

NHA Today

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COME JOIN US! On the second Monday of every month the Newport Housing Authority Resident Advisory Council meets. Our next meeting will be **Monday, June 8, 2026**, at 4pm. Remember, the council represents you the tenant. So this is your time to voice concerns, share ideas or just meet new friends. Pot Luck will now be prior to the Resident Council Meeting. Call Tenant Services at (423) 532-8001 for more information. So, everyone come and bring a dish. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



Wise Words from Walter

From the desk of Walter Cole, Executive Director

Schools Out for the Summer, yeah... Have you heard about what's all going on this SUMMER in the NHA?? Free swimming party, chance to win bicycles, free bingo prizes, Boys and Girls Club, and it's all right here in the Newsletter, so make sure you read it! New this year, swimming pools of any kind will not be allowed. Let's get ready for the BIGGEST Event EVER in the NHA happening July 23rd at the City Park for our residents only. We are combining the Back to School Party and the Party at the Park. There will be all kinds of free stuff for our residents including prizes, free food, free swimming, free school supplies, free, free, free, and more free stuff. Everyone is guaranteed to have an AWESOME time. Remember, it is for NHA residents only. So July 23rd I will look forward to seeing everyone at the "Back to School Party at the Park". Also, if you haven't paid your deposit for your satellite dish or antenna, you need to do so. We will be going around and pulling them if they have not been stickered. Check with the office ASAP as it won't be our fault if we pull it and you were using it. There's lots of good information in this newsletter so make sure to read it. You can find additional copies online at newporttnhousing.com, at the Main Office or at Tenant Services.

Sincerely,

Walter L. Cole

Executive Director



RENT PAYMENT THINGS TO REMEMBER

Please make sure to put your rent payments in the drop box the **entire** month. No payments will be processed at the front window. We have tried to clearly mark where payments go. But as always if you have questions please don't hesitate to call us at (423) 623-1575.

- **Do not leave blank checks, money orders or cash in the payment drop box.**
- When paying your rent, your filled out money order or check must be placed in the payment drop box. A receipt will be mailed back to you.
- If someone is paying rent for you, then they will need to make sure your name and/or address is listed on the check or money order. Or, place the payment in a sealed envelope with your name and address on the outside.
- **PRINT CLEARLY** on the check or money order.
- If you think you may be late with your rent payment for whatever reason please call Cindy at ext. 4 to make arrangements.
- The easiest way to remember how to fill your money order out no matter where you purchase it at is:

*Pay to the order of will be: **NHA**

*In the "for" section: **Print your address**

*Make sure to **sign** the money order as purchaser. **Do not sign them on the back.**



*The greatness of a community is most accurately
measure by the compassionate actions of it's members*

Coretta Scott King

Tenant Services is still here for you. If you need information on support groups, food distribution services, or help offered in our community please don't hesitate to call us at (423) 532-8001 on Mondays 9am-12pm and we will be more than happy to assist you.



FROM THE DESK OF ANDREA TAYLOR, HOUSING MANAGER

A few reminders.....

- Annual Recertifications are required. Each resident gets a letter with a checklist of what they need to provide. It's simple. Come to your appointment, bring what is on the checklist, sign your paperwork and you are done. EASY BREEZY! Don't make it hard by not bringing what you need to because it could cost you your home.
- We have new forms that we are using because of HOTMA. These are forms for family support and for child care. We will no longer accept handwritten documents as the sole verification of these things. So make sure to have the addresses of the people supplying family support and child care as we will have to mail forms for them to complete.
- If you close a bank account please make sure that you provide proof. This is considered a change. While your rent may not be adjusted, if you no longer have the account we have to have the documentation to show that. This also applies for any accounts you may open between Annual Recertifications.
- Please do not email or drop documents in the drop box without speaking directly to Melissa to tell her what you need. You are to REPORT changes within 14-days of the change. That means you need to speak with someone to let them know. Your adjustments will be delayed if we have no idea what you are requesting.
- Don't forget Spray Day is the 17th, 18th and 19th of this month. We don't know what day we will be in your area so make sure you are prepared.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me at (423) 623-1575 ext. 3.

Sincerely,

Andrea E Taylor, PHM

Housing Manager



Looking for work.....

Search for jobs and apply online at dejobs.org



FROM THE DESK OF MELISSA VENERABLE, OCCUPANCY COORDINATOR

- **Annual recertifications are conducted IN OFFICE. Your appointment time along with a check list of items you need to provide will be sent to you. If you need to re-schedule for good reason then please contact me PRIOR to your appointment. And don't forget to bring all your documents with you to your appointment.**
- If you do not provide all the necessary documents at your recertification appointment you will not sign any forms and your recertification will remain incomplete until you provide what has been requested of you. Remember, if you cause the delay in the recertification, you could be asked to find housing elsewhere.
- If you have a checking or savings account please provide a COMPLETE bank statement and not an account history. They are not the same things. This includes any Cash App, Venmo, Apple Pay, etc.
- Remember that you must report your income and family composition changes within **14 calendar days**. You can do this by calling the office at (423) 623-1575 ext. 2 and explaining to me what happened. If you are emailing documents make sure to explain whether you have rent increase or decrease.
- If you fail to report an increase of wages within the 14 calendar day period, a retroactive rent charge will be charged to your account. This is the difference in the amount of rent that you were charged as opposed to the amount of rent that you should have been charged. If your retroactive rent exceeds \$2400.00 you will be required to find housing elsewhere.
- If you have not reported any decrease in wages you will not be given any credit for the months that your rent should have been reduced.
- If you have questions, you can call me at extension 2 or you can reach me by email at mvenerable@nhatoday.com.

Melissa Venerable,

Occupancy Coordinator

A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING FOR EVERYONE!



Don't forget that our Bryant Town Boutique is now permanently closed. We will have a boutique located at 375 Alex Street that is open on Mondays 9am to 2pm. There's lots of good stuff at both locations and it's FREE! Be sure to stop by and see us. We look forward to seeing you!



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