

**MORRISTOWN  
HOUSING  
AUTHORITY**

# Neighborhood News

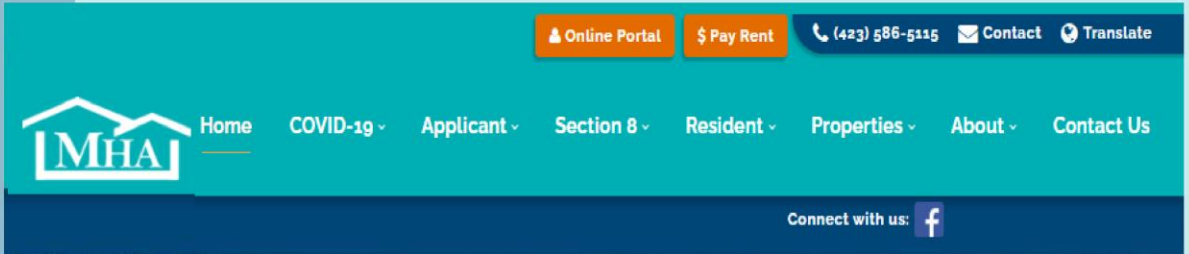
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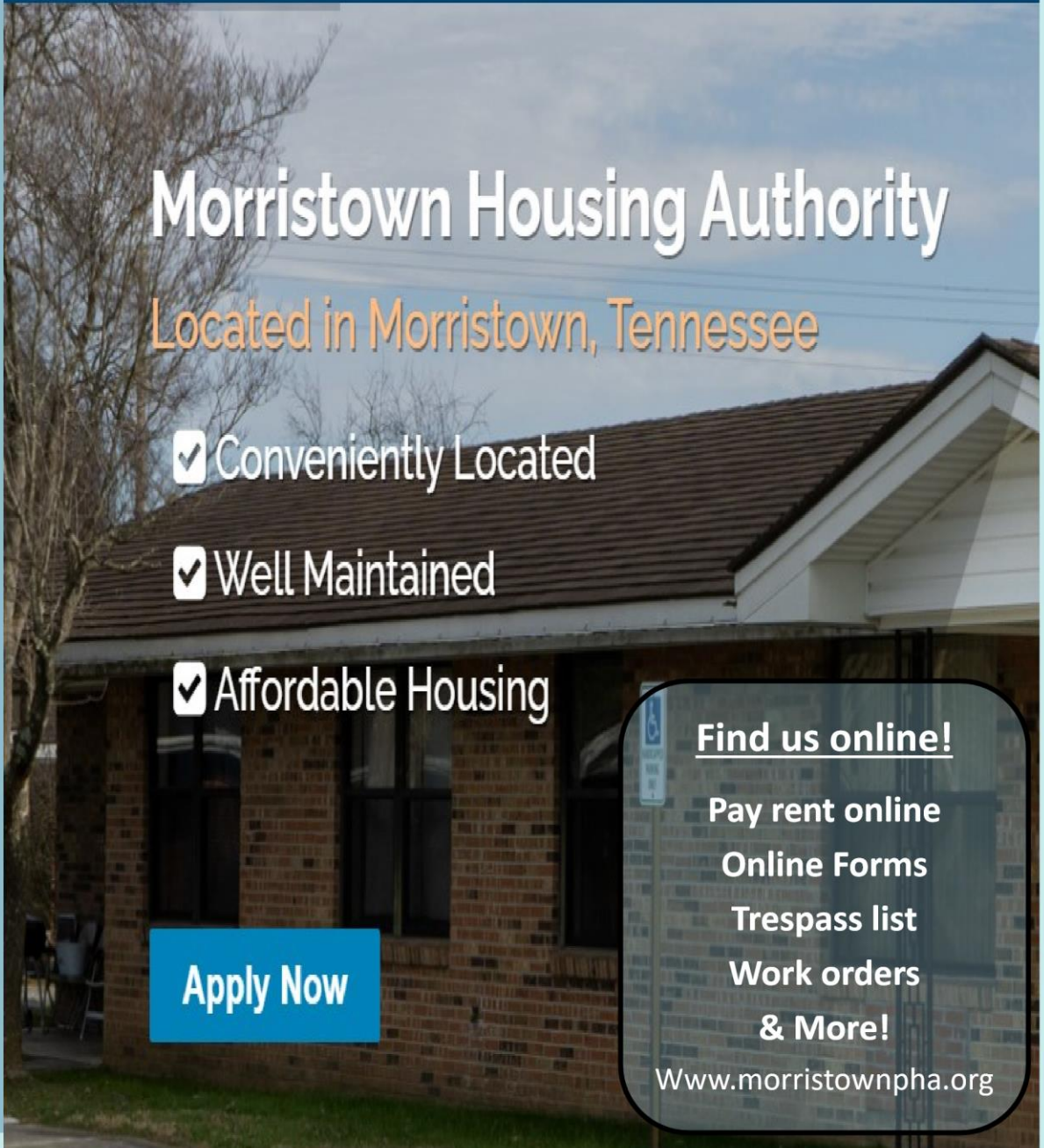
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- & More!

