

**MORRISTOWN  
HOUSING  
AUTHORITY**

# Neighborhood News

600 SULPHUR SPRINGS ROAD

VOLUME 2 ISSUE 6

600 SULPHUR SPRINGS

*Happy  
Father's  
Day  
2021*

*Get ready for the*



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## M H A Community Yard Sale In your front yard

Thursday, June 10th, 2021 thru  
Sunday, June 13th, 2021

Don't forget to dispose of unsold items on the curb Sunday  
Sunday evening or call local thrift stores for pick-up.  
MHA Trash truck will collect items on Monday morning.

Computer Learning Center  
1149 Kennedy Circle  
will have a giveaway on Thursday June, 11th

**Morristown Police  
Department  
MHA Liaison & Crime  
Prevention Officer**

**Network Center  
1149 Kennedy Circle  
Office: 423-587-0376**

**“The following names have been added to  
the MHA Trespass list. To view a full list go to  
our website [www.morristownpha.org](http://www.morristownpha.org) “**

Michael A Seal  
Megan E Dedecker  
Dallen B Nichols





## Bingo Call in Number

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

How to Play instructions will be given

Lakeway  
Transit

Wednesday,  
June 9, 2021 at 2:00pm

Learn how to use  
Lakeway Transit.  
Participants get round trip bus  
pass

# Congratulations!

## Graduates...

*Jermaine Williams*

*Savannah Morton*

*Jamaahl Williams*

and any other  
High School or College Graduates.

If you are interested in obtaining your  
HiSet diploma  
College enrollment  
trade school  
or certifications  
contact Andrea for enrollment assistance  
& financial aid information.  
Call/Text 423-273-9082

Sound the alarm and join us for

## Safety Day

Wednesday, June 30th  
FROM 1PM-3PM

524 Houston St

ACTIVITIES, FOOD,  
AND GAMES PROVIDED!



MHA WILL PARTNER WITH THE SCHOOL SYSTEM TO DELIVER LUNCH  
TO THE YOUTH LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.  
STARTING JUNE 14, 20221

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.



## FARMERS MARKET VERIFICATION

Monday thru Thursday  
9:00am-12:00pm

Computer Learning Center  
1149 Kennedy Circle

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

SENIOR CITIZENS 60 & UP

White Pine Commodity  
Delivery-June 9

Morristown Commodity  
Delivery June 21

**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**

**1-844-500-1112**

[THDA.ORG/COVIDRENTRELIEF](https://thda.org/covidrentrelief)

**Spring has Sprung Outdoor Reminder**

Please remember the following:

- No pools of any kind are permitted
- No fire pits or open burning allowed
- Grilling should be done at least 25 feet from the building to prevent damage from heat or flames. Grills should be stored on your front or back porch when not in use.
- Porch furniture should only be outdoor (exterior) tables or chairs
- Mowing season is here. Please keep yards clear of trash, toys and other items so mowers can complete their work

Thank you for your assistance!

## Spring Cleaning and Spring Pest-Proofing Go Hand-in-Hand

While spring cleaning is a great time for residents to de-clutter and spruce up the home, this seasonal tradition is a doubly beneficial time to tidy up in order to prevent undesirable, springtime pests such as ants, termites, mice, and fruit flies. To best pest-proof the home, Bug Busters recommends homeowners follow these tips from the National Pest Management Association (NPMA):

1. When de-cluttering and storing items, use durable, sealed containers that pests can't easily infest or chew through instead of cardboard boxes or plastic bags.
  2. Remove all of the items from cabinets and pantry. Go through them and discard stale spices and other dated items such as flour and grains. These baking ingredients attract pantry pests, including several types of beetles, Indian meal moths, and ants.
  3. Immediately wipe up any crumbs or spills from countertops, tables, floors, and shelves.
  4. If you keep fresh fruit on the counter, check it often for signs of over-ripening or decay, which can attract fruit flies.
  5. Don't let dirty dishes pile up and stand in the sink.
  6. Don't leave pet food and water bowls sit out for long periods of time.
  7. Take notice of any built-up moisture and eliminate these sites, including leaking pipes and clogged drains.
- If you suspect you have an infestation, contact Morristown Housing Authority to be added to the pest control treatment schedule. There is no charge for monthly pest control services.

Dear friends,



School is almost out and the children will be enjoying their summer break. We want all our families to have a safe summer so parents, please remind your children not to play in the street and to watch for traffic as they cross. I also ask that residents slow down and watch for children when driving through the neighborhood.

I would like to congratulate all of our seniors who are graduating this month! This is a very exciting time in your life when you have many opportunities on the road ahead of you. I encourage all of you to follow your dreams; with hard work and determination, you can achieve whatever you put your mind to. If you haven't already, I strongly suggest you learn more about how you can continue your education. Whether that's through vocational training, a two-year program such as those offered by Walters State Community College, or going to a four-year college or university, continuing your education is the most valuable thing you can do right now that will, without a doubt, benefit you for the rest of your life. If you need any assistance or guidance, contact one of our staff members at our Computer Learning Center. We're always more than happy to help.

Lastly, I'd like to wish all the fathers and grandfathers here at MHA a Happy Father's Day! I hope you are able to enjoy some time with your children and family. Fatherhood is a blessing and fathers have the opportunity to set an example for their children, show them love, and to encourage them. Stay cool and have a great month!

Sean Gilbert  
Executive Director

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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” - Nelson Mandela

## June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		Rent Due			Last Day of School	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Rent Late		Avenue Thrift store 10a-1p	Bingo 2pm White Pine Commodities	Yard Sale CLC Giveaway	Yard sale	Yard sale
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Yard Sale	<i>Curbside trash Pickup from yard sale</i>	Summer Feeding Program starts		<b>Change Filters</b>		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>Happy Fathers Day!</b>	<i>Food Giveaway CLC 2pm &amp; Commodities</i>	Avenue Thrift store 10a-1p		Avenue Thrift store 6p-8p		
27	28	29	30	31		
			Farmers Market Vouchers 1-3pm		Happy Birthday to Everyone in June!	Safety Day

**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

**Public Housing/Section 8**

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

**MHA's Social Distancing Station**



**Rent Drop Box**



**ECER**  
Please comp

Place the Rec  
with all verifying  
Documents may  
Staff available b  
Envelopes  
e com

Sherrie Samples,

ssamples@mo

cmc Murray@mo

Thank



## Morristown Housing Authority

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

Telephone (423) 586-5111  
TN Relay Center (800) 848-0295  
Fax (423) 586-3010

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 here 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.

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.

## 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 Compliant 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.

### New Guidelines for Bed Bug Treatments:

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

## What is Radon Gas?

Radon is a gas that you cannot smell, taste or see. Radon comes from the breakdown of naturally occurring radioactive elements (such as uranium and thorium) in soils and rocks. As part of the radioactive decay process, radon gas is

produced. The gas moves up through the soil to the surface, where it can enter homes, schools and the workplace through cracks and other holes in the

## 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**

From the Desk of  
Jeff Green  
Operations Director 423-586-  
5115ext. 8004

**Office Hours**  
Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Tickets may be issued for parking improperly.  
come from . In some cases, radon can enter

The maintenance and upkeep of curb cuts is the foundation buildings through well water and  
(closed for lunch 12:30-1:30)

responsibility of the City of Morristown. building materials. Any home can have a radon **CLOSED Friday** problem – old or new homes, well-sealed or  
drafty homes, and homes with or without basements. Because radon comes naturally from the earth, *cooperation in Thank you fkeeping our Communities*  
*neator your assistance and !* people are always exposed to it.

# 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 361 of 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 June 30, 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. They 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 EVICTIONS 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).**

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

### CHANGES TO TENANT CHARGES

Notice is hereby given to the residents of the Morristown 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.



### PEST CONTROL

**In the month of July, Pest Control will be done on Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Michael Light**

# Maintenance Supervisor