

February 2023

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From the Executive Directors Desk:

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.” If you’re wondering how to honor these accomplishments or learn more, I have some helpful ideas for you.

Organize a book club - Reading nonfiction or fiction books by Black authors can be a poignant and meaningful way to recognize Black History Month. We have a list of book titles at the CLC to get you started.

Volunteer – Volunteering with local nonprofits and charities is an excellent way to get involved. There are many known around the community, but Black Girls CODE, National Society of Black Engineers, and My Brother’s Keeper Alliance are good places to start if you’re looking for national Black-led organizations.

Donate - Pool resources together or arrange a fundraiser to support racial justice. Sometimes, the gift of money is the most impactful thing you can give to a charity, especially when it comes to education or legal funds. We recommend checking out The Sentencing Project, Thurgood Marshall College Fund, and the NAACP Defense and Educational Fund.

It’s so important to stay connected and informed on things going on in our community. We try our best to utilize this publication as well as our Facebook page and website to keep you up to date on all of our exciting projects. One I’m most excited for is our announcement to rebrand as Tennessee Valley Housing Services. This opportunity will better communicate the areas we represent in our region. We’re eager to get this change underway so be on the lookout for our new name and logo this spring!

It’s an exciting time here at MHA (soon to be TVHS), and I couldn’t be happier to keep you up to date and share our progress along the way. On behalf of myself, and our team, we wish you continued health and happiness this year alongside your family and friends. Stay warm & have a great month!

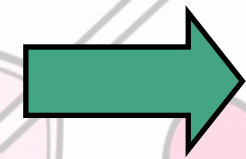
All my best,

Sean Gilbert
Executive Director

Neighborhood Newsletter

February 2023

Your Neighborhood Newsletter is getting a new look!



COMING SPRING OF 2023

We’re happy to announce that we are taking the opportunity to evolve our brand in order to better communicate the range of communities and counties we represent. Please join us in our excitement as we become **Tennessee Valley Housing Services (TVHS)**! Be on the look out for more information coming your way!



Morristown Housing Authority is making changes to the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Administrative Plan. Changes will be effective March 1st, 2023. All residents will be required to accept and sign the terms at their annual recertification.

Pending changes to the Administrative Plan are available for comment and review at the front desk at the Morristown Housing Authority main office and website at www.morristownpha.org. The office is located at 600 Sulphur Springs Road, Morristown, TN

WE WILL BE CLOSED ON
PRESIDENTS DAY

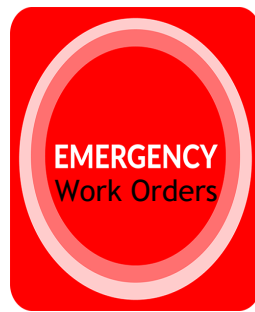


Monday, Feb. 20th, 2023

Maintenance Emergency Work Orders

after hours emergency number 423-273-2489

If you are unsure if you have an emergency, please refer to the below information or your refrigerator magnet. Hearing impaired residents should call TN Relay Center at 1-800-848-0298



- Refrigerator not working
- 2. Outside door lock torn up
- Broken water lines on M.H.A. property.
- Gas leak at any appliance or meter.
- Fire in any building in the M.H.A.
- 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

FILTER CHANGE



SMOKE ALARMS

MHA staff will change filters each month. Filter change will begin on the second Monday of each month and be completed by Friday of the same week. No items are to be stored in the Mechanical Closets. Residents will be charged for any damages resulting from non-compliance with this notice. *Remember Mechanical Closets cannot be used for storage!*

Smoke Alarms will also be checked during filter change.

To avoid unnecessary charges, please make sure your smoke alarm is working. If there are any problems with your smoke alarm, please contact the office and place a work order.



BED BUG

Bed Bug Treatments Is A Service That Is Provided by The Housing Authority at No Cost to Compliant Residents. If you get Bed Bugs, it is imperative that you completely follow, step by step instructions of the pest 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. **NON-COMPLIANCE FOR BED BUG TREATMENT: you will be charged at MHA's current pest control providers rate.**

All MHA 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 NOTE: WE HAVE A NEW PEST CONTROL COMPANY!



MHA'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.

MONDAY = TRASH TRUCK DAY



Lakeway Transit

Ride with us Fare Free on Friday, February 17th!

to Celebrate our 2nd Year of Serving the Lakeway Area

And enter to win a March 2023 Bus Pass!

LITTLE ARTISTS

at Morristown-Hamblen Library

Toddlers will participate in hands on art and craft activities allowing them to be creative with different art techniques such as painting, creating mosaic art, drawing, and more.

To sign up, call 423-586-6410, text 423-301-6882 or sign up at either circulation desk.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27
10AM
COMMUNITY ROOM
AGES 1-5

Sponsored by Dr. Eric Delay, a provider with Healthstar Physicians, P.C.



WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS:

- Never use your stove or oven to heat your home
- Leave a small drip in faucets when temps are below freezing / open cabinet doors below sink
- Ensure all vents/returns are not blocked or obstructed
- Gas heaters/furnaces are not permitted



Trespass list updates can be viewed at www.morristownpha.org or at the Morristown Police Department Substation
1149 Kennedy Circle
Office No. 423-587-0376



Valentine's Day Pet Photoshoot & Giveaway

Bring your furry friend and join us on February 14th from 1:00-2:00 pm for a pawsome event!

~ 2-3 pictures / pet

~ Pet food & supplies giveaway

~ all pets must be friendly, UTD on all vaccines & remain on a leash for the entire event!

RSVP (423) 200-5584



BINGO IS BACK!!

You're invited to an afternoon of fun!
Thursday, February 16th @ 1:00pm

Please call (423) 200-5584 to RSVP

Prizes—Giveaways—Snacks