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## Bingo Call in Number

Please Dial in at: 1-978-990-5000 Access Code: 5608185

How to Play instructions will be given

MHA

Wednesday,  
July 14, 2021 at 2:00pm

Last Conference Call Bingo!

@ The Avenue Church



**The First 250** kids will receive a Gift Card for shoes, hygiene products and haircut voucher.

There will also be cotton candy and Italian Ice available during this drive thru event.

The First 250 Families will also receive a Pantry Box

**The Avenue Church**



Ends Thursday, July 22, 2021

RSVP by Texting: Summer Meals to 423/273-9082

Meals will be delivered Monday through Thursday.  
More details will be provided, when text is received.

A graphic for 'Back to School with Food on Foot'. It features the text 'back to school WITH FOOD ON FOOT' in a mix of cursive and bold fonts. There are illustrations of school supplies like a pencil, ruler, and backpack. Below the text, it says 'SATURDAY'S ONLY' and lists dates: 'JULY 10TH AT 11 AM', 'JULY 17TH AT 11 AM', and 'JULY 24TH AT 11 AM'. The address is '1 BERKLINE DRIVE MORRISTOWN, TN 37814'. It also says 'CHILD MUST KNOW ENTERING GRADE AND SCHOOL' and 'CHILD WILL RECIEVE BACKPACK ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL'.

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A graphic for 'Farmers Market Vouchers' featuring illustrations of lemons and lemongrass. The text 'FARMERS MARKET VOUCHERS' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

## FARMERS MARKET VOUCHERS

has been delayed until  
mid to late July!

~PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION~  
~PROOF OF RESIDENCY &  
~INCOME VERIFICATION~

SENIOR CITIZENS 60 & UP

# Hamblen County Health Department

# COVID

## vaccinations:

To schedule an appointment, please use the link below. If you do not have email or internet access, please call the number listed to schedule.


Available for all ages 12 & up.

### Phone number to Xtend

866-442-5301

### Link to TN COVID-19 Hub

<https://covid19.tn.gov/>



APPLY NOW  
COVID-19  
1-844-500-1112  
THDA.ORG/COVIDRENTRELIEF

## **All Saints Bingo!**

601 W. Main St. # 4508 Morristown, TN 37814

### **Please Adhere to the following Guidelines:**

- All guest must be 16 y/o or older to participate
- Name tags are required to participate
- One bingo card per guest
- If you have a fever or illness, please stay home
- If you are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, you will not be permitted
- All decisions made by Bingo caller are final
- Maximum occupancy is 50 guest in Parish Hall
- All meals, bingo games & prizes are meant for fellowship & enjoyment, given out of love & generosity.

Bingo Every 2nd Wednesday of each month Maintenance

Bingo is a social event intended to promote fellowship, Service! behavior is the standard expected form

All participants including The All Saints Hospitality Ministry

**Wednesday August 11th, 2021**

**No MHA Transportation Provided**



AmeriCorps  
Community Care  
Volunteer!

Retiring

**Jammie** after 25  
**Smith!** years!

Thank you

for your

Worker courteous, & polite

**Jesse Greene!**



**Bucket & Suds Class** The following names have been **Morristown Police Department** added to the MHA  
Trespass list. To

Every Wednesday view a full list go to our website **MHA Liaison & Crime** Starting at 10am

[www.morristownpha.org](http://www.morristownpha.org) "Prevention Officer

Computer Learning Center

1149 Kennedy Circle

Michael A Seal

Megan E Dedecker

Dallen B Nichols

Jr.

