

Community Newsletter



Financial Betterment Class

It's the perfect time to get our finances back on track and prepare for tax season! Don't forget about our free monthly Financial Betterment Class. This engaging 1-hour workshop dives into budgeting basics, understanding your credit report, available tax resources, future planning, and practical strategies to help you achieve your financial goals with confidence. Take advantage of this opportunity to strengthen your financial well-being. For more details, check the back of the Calendar section in this Newsletter.



Empowering Neighborhoods Together

Join us for the first meeting of Empowering Neighborhoods Together on March 26, 2025, at 10:00 AM at 815 Tulip Street, Morristown, TN 37813. This initiative brings valuable knowledge and resources to our community, covering energy-saving strategies, pest prevention, radon gas awareness, and updates from the maintenance department. Plus, enjoy a chance to win giveaway items like gift cards and gift baskets! Don't miss this opportunity to connect with professionals and access tools to improve your home and neighborhood. For more information, call 423-586-5115.



TRESPASS LIST UPDATES

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

REMINDER

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.



DO THESE THINGS IF YOU HAVE...

If you have... 1 MINUTE

GO THROUGH one refrigerator bin, toss spoiled food and wipe up spills.

TAKE your bag of clothing or other store returns out to the car so they're one step closer to going back.

REMOVE outdated items from your bulletin board or fridge.

If you have... 30 MINUTES

SIT in front of your favorite half-hour TV show and shred old documents and sensitive mail. You'll be done by the time the episode is over!

CONTAIN your husband's "pocket dump" zone of loose change, receipts and the like. Place a tray on the nightstand for his wallet, watch and keys.

If you have... 5 MINUTES

CLEAN OFF the living room coffee and end tables, taking mugs or cups back to the kitchen and recycling old newspapers, catalogs and magazines.

MOVE your laundry to the next stage: If it's dirty, wash it. If it's wet, dry it. If it's dry, fold it. If it's folded, put it away.

FREE UP more workable surface area by adjusting a shelf (most kitchen cabinets or bookshelves are movable) to accommodate a larger item that needs to be stored—like a blender that's been sitting out.

If you have... 15 MINUTES

SPEED-CLEAN the car: Toss trash and bring gear and gadgets back into the house; shake out the mats if needed. Wish this only took 5 minutes? Position a trash can near the back door so you can throw things out on your way in each night.

DESIGNATE a spot for incoming paper bills waiting to be paid and gather supplies—your checkbook, a pen, postage stamps, envelopes and return address labels. Even better, go digital: Opt to receive bills via email and pay them online.

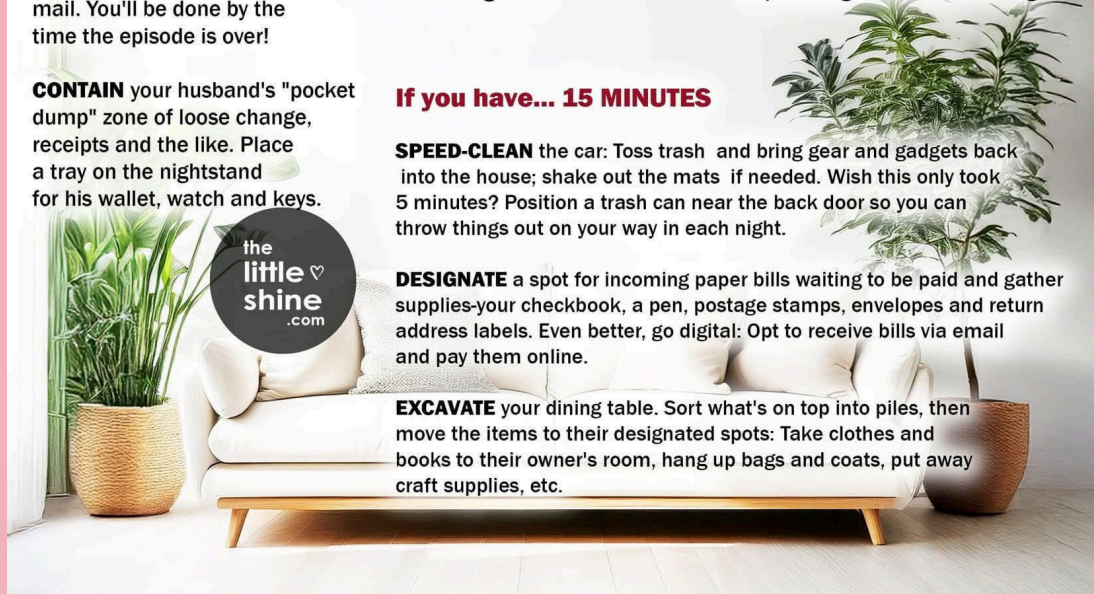
EXCAVATE your dining table. Sort what's on top into piles, then move the items to their designated spots: Take clothes and books to their owner's room, hang up bags and coats, put away craft supplies, etc.

If you have... 10 MINUTES

TIDY UP one drawer in your dresser—match single socks, fold T-shirts or PJs. Repeat every few days until all the drawers are done.

UNWRAP warehouse purchases, like paper towels or TP bought in bulk, so they're easier to store and dispense. Bonus: You'll preserve precious room in your shelves or pantry.

STREAMLINE your cleaning supplies by consolidating nearly empty bottles and discarding old ones. It will make dusting or polishing less of a time-drag.



For community safety concerns, please contact:

Officer Cobb
Liaison/Crime Prevention

Officer Office Number:
423-587-0376





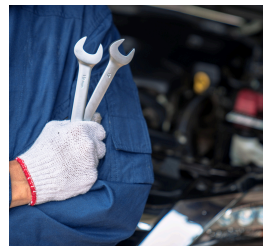
TVHS TRASH TRUCK RUNS every MONDAY

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

— *February* —

2025 —



Dear Friends,

As the busy holiday season concludes and everyone had a moment to catch their breaths in January, we find ourselves settling back into our “normal” routines. It's easy to overlook the significance of the special occasions that February brings – Valentine’s Day, President’s Day, and perhaps most importantly, Black History Month.

In 1976, President Gerald Ford emphasized the importance of Black History Month by urging us to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” The contributions of African Americans extend far beyond mere acknowledgment; they have shaped America and the world in countless ways. From breakthroughs in science and innovation to impactful achievements in the arts, politics, and civil rights, notable figures have paved the way for progress and justice.

This month, I encourage you to spend time with your children discussing African American heritage and the vital contributions made by those who came before us. Understanding this rich history fosters appreciation and instills values of equality and justice in the next generation.

On behalf of the TVHS Board Members, our team, and myself, we wish you and your loved ones continued health and happiness throughout this year. Have a wonderful month, stay warm, and let’s hope the groundhog does not see his shadow—bringing spring just around the corner!

Warm regards,

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