

March 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:

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



JADE ATKINS - WON 3RDF 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.



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!



Pest Control

Pest Detectives will now be taking over pest control services for TVHS. All units will receive Pest Control treatments in the month of March. For more information please view "Pest Control" on the next page.

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 inspired you to become a cop?

A. Being in the Army, this gives me a continued sense of service to my community.

Q. What led you to your current position or career path?

A. My current position came via Officer Johnson gaining employment elsewhere and opening this position for me!

Q. What has been your most significant learning experience so far?

A. Every day is a learning experience. No two days are ever the same. Every call is different. They may have similar elements to them, but each call is a special case.

Q. What advice would you give to someone who is in academy?

A. Enjoy it and soak in as much as possible. The academy is giving you a baseline. You will learn to be the police when you leave the academy and get on the road.

Q. Can you share a piece of wisdom that has guided you in your career?

A. We are law enforcement officers. Not judges. Do not judge people based on how they look or the situation they are in. Base your work on the facts of the situation.



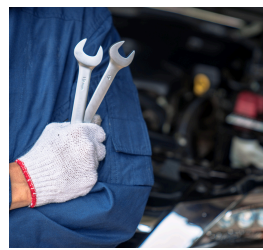
TVHS TRASH TRUCK RUNS every MONDAY

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.



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!



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FROM THE DESK OF THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

— *March* — *2024* —

Dear Friends,

Spring officially starts on Tuesday, March 19th, beginning a time of renewal for many. As flowers bloom, the grass gets greener, and colors seem brighter, it inspires many to start spring cleaning! While you clean out and spruce up, please take your old items to the curb for pickup and make sure the area around your unit remains clean and tidy. Remember that our maintenance crew will only pick-up items on Monday's. Don't be discouraged to clean up; however, if trash or other large items are found on the curbside on any other day throughout the week, charges will apply. While our crews will pick up large items around the property every week, each resident is responsible for trash around their unit, both in the front and back. Take pride in our community and help us to keep it clean!

Once the weather is warmer, I hope you will take the opportunity to get outside for fresh air and some exercise. Arrange some time with friends, neighbors and children to walk to our downtown area in Morristown or one of our local parks. Civic Park, Fred Miller Park and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park are all within walking distance to many of us. Our White Pine community is in close proximity to the local park and Sneedville has playground equipment, giving our kids a nice place to gather and play. In the coming month, I hope to see everyone out enjoying the warmer weather and creating new memories with your families.

Speaking of spring cleaning and new beginnings, I'd like to remind you that our Community Resource Center located at 1149 Kennedy Circle is open to the public! This newly renovated space serves as the community hub and is where Resident Services Coordinator, Constance Hansen's office is located. Her job is to help you grow, set goals, achieve them and connect you with as many resources and programs as possible for you and your family. To keep up to date, continue to read your monthly newsletters and follow us on Facebook as well! I am proud of our community and the renovations at our Resource Center and I encourage you to check out the space for yourself, and see how we can best serve you there.

Yours Sincerely,

Sean Gilbert

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*Wishing you
and yours a
happy spring!*