**Brant E Walker**

**Network Center**

**1149 Kennedy Circle**

**Office: 423-587-0376 Freddie Hagy**



Dear friends,

Summer is a time for outdoor fun, vacations and warm weather. We want everyone to enjoy the summer season, but make sure you are extra careful. The heat can be a risk for some individuals, especially senior citizens. I encourage residents to make sure you drink plenty of water to stay hydrated and make sure your children do the same especially if playing outside.

I want to take the time to direct everyone to our new and improved website. We want our site to act as a resource for you to access pertinent information, paperwork and learn about upcoming events. The most exciting and anticipated feature is that we are now able offer you the convenience of paying your rent with a credit or debit card. To do so, a tenant account must be created with your information. If for any reason you get stuck or need assistance, reach out to one of our staff members and they'll be happy to assist you.

Furthermore, our front doors are finally open! We're still asking that tenants practice social distancing and wear masks for everyone's safety, but we are certainly glad to serve you in this capacity again.

In closing, I hope each of you had a great time celebrating Independence Day! Always remember to celebrate the independence we all get to enjoy and all of the sacrifices that have been made to allow us to be free.

I think this quote by Albert Camus sums it up nicely: "Freedom is nothing else but a chance to be better."

All my best,

*Sean Gilbert*

Executive Director

## July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6 Rent Late	7	8	9	10
11	12 Avenue Side-walk sale 10am	13 Avenue Side-walk sale 10am	14 Avenue Side-walk sale 10am Bingo 2pm	15 Avenue Side-walk sale 10am	16 Avenue Side-walk sale 10am	17 Avenue Side-walk sale 10am
18	19 Food Giveaway CLC 2pm & Commodities	20	21	22 Summer Feeding Program Ends	23	24
25	26	27 Avenue Thrift store 10a-1p	28	29 Avenue Thrift store 6p-8p	30	31 CDC Halt ENDS
1	2	3	4	5 First Day of School!	Happy Birthday to Everyone in July!	

# PLEASE READ IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CURRENT OFFICE PROCEDURES

(FORMS ARE LOCATED IN THE BIN)

**Applicants:** If you have applied for Public Housing or Section 8, the Morristown Housing Authority will be mailing the required documents and instructions to you.

\*\*If are providing your documents at this time, please leave them in the drop box (envelopes provided outside). Any originals will be returned to you in the mail. Please do not leave driver's license, social security cards, or birth certificates, we will request those at a later time.

**Rental Adjustment:** If you are reporting any changes in household income or family composition, please complete a rental adjustment form (put original copy in the drop box, you keep the yellow copy).

**Move- outs:** If you are turning in a notice to move, please complete the Notice to Vacate form (PH for Public Housing, S8 for Section 8). If you are turning in your keys, please put them in an envelope (provided outside), you must list your name and address on the envelope.

**Large Envelope Drop Box**

**Public Housing/Section 8**

- Apply for Public Housing & Section 8
- Reasonable Accommodation
- PH Transfer Request
- Voucher Extension Request

**MHA's Social Distancing Station**

**Public Housing/Section 8**

- Rental Adjustment/ Zero Income
- Notice to Vacate/ Intent to Move
- Documents for Tenant/Applicant Pick up

**Rent Drop Box**

## RECERTIFICATION APPOINTMENTS

*Please complete all forms entirely and sign all documents.*

- Place the Recertification packet in the drop box along with all verifying documents.
- Documents may also be emailed, faxed or mailed to the contact below.
- Staff available by email or phone.
- Envelopes are available in the bin
- You may be contacted by phone, email or mail for additional information.

Sherrie Samples, Housing Director  
423 586-5115 X 8003  
ssamples@morristownpha.org

Christy McMurray, HCV Director  
423 586-5115 X 8009  
cmcurray@morristownpha.org

[www.morristownpha.org](http://www.morristownpha.org) ——— FAX: 423 586-3014 ——— Thank you for your assistance.



