

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 9, 2026**, at 4pm. Remember, the council represents you the tenant. So this is your time to voice concerns, share ideas or just meet new friends. Pot Luck will now be prior to the Resident Council Meeting. Call Tenant Services at (423) 532-8001 for more information. So, 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

An important HUD inspection is coming up on April 9th and 10th. So, we have the whole month of March to get ready. If there are any work orders or repairs that need to be done, please call them in now. Don't wait until the day before the inspection to call them in. We will begin mowing soon. So, let's make sure that we get our yards cleaned up. **Store your items in your storage building not behind your unit or on your porches.** Only outdoor items can be stored outside and it must be on your porch, not in the yard. This will be enforced. 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 is yours or not, you will be charged plus any damage it may cause to the mowers. This also includes animal/dog waste. Being a responsible pet owner by the lease means you must pick up your dog's poop and no dumping cat litter on the property. Let's take some pride and make our community look good. Trash in parking spaces and cigarette butts in front of your house is considered trash too. I will be going around with maintenance personally and if we have to pick up trash out of your yard, you will be charged. Also, I will be starting to go around and identify satellites and antennas. If you have a satellite or antenna, you will need to have an updated form filled out plus the required non-refundable \$100 deposit for it if the antenna or satellite is installed outside.

Sincerely,

Walter L. Cole

Executive Director



RENT PAYMENT THINGS TO REMEMBER

Please make sure to 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 compassionate 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.....

Hopefully everyone has thawed out from February. I bet everyone is looking forward to warmer weather I know I sure am! With the warmer weather finally getting here please keep these things in mind.....

- On the calendar there is a reminder of when trash day is in your area. You are to put the trash to the curb the night before trash day. Once your trash is picked up you are to put your trash can back behind your unit or at the side of your unit within 24 hours after trash pick up. If you leave your trashcan at the curb for longer than the 24 hours you will be fined \$10.
- Remember, you are to have outside furniture only on either of your porches/patios. If you have children's bikes outside please make sure they are stored neatly.
- Speaking of kids' toys. If your kids are done riding their bikes please make sure that they don't leave them laying in the yard. We will have mowing season starting and if the mowers have to pick toys up out of your yard, you will be fined.
- We cannot stress enough how important it is that each one of you take pride in your community. Keep the area around your unit free of trash and/or debris. Sweep down the cobwebs around the doors and windows of your unit. Take pride in your home.
- With the warmer weather please make sure that if your children are playing outside they do so in their own yard. Don't let your children be disruptive to the neighborhood and don't leave your children to play outside unsupervised. The neighborhood is not your babysitter.

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 MELISSA VENERABLE, OCCUPANCY COORDINATOR

- **Annual recertifications are conducted IN OFFICE. Your appointment time along with a check list of items you need to provide will be sent to you. If you need to re-schedule for good reason then please contact me PRIOR to your appointment. And don't forget to bring all your documents with you to your appointment.**
- If you do not provide all the necessary documents at your recertification appointment you will not sign any forms and your recertification will remain incomplete until you provide what has been requested of you. Remember, if you cause the delay in the recertification, you could be asked to find housing elsewhere.
- If you have a checking or savings account please provide a COMPLETE bank statement and not an account history. They are not the same things. This includes any Cash App, Venmo, Apple Pay, etc.
- 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 are emailing documents make sure to explain whether you have rent increase or decrease.
- 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.
- If you have questions, you can call me at extension 2 or you can reach me by email at mvenerable@nhatoday.com.

Melissa Venerable,
Occupancy Coordinator

A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING FOR EVERYONE!



Don't forget that our Bryant Town Boutique is open on Wednesdays 10am to 4pm. We also have a boutique located at 375 Alex Street that is open on Mondays 9am to 2pm. There's lots of good stuff at both locations and it's FREE! Be sure to stop by and see us. We look forward to seeing you!



KIDS CORNER



St. Patrick's Day Word Search



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