

February 2024

Community Newsletter



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Tennessee Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities (TAHRA) in partnership with the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) present:



JADE ATKINS - WON 3RD PLACE IN 2023

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 29, 2024

PRIZES FOR EACH SELECTION CATEGORY:

1ST PLACE: \$100

2ND PLACE: \$75

3RD PLACE: \$50

Winners from each Selection Category will be selected based on how well the artwork reflects "What Home Means to Me" and will move on for the regional-level competition.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

All posters, narratives, and applications **MUST** be postmarked, hand-delivered, or received by 4:00pm on Friday, March 29, 2024.

MAIL TO:

Lawrenceburg Housing Authority

ATTN: Alex Gillespie

P.O. Drawer C

Lawrenceburg, TN 38464

If you have any questions, please email Alex at businesshr@lawrenceburgha.org.

WHAT HOME MEANS TO ME

POSTER CONTEST

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all children grades K-12 residing in affordable housing assisted directly or supported under community development and affordable housing programs administered by a NAHRO Member authority (i.e. public housing, Section 8/HCV-assisted housing, CDBG, HOME, LIHTC.)

SPECIFICATIONS:

Theme: "What Home Means to Me"

Poster size must be 22" x 28" and in Landscape/Horizontal orientation to be considered for national judging.

Contestant may use marker, crayon, paint, or colored pencils. Please consider posters will need to be packaged and mailed flat. All contestants must fill out/sign the application and photo release, as well as complete a short summary on the inspiration/vision of their submission. The contestant's name, grade level, age, and housing authority must be written on the back of their poster.

SELECTION CATEGORIES:

Elementary School: K-5th Grade

Middle School: 6th-8th Grade

High School: 9th-12th Grade





TRESPASS LIST UPDATES

can be viewed online at TVHSTN.org or at the
Main Office – 600 Sulphur Springs Rd.



Community Cares

here to help you!

Serving individuals with disabilities and seniors 55+ for one (1) hour per week by providing:

- **Companionship:** When you express you feel supported and less alone.
- **Light Housekeeping:** If you have difficulty cleaning hard to reach places, or just need a little extra help getting your to-do list completed, we can help!
- **Grocery Shopping:** Getting all those groceries to and from your home can be difficult for some. We're happy to assist you!
- **Paperwork & Other Assistance:** Sometimes paperwork can be troublesome. Your Community Cares member can help! Also assist in commodity sign ups, LIHEAP applications, Christmas Box sign ups & more.

Contact Kathy Dinkins for assistance
(423)353-5476 or (423)586-5115 ext.
8026

If you would like to sign-up for Commodities please make sure to call!



Email & Phone Number

Please remember to update your contact information! This will help us get in contact with you as quickly as possible when needed.

Convos with Cobb

Each month we chat with Officer Cobb and share his thoughts with you!

Officer Cobb
Liaison / Crime Prevention Officer
Office Number: 423-587-0376



- Q. What are the most rewarding aspects of your job?
A. Being able to be in a position to help those in need!
- Q. What emerging trends or technologies excite you the most?
A. Cell phones would have to be my answer on this one. We carry such a small device in our pockets and it contains just about anything we need. From calculator, to internet, to games and much more. We are carrying the information superhighway in our pockets!
- Q. Beach resort or mountain cabin?
A. Mountain cabin, without hesitation!
- Q. If you had to eat one cuisine for the rest of your life, what would it be?
A. Mexican! I could eat Mexican food 3 times a day every day!
- Q. Star Wars or Star Trek?
A. Star Wars
- Q. If you had a time machine, what advice would you give your younger self?
A. Get serious about college sooner. I am 38 and just finished my bachelor's degree last month.
- Q. If you could have any animal as a pet, mythical or real, what would it be?
A. A tiger or an orangutan



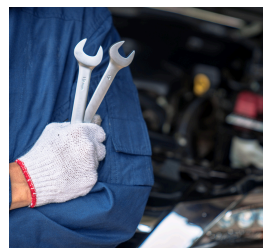
TVHS TRASH TRUCK RUNS every MONDAY

This is a service provided by TVHS to help residents dispose of large items such as televisions, couches, washers & dryers, etc. Lately, small items such as pizza boxes, bags of trash, etc. have been placed at the street. Please be aware that smaller items must be disposed of in the household trash can furnished by the City of Morristown. TVHS will no longer pick-up small items. If small items are placed at the street, you may receive a maintenance charge for pick-up. After the City empties your trash can, please return the trash can to your unit. Do not leave trash cans at the street from week to week.