## Morristown Housing Authority

P.O. Box 497  
600 Sulphur Springs Road  
Morristown, TN 37815

Telephone (423) 586-5115  
TN Relay Center (800) 848-0298  
Fax (423) 586-3014

Dear Resident:

Effective April 1, 2021, households that receive a monthly utility reimbursement (credit rent) will no longer be issued their reimbursement on a debit card. At that time MHA will begin forwarding all utility reimbursements directly to Morristown Utility System (MUS). This collaboration with MUS will simplify the utility reimbursement process for your household. This only applies to residents in Morristown.

If you have any questions,

please contact the MHA office at (423) 586-5115 x 8003 or [ssamples@morristownpha.org](mailto:ssamples@morristownpha.org)



# Maintenance Updates & Procedures

Effective February 2021

## Pest Control Procedure

### Update

All MHA units will receive Pest Control treatments in the months of March and September. The semi – annual treatments will begin on the second week of the month and continue until all MHA units receive Pest Control Treatments.

No units will be excluded from the March and September treatment schedule.

Additional Pest Control Services will be on a callin basis.

To schedule additional Pest Control at your unit, please contact the MHA office at 423-586-5115 extension 8010. Call in treatments will begin on the second Tuesday of each month until complete.

You must contact the office by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday to have your unit scheduled for the following week.

## Mowing

After a long cold winter, mowing season is finally her again! All yards and common areas will be mowed every seven to ten days, weather permitting. Residents are reminded to keep your yard clean and free of trash, grills, toys, water hoses, etc., so mowers can complete their jobs as quickly as possible. To avoid any unnecessary charges please remember; it is your responsibility to keep your yard and parking bay clean at all times. MHA does not want to charge anyone because maintenance crews had to clean their yard.

Take pride in your community and keep it looking good.

Also remember that any type of fencing around flowers, bushes, etc., is not permitted. Only solid borders are permitted. If you have any questions please contact, Jeff Green @ 586-5115, ext. 8004.

Thanks for your cooperation and have a great summer.

## Filter Replacement

Beginning in January 2021 MHA will change the protocol for replacing HVAC Filters.

## Trash Notice to Residents

Morristown Housing Authority's trash truck runs each Monday. This is a service provided by MHA 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.

MHA 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 MHA 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 may result in a maintenance charge to your household. If a holiday falls on a Monday, the MHA trash truck will run on Tuesday.

Morristown Housing Authority does not furnish or repair the City provided trash cans. If you need a trash can or have one that is in need of repair, please contact:

The City of Morristown Public Works Department at 423-585-4658.

## Bed Bug Treatments Is A Service That Is Provided by The Housing Authority at No Cost to Residents

If you get Bed Bugs, it is imperative that you completely follow, step by step instructions of the control providers prep list to begin the extermination process. MHA will continue to provide this service at no cost for residents who comply with the pest control provider's prep list. Lack of cooperation on the part of some residents has caused our pest control provider to request additional charges from MHA. We have negotiated with the pest control provider to hold these additional charges to a minimum.

These charges are only what will be charged by the pest control provider. MHA will not add additional charges.

## Smoke-Free Policy

Effective July 1, 2018, the use of tobacco products by residents or guests is prohibited in all public housing living units and interior areas (including but not limited to hallways, porches, administrative offices, maintenance facilities, warehouses, and similar structures).

As well as in outdoor areas within 25 feet from public housing, community room, Neighborhood Network Center, administrative and maintenance office buildings.

## Notice to Residents

Due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases in Morristown area, MHA will only be responding to emergency work orders until further notice. Residents will be notified of the changes to this protocol in future newsletters.

