

July 2026

Community Newsletter



Food Pantry Available

Our Community Resource Center Food Pantry at 1149 Kennedy Cir. is available for residents.

If you need a little extra help with groceries, please stop by! If you know a resident who could benefit, please help us spread the word. We're here to support our community!



Lawn Maintenance

It's time for summer lawn maintenance! Keep yards free of trash, toys, and other items to allow mowers to complete their work. Store toys and miscellaneous items inside the apartment when not in use. Note that toys are not allowed to be stored on community playgrounds and may be removed. When grilling, ensure you're at least 25 feet away from the building to prevent damage from heat or flames. Always store grills properly on the front or back porch when not in use.



UPDATE:

TVHS is happy to announce that HUD has issued commitment to allow the RAD conversion at the C Frank Davis and John R Johnson properties to move forward. Please read the notice regarding resident meetings to be held in July.





Trespass List Updates

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

For community safety concerns, please contact: Officer Cobb
Liaison/Crime Prevention Officer Office Number:
423-586-5115 ext.8017



WAITING LIST CLOSURE NOTICE

Tennessee Valley Housing Services (TVHS) will close its Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) and Public Housing (all but 4 and 5 bedroom) waiting lists effective July 2, 2026.

Due to the large number of applications currently on file and extended wait times for assistance, TVHS will temporarily stop accepting new applications for these programs. This action allows staff to continue processing existing applicants and maintain efficient program administration.

Applications submitted before the deadline will remain active and continue through the normal review process.

The waiting lists will remain closed until further notice. Any future reopening announcements will be posted on our website and social media pages.



Please remember that no wipes of any kind—including baby wipes, disinfecting wipes, makeup wipes, and "flushable" wipes—should be flushed down the toilet. These products do not break down like toilet paper and can cause severe plumbing blockages, leading to costly repairs and potential damage to the building's plumbing system.

To help maintain a smooth and functioning sewer system, please dispose of all wipes in the trash. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in keeping our community's plumbing in good condition.

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 Attracts Cockroaches in Your Home?

Ample of Moisture



The number one thing that attracts roaches to a home is an ample amount of moisture. It is one of the necessities for pests like cockroaches to thrive and survive.

Easy Access



Do you know that rats and cockroaches are masters when it comes to sneaking in a premise through a small opening or crack? So, if you are offering easy access to cockroaches, will they say no?

Dense Landscaping



Do you think cockroaches will enter directly your home? No, many times, they make an entry first in your dense garden because they get all they want there like water, shelter, and food.

Cockroach Prone Location



The second thing and the most common factor that may make your house more vulnerable to cockroach infestation despite you keeping it clean is its location.

Food Sources



Another main thing that attracts cockroaches to a home is food. When they find ample amounts of food sources at a place, these pests prefer hiding and staying there for an extended period.

Cluttered and Neglected Areas



Last and the most neglected reason for which cockroaches often infest a house is a neglected area or area with some clutter.

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

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.



Please remember all TVHS properties are smoke free!



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.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

— *July* 2026 —



Dear Friends,

Summer is in full swing, and we hope you are enjoying the longer days, warmer weather, and opportunities to spend time with family and friends. As always, we encourage everyone to stay engaged with their community and take advantage of the activities and resources available throughout the season.

We are excited to share that we have officially received HUD's approval for the OneFiveNine Apartments RAD (Rental Assistance Demonstration) conversion. This is a major milestone for Tennessee Valley Housing Services and brings us one step closer to making significant improvements to our properties. We know many of you have been patiently waiting for updates, and we are thrilled to finally begin moving forward.

To help keep everyone informed, we will be hosting resident meetings on July 7 and July 9 to discuss the project, answer questions, and share important information about what you can expect throughout the redevelopment process. We hope you will make plans to attend one of these meetings.

As you read through this month's newsletter, please take note of the many important notices, updates, and summer activities taking place throughout our communities. We encourage you to stay connected by following us on Facebook and watching for additional announcements in the coming weeks.

Thank you for being a valued part of our community. We look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming resident meetings and sharing this exciting next chapter together.

Stay cool and enjoy the month ahead!

Sean Gilbert

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"Community is much more than belonging to something; it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter." – Brian Solis