

NHA Today

NHARAC

440 Lennon Circle, Newport, TN 37821

423-623-1575

 April 2026

COME JOIN US! On the second Monday of every month the Newport Housing Authority Resident Advisory Council meets. Our next meeting will be **Monday, April 13, 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**

First, just a reminder that the HUD INSPECTION is April 9th (Thursday) and April 10th (Friday). Properties will be mowed now on a bi-weekly basis, sometimes weekly, so please keep your yards free of trash and debris which includes bicycles, basketball goals, children's toys, dog chains, animal feces, and etc... If we or the mowers have to pick up items in your yard, you will be charged up to \$45. No indoor furniture and/or clutter on your front and/or back porches. There should be nothing stored in your yard or up against your house and this includes flower pots. This will be enforced. The NHA will also have a Public Hearing on the 5 Year Annual Plan and the 2025 Capital Fund Agency Plan. The Public Hearing is set for Monday, April 27th at 11:30 a.m. at the Main Office. You are more than welcome to attend but are not required. Don't forget that Spray Day this month will be April 7th and 8th.

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.



Newport Housing Authority
440 Lennon Circle
Newport TN, 37821
423-623-1575

April 1, 2026

VERY IMPORTANT

HUD NSPIRE INSPECTION NOTICE



When: April 9th and 10th, 2026

Every Unit Must Be Ready and Accessible

Things they will be looking at

- *Clean Home and not cluttered*
 - *Clean yards, no trash or garbage in front or back*
 - *Loose Toilets and everything works in Home*
 - *Windows and doors not blocked by furniture*
 - *Do not block Wall Heaters if you have them*
 - *No water leaks or leaking fixtures*
 - *No indoor Furniture on Porches*
 - *Smoke Detectors not working or missing*
- Do not wait till the day before to call in work orders, call the work orders in today
(423) 623-1575 ext 1.*



ALERT!

Note: This is your minimum 48 hour advance notice that is required by your lease. Do not lock your screen doors to try to prevent from being inspected as that will be considered a lease violation. If you have any questions, please call 423-623-1575



FROM THE DESK OF ANDREA TAYLOR, HOUSING MANAGER

A few reminders.....

- Inoperable vehicles are not allowed on NHA property. In the next few weeks I will be going around the different areas and looking to see if there are any vehicles that have not been moved in awhile. Those vehicles will be tagged and you will have 48 hours to remove that vehicle from NHA property. If you do not remove the vehicle it will be towed at your expense. If you are unsure of what the Vehicle/Parking Policy states you can come by the office and I will be more than happy to provide you with a copy of the policy.
- We have put in several of the newsletter to be respectful of your neighbors. This includes while you are inside your apartment as well. Loud TVs, barking dogs, etc. can be disruptive. Sometimes those things can't be helped but try to be mindful of your neighbors.
- Now that spring has sprung please make sure that if your children are playing outside that you are watching them.
- Dogs are not to be tied up outside and left unattended. Every resident is inside the city limits. Therefore, dogs must be on a leash at all times and under the owners control. That means don't let your dog out at 3 am to go to the bathroom and leave them out there. Animal control will be contacted for dogs found running loose. And you could be asked to find your dog another home if you can't be a responsible pet owner.
- The NHA has had a No Smoking Policy for some time now. Remember, you cannot smoke inside your unit. If you or your company smokes, you are to do it outside and make sure to dispose of your cigarette ducts properly. Don't throw it in your yard or your neighbor's yard.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me at (423) 623-1575 ext. 3.

Sincerely,

Andrea E Taylor, PHM

Housing Manager



Looking for work.....

Search for jobs and apply online at dejobs.org

TEEN TECHNICAL CAMP



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF DUMPLIN VALLEY



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST | 10:30AM-4PM

Join us for our Teen Technical Camp this Spring Break at South College to explore career pathways, tour the college, and gain hands-on experience!



LUNCH PROVIDED

FREE!

CAREER EXPLORATION

- Nursing
- Criminal Justice
- Stop the Bleed Certification
- Psychology
- Education
- Business
- And more!