## Emergency Calls

- 1) Fire in any building in the M.H.A.
  - 2) Broken water lines on M.H.A. property.
  - 3) Any water heater where the relief valve pops off or develops a hole in the tank where water runs constantly.
  - 4) Any electrical problem which causes a power failure or poses a threat to persons or property.
  - 5) Gas leak at any appliance or meter.
  - 6) Smoke alarm (alarm going off, needs repaired, lose or hanging).
  - 7) Heating system off (only if outside temperature is below 55 degrees F.)
  - 8) Commode stopped up and overflowing.
  - 9) Give assistance to the Police Department in case of break in or emergency.
  - 10) An elderly tenant is thought to be hurt or in difficulty.
  - 11) Range (only if entire range doesn't work)
  - 12) Any sewer line clogged.
  - 13) Refrigerator not working.
  - 14) Roof leaking.
  - 15) Outside door lock torn up.
- After Hours Maintenance Emergency 423-273-2489

## Maintenance After Hours

### EMERGENCY NUMBER

**423/273-2489**

If you are unsure if you have an emergency, please refer to your "Emergency Calls" refrigerator magnet.

**Hearing impaired residents, should call  
TN Relay Center at 1-800-848-0298**

MHA staff will begin changing filters quarterly. This will begin on the second

Tuesday until complete in January, April, July and October.

Additional filters will be left for residents to change in the months MHA does not change filters. Do not store personal belongings inside mechanical closets.

If it is determined equipment has been damaged from personal items stored in closets or filters have not been changed causing equipment to fail, you could be charged for repairs.

Mechanical Closets cannot be used for storage!

## Postal Boxes & No Parking Update

Morristown Housing Authority Communities are provided Postal Boxes that are serviced by the United States Postal Service. City sidewalks have "curb cuts" to allow access for all. NO PARKING is allowed that blocks access to any Postal Boxes or curb cuts.

### **New Guidelines for Bed Bug**

**Treatments:** ○ Non-Compliance for Bed Bug Treatments ○ First Attempt – Documentation (Write Up) ○ Second Attempt - \$100 -owed by resident ○ Third Attempt – Lease Termination

## Spring Outdoor Reminder

· Grilling should be done at least 25 feet from the 423-586-5115ext. 8004 building to prevent damage from heat or flames.

Grills should be stored on your front or back

porch when not in use. **Office Hours**  
**Monday-Thursday**

· Porch furniture should only be outdoor (exterior) **9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**



Please remember the following:

- No pools of any kind are permitted
- No fire pits or open burning allowed

From the Desk of  
Jeff Green  
Operations Director

Tickets may be issued for parking improperly. The maintenance and upkeep of curb cuts is the tables or chairs · Mowing season is here. Please keep yards clear of

*(closed for lunch 12:30-1:30)*

responsibility of the City of Morristown. trash, toys and other items so mowers can complete

**CLOSED Friday** their work

*Thank you for your assistance and*

*cooperation in keeping our communities neat!*

### CDC Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions to Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19

On September 4, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued a Notice and Order under Section 361of the Public Health Service Act. To prevent the further spread of COVID-19, the Order is a temporary halt in residential evictions. This Order is separate from the now expired eviction moratorium in Section 4024 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

The Order applies to all tenants in the country (including assisted renters) who are subject to eviction for nonpayment of rent and who submit a Declaration as described in the Order (see below). The Order is in effect from September 4, 2020 through

December 31, 2020. **THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL July 31, 2021.**

Under the Order, tenants cannot be evicted for nonpayment of rent, provided the tenant signs the Declaration that is attached to the CDC Order certifying that:

1. They have used best efforts to obtain all available government assistance for rent or housing;

2. They expect to earn no more than \$99,000 in annual income for Calendar Year 2020 (or no more than \$198,000 if filing a joint tax return), were not required to report any income in 2019 to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or received an Economic Impact Payment (stimulus check) pursuant to Section 2201 of the CARES Act;
3. They are unable to pay their full rent or make a full housing payment due to substantial loss of household income, loss of compensable hours of work or wages, lay-offs, or extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses;
4. They are using best efforts to make timely partial payments that are as close to the full payment as their circumstances may permit, taking into account other nondiscretionary expenses;
5. If evicted they would likely become homeless, need to move into a homeless shelter, or need to move into a new residence shared by other people who live in close quarters because they have no other available housing options.
6. They understand they must still pay rent or make a housing payment, and comply with other obligations that they may have under their tenancy, lease agreement, or similar contract. The understand that fees, penalties, or interest for not paying rent or making a housing payment on time as required by their tenancy, lease agreement, or similar contract may still be charged or collected; and
7. They understand that at the end of this temporary halt on evictions on December 31, 2020, their housing provider may require payment in full for all payments not made prior to and during the

temporary halt and failure to pay may make them subject to eviction.

