorf, has some fun things in the works! Be sure to check the calendar every month so you don't miss out on anything. It is a good idea to put the calendar on your refrigerator, so it's easily seen and not forgotten. Unless otherwise stated, these events will be held in the Foy Howard Community Center (at the main office) at 605 Lucas Street.

Feb. $1^{st} - 8:30-9:30am - Coffee & Donuts$ Feb. $2^{nd} - 8:30-9:30am - Coffee & Donuts$ Feb. $15^{th} - 1:00-3:30pm - Valentine's Dance$ Feb. $27^{th} - 8:30-9:30am - Coffee & Donuts$ Feb. $29^{th} - 12:00-1:00pm - Chili Dog Lunch$

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		Financial Planning 1:15pm	Delinquent Letters		Late Fees	
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			Eviction Letters	Valentine's Dance 1:00-3:30pm		
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18	19 CLOSED	20 Breakfast 9:30	21	22	23	24
	President's Day	Public Hearing 10:00				
25	26	27	28	29		
		Coffee & Donuts	Pest Control & Inspections	Chili Dog Lunch 12:00-1:00pm		
		8:30-9:30am	- Qr	Office Closed at 3pm to foot traffic		

<u>We Want To Hear From You!</u> – What type of events would YOU enjoy? What hobbies interest you? Do you prefer a certain game or food? Let us know! Feel free to call 479-754-3564 or shoot an email to cha@cha-ar.com. We can't promise to fulfill every request, but we would love to see what we can make happen!

Valentine's Dance – On Feb. 15th from 1:00-3:30pm, come to the Foy Howard Community Center prepared to dance away! We look forward to seeing everyone! Dress up in your favorite Valentine's Day apparel for a little bit of fun. Snacks will be provided. <u>Chili Dog Lunch</u> – Join our new Family Resource Coordinator, Joel Ostendorf, for lunch on Feb. 29th from 12:00-1:00pm. The menu is chili dogs and chips. Joel will also have guest speaker, Corporal Jimmy Harmon, talk with everyone about the duties of a School Resource Officer (SRO). There will be an opportunity for questions at the end.

Breakfast – Swing by the Foy Howard Community Center on Tuesday, February 20th for breakfast! Breakfast will be served at 9:30am. Immediately following breakfast is the Public Hearing at 10:00am. The morning will end with a food distribution. You do not want to miss this!



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