**Open to all teens 13
and up!**



SOUTH COLLEGE
3904 Lonas Drive
Knoxville, TN 37909

SIGN UP TODAY  amarsh@bgcdumplinvalley.org  865-761-0143 ext. 501



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!

Here comes the ABC Bus!

Parents
could WIN a
\$50 Rent
Voucher



**APRIL 11
SATURDAY**

1 PM
Bryant Town

2 PM
Northport

FREE- PLAY ON THE ABC BUS

SNACKS * Crafts * STEM activities

Coloring * Books And More!

2 neighborhood stops!

FREE NUTRITION CLASS

Would you like to learn how to eat healthy, move more, and save money on food?

University of Tennessee Extension is conducting a research study and we are looking for adults who would be interested in taking a series of 6 online nutrition education classes.



Learn more about this opportunity by participating in an information session held on:

Date: **April 17, 2026**

Time: **1:00 pm**

Site Location: **Rhea Mims Hotel
335 East Broadway**



For more information about this project please contact Dr. Erin King at eking51@utk.edu or Dr. Karen Franck at kfranck@utk.edu (865)-654-1089



Participants must be at least 18 years old and have access to the internet.

FREE

**FRONTLINE FLEA & TICK MEDICATION
FOR DOGS & CATS**

WILL BE GIVEN OUT while supplies last

April 11 Saturday

11:00 to 12:00 Boys & Girls Club

12:30 to 1:00 Bryant Town Boutique

BRING RABIES CERTIFICATES FOR DOGS & CATS

**DOGS - YOU MUST BRING YOUR DOG TO BE
WEIGHED. DOGS MUST BE AT LEAST 5 LBS &
AT LEAST 8 WEEKS OLD. BRING RABIES CERTIFICATE.**

**CATS – YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BRING YOUR CAT BUT
YOU MUST BRING YOUR RABIES CERTIFICATE.**

NHA's "Great PROMise" 2026

Let the NHA Assist or Help You For

PROM

Ladies

Find that Perfect Dress

Makeup Application

Fix Your Hair

Accessories

Pictures



Gentlemen

Low Cost Tuxedo Rentals

Suit Jacket Assistance

Dress Shoes

Corsages

Pictures

For all Juniors and Seniors that live in the Newport Housing Authority. We understand that the PROM can be very expensive and stressful. The NHA wants to help make sure that your PROM is special. The NHA can't guarantee that everything will be free, but we will do everything that we can to try to help make it a night to remember.

More Information on how we might be able to help their PROM be special, call 423-532-8001