The Order does not relieve the tenants' obligation to pay rent and the tenants must continue to comply with terms under the lease. However, tenants qualifying as "Covered Persons" under the Order cannot be evicted for nonpayment of rent in violation of the lease if the CDC eviction protections are invoked (see below). Nothing in the Order precludes the landlords from charging or collecting fees, penalties, or interest as a result of the tenants' inability to pay rent on a timely basis. Evictions unrelated to nonpayment of rent can still take place, e.g., criminal activity. Any state, local, or territorial area with a moratorium on residential evictions that provides the same or greater level of public-health protection can supersede the Order. Nothing in the Order affects the CARES Act waivers or funding a PHA receives or is utilizing.

Under the Order, public housing and section 8 tenants are "Covered Persons" with eviction protection if they complete and provide the required Declaration referenced in the Order to their PHA or landlord. A tenant cannot be required to complete the Declaration. However, without it, tenants will not have the CDC eviction protection. Within the upcoming weeks, PIH will be providing PHAs with a flyer that can be provided to tenants in the near future.

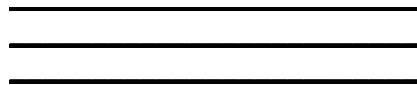
#### **Penalties:**

- **Tenant – Perjury – 5 years in jail and/or fine**
- **Landlords – Individual landlords – 1 year in jail and/or \$100,000 fine (\$250,000, if death)**
- **Organizational Landlords - \$200,000 (\$500,000 if death)**
- **Enforced by the US Department of Justice**

**THE DECLARATION FORM FOR THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION'S TEMPORARY HALT IN**

EVICCTIONS TO PREVENT FURTHER SPREAD OF COVID-19 IS AVAILABLE AT THE MORRISTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICE OR ONLINE AT [www.morristownpha.org](http://www.morristownpha.org).

household will have a limit of 2 permits issued. Additional vehicles should follow guest parking procedures.



**Take Action to Avoid Eviction**

- CDC Eviction Suspension
- Prevent Eviction for Nonpayment
- Services and Resources

CDC Eviction Suspension (Set to Expire July 31, 2021)

**Postpone an Eviction for Nonpayment of Rent**  
 The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an Order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Order, and extensions to the Order, temporarily suspends evictions for nonpayment of rent from September 4, 2020 through July 31, 2021, to the extent its application is not prohibited by federal court order. Where it applies, the CDC eviction protections can postpone an eviction for nonpayment of rent BUT PROTECTIONS ARE NOT AUTOMATIC. To see if you qualify for eviction protections, review the CDC Declaration CALL: **1(800) 569-4287** to speak to an expert

**PEST CONTROL**  
**In the month of July, Pest Control will be done on Tuesday, July 20th 2021. Please be sure to call in to add your address to the treatment list, if you are having any issues with pests in your home.**

### NOTICE TO RESIDENTS MHA PARKING

In the coming months, MHA will be removing “assigned or numbered parking” spots in each Community and Parking will be on a first come first serve basis. Vehicles parked in Resident Parking areas must have an MHA Parking Decal. The MHA Parking Decal may be obtained at the front desk. Lack of an MHA

Parking Decal may result in the vehicle being towed at the owner’s expense. Visitors may not park in Resident Parking areas. Guests should expect to park curbside along unpainted curbs or other non-signed curb areas. Yellow painted curbs are designated as “No Parking”. All Handicap Parking will remain designated.

As indicated in the MHA parking policy, each

Housing Authority of, Changes to Tenant Charges. A copy of these changes are available for resident’s review at the Morristown Housing Authority main office, 600 Sulphur Springs Road, Morristown, TN 37815. This document can also be accessed on MHA’s website;

[www.morristownpha.org](http://www.morristownpha.org).

In the document, changes are highlighted in **yellow** with the new price in **bold letters**.

You may submit written comments regarding the Tenant Charges to:

Jeff Green, Operations Director, Morristown Housing Authority, Post Office Box 497, Morristown, Tennessee 37815-0497. Written comments will be received through June 30, 2021.

**Michael Light**  
**Maintenance Supervisor**