Large items for TVHS pick-up should be placed at the curb from Sunday afternoon to no later than 7 a.m. on Monday morning. Do not place the large items at the street after 7 a.m. on Mondays. The trash truck will make one pass through each neighborhood and anything placed at the street after this time will result in a maintenance charge to your household.

IF LARGE ITEMS ARE PLACED AT OR NEAR YOUR UNIT AFTER THE DESIGNATED TIMES, YOU WILL BE CHARGED. IF A NEIGHBOR IS PLACING THINGS IN FRONT OF YOUR UNIT, CALL THE OFFICE AND FILL OUT A COMPLAINT FORM TO PREVENT BEING CHARGED.

If a holiday falls on a Monday, the TVHS trash truck will run on Tuesday. Tennessee Valley Housing Services does not furnish or repair the City provided trash cans. If you need a trash can, recycle bin or have one that is in need of repair, please contact: The City of Morristown Public Works Department at 423-585-4658.



What is considered an emergency work order?

AFTER HOURS emergency number
423-273-2489

Hearing impaired residents should call
TN Relay Center at 711

- Refrigerator not working
- Outside door lock torn up
- Broken water lines on TVHS property.
- Gas leak at any appliance or meter.
- Fire in any building in the TVHS
- Range (only if entire range doesn't work)
- Commode stopped up and overflowing.
- Smoke alarm (going off, needs repair, loose or hanging)
- An elderly tenant is thought to be hurt or in difficulty.
- Heating system off (only if outside temperature is below 55 degrees F.)
- Give assistance to the Police Department in case of break in or emergency.
- Any electrical problem which causes a power failure or poses a threat to persons or property.
- Any water heater where the relief valve pops off or develops a hole in the tank where water runs constantly

Pest Control

All TVHS units will receive Pest Control treatments in the months of March & September. These semi - annual treatments will begin on the second Monday of the month and be completed by Friday of the same week. No units will be excluded from the March & September treatment schedule.

Additional Pest Control Services will be on a call-in basis. Call-In treatments will begin on the second Monday of each month and completed by Friday of the same week. Call the office by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday to have your unit scheduled for the following week.

To schedule additional Pest Control at your unit, contact 423-586-5115 X 8010.



Please remember all TVHS properties are smoke free!



FILTER CHANGES & SMOKE ALARMS

TVHS staff will change filters each month. Filter changing will begin on the second Monday of each month and be completed by Friday of the same week. No personal items may be stored in the mechanical closets. During filter change, smoke alarms will be checked as well as the overall condition of units. Housekeeping and any lease violations will be noted.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Dear Friends,

The busy holiday seasons have come and gone, and we are all settling back in to our “normal” routine of life. So often our routine can make it difficult to remember the importance of the holidays and special occasions ahead. February brings us Valentine’s Day, President’s Day and arguably most important we recognize the entire month as Black History Month.

As President Gerald Ford said in 1976 when he officially recognized Black History Month, we need to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” The contributions by African Americans to not only America but the world as a whole is too numerous to list. However, throughout history, African Americans have had notable individuals that have excelled in every facet of society including science and innovations, language arts, politics, and, probably most importantly of all, bringing about the recognition by main stream society that ALL men are created equal and have the inalienable right to equal rights for all regardless of one’s race. , I encourage you to take the time this month to sit down with your children and share with them the African American heritage and the key contributions made to the world by those who came before us. On behalf of the TVHS Board Members, myself, and our team here at TVHS, we wish you continued health and happiness this year alongside your family and friends. Have a good month and stay warm. Hopefully the groundhog will not see his shadow and spring will be right around the corner!

All my best,

Sean Gilbert