Cocke County's Prom

May 2, 2026

Cocke County High School

-High School-

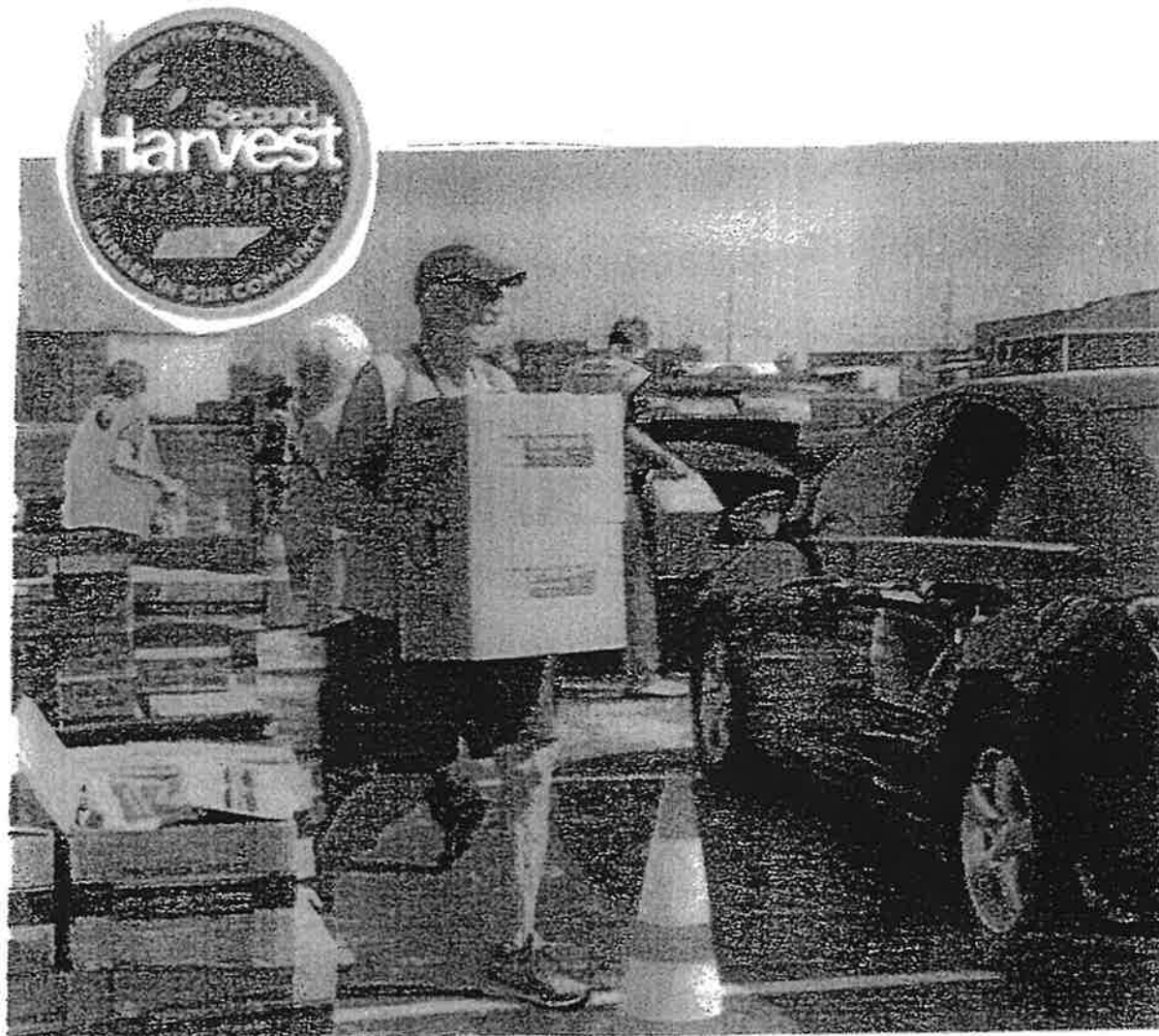
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-Location-

Cosby's Prom

April 18, 2026

The Ridge in Sevierville



**The Second Harvest Food Bank of East TN
holds monthly food distributions at the
Cocke County Fairgrounds in Newport**

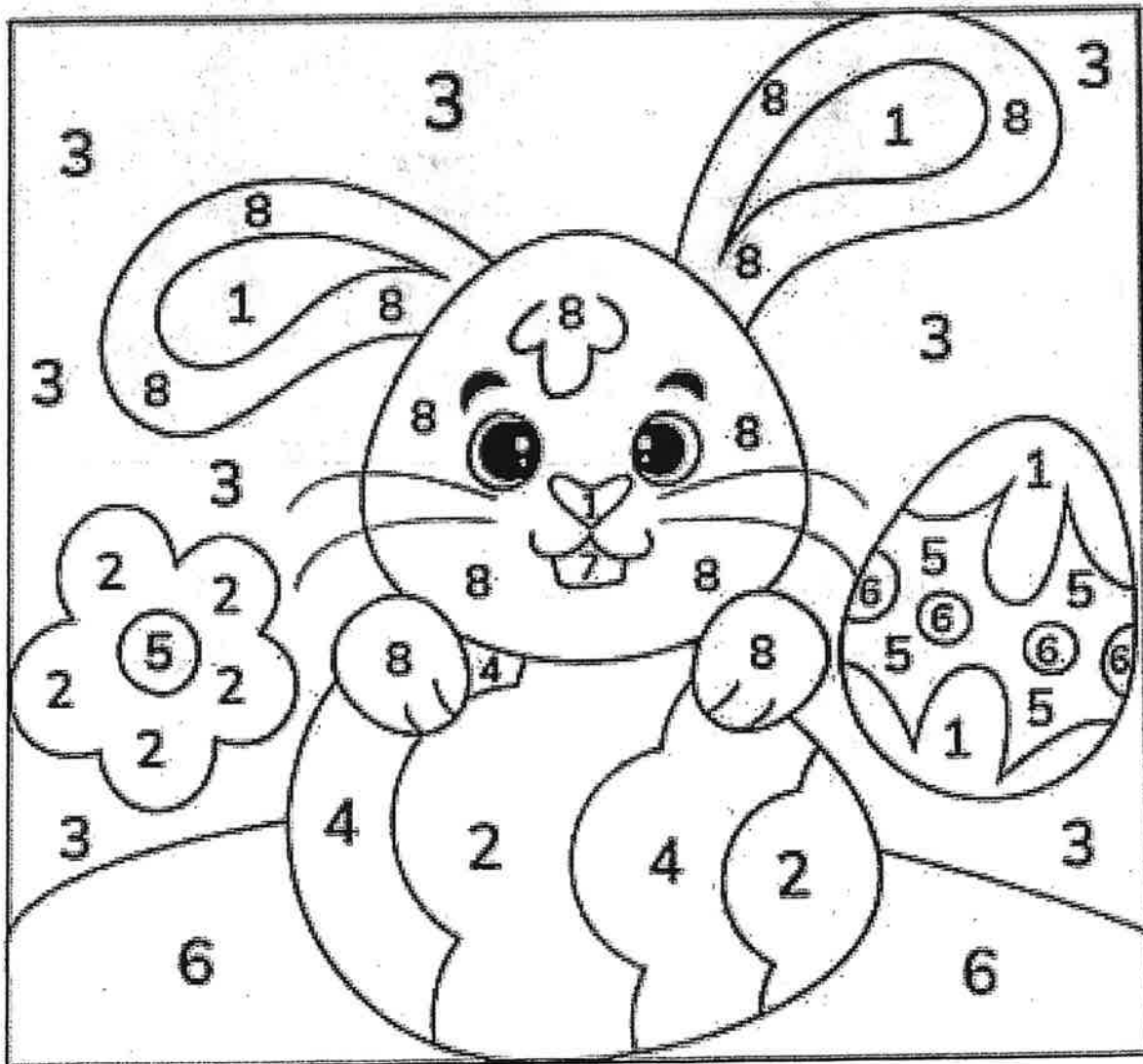
**4th Tuesday of each month
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
or until the food runs out.**



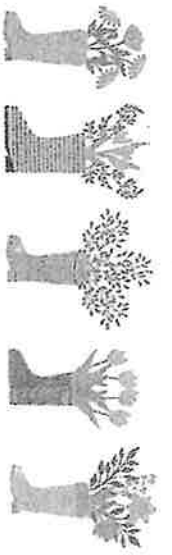
KIDS CORNER

Name: _____ Date: _____

Color By Number Easter Bunny



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| 1 Pink | 2 Yellow | 3 Blue | 4 Light Purple |
| 5 Orange | 6 Green | 7 White | 8 Tan |



April 2026

Trash Pick Up

Days:

Monday: Larmie, Musterfield, Gregg Lane, Lamons Graham, Nutmeg, Alex, Cooper, Lamaster, Driskill, Whitson, Harper, Briggs, Swagerty and Lenon.

Wednesday:

Masters, Runnion, Bowman, and Myers

Ban List Additions

* A copy of the full list is located at our website nhatoday.com as well as our Main Office.

Scan for complete Newsletter



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4

5	6-Tenant Services Mini Boutique Open 9am-2pm	7-Spray Day	8-Spray Day Bryant Town Boutique Open 10am-4pm	9-HUD Inspire Inspection	10-HUD Inspire Inspection	11-ABC Bus 1pm Bryant Town 2pm Northport
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12	13-Tenant Services Mini Boutique Open 9am-2pm 3pm Pot Luck 4pm Resident Council & Bingo	14	15-Bryant Town Boutique Open 10am-4pm	16-Swanslyvania	17-Rhea Mims Hotel-1pm Nutrition Class	18
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19	20-Tenant Services Mini Boutique Open 9am-2pm	21	22-Bryant Town Boutique Open 10am-4pm	23	24	25
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26	27-Tenant Services Mini Boutique Open 9am-2pm	28	29-Bryant Town Boutique Open 10am-4pm	30		
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