

RESIDENT NEWSLETTER

Housing Authority of Murray

June 1, 2023



No Housekeeping Inspections for June

Attention Residents!!

INCOME AND HOUSEHOLD CHANGES

Just a reminder. All tenants are responsible for reporting changes in income and/ or household size within 5 days of the change. HUD monitors these things closely and contacts HAM when they find discrepancies between what residents report and what other sources report. Housing agencies are required to follow-up with residents when discrepancies are found and collect all rent owed. By not reporting changes in a timely manner, residents risk owing retro rent and/or being convicted of fraud! Such outcomes can follow a resident for years and result in great difficulty obtaining housing. To report a change in income and/or household size, contact the HAM office for the necessary documents. Be sure the office has a working phone number or e-mail for you at all times.

We're currently under renovation inside the main office. We may experience some downtime in the next few weeks during an internal move to other parts of the building. Please be patient during this process. Also, please do not ask the construction crew to move their vehicles. They are there with equipment for a reason. This is a temporary situation and you will have your usual parking spot back as soon as possible.

Maintenance

Please call the main office to place work orders during business hours. If we do not answer, leave a detailed message and we will get the request processed. Do not text the emergency maintenance number. Call ONLY for emergencies during non- business hours.

Mowing season has begun. Please see last page of newsletter for guidelines.

Important Notice:

Under no circumstances is a resident of HAM, nor any of their family or guests, to approach a HAM employee at the employee's residence for any reason. If you have a medical emergency call 911. If you have an emergency maintenance request, please follow the process outlined on the reverse side of this newsletter.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Rent is due on the 1st. No rent is processed after 3:30 p.m.
- **Late fees will be applied Thursday, June 15th. Late fees are \$30 for rent and \$20 for cable.**
- **The office will be closed June 19th for Juneteenth.**
- **No rent will be taken in person until further notice. Please mail your payments or use the after- hours drop off available through the drop slot on the front door.**
- **If you suspect any criminal activity on HAM property YOU MUST contact the Murray Police Department IMMEDIATELY at 270-753-1621.**
- Please check the updated banned list at www.phamurray.org



ATTENTION: ANNUAL RECERTIFICATIONS

Annual recertification packets were mailed out the week of May 15th. If you have not received your packet, please call the office immediately. All packets are due back to Vickie no later than July 1st. This recertification is not for elderly or disabled families.

AFTER BUSINESS HOURS: Call 270.293.3550 ONLY when:

- Your smoke detector is not working properly.
- You have no heat and the outdoor temperature is below 45 degrees.
- You are elderly and your air conditioning is not working.
- You see sparks or smell electrical smoke.
- You do not have power in your unit (if you have partial power, check the breaker panel).
- You have a water leak that cannot be shut off at the valve or allowed to drip into a container or bucket until the next business day.
- Your refrigerator is not working properly and food may potentially spoil.
- If you are locked out, there is a \$50 charge for maintenance to unlock your apartment (if you leave after calling, you will still be charged for the visit). You will need proof that you live in the apartment.

ALWAYS Call 911 for:

- Fires.
- Gas leaks.
- Medical Emergencies.
- Criminal Activity of any kind.
- Murray Emergency services will relay certain calls to HAM personnel immediately. Criminal Activity that has been reported to the police should also be reported directly to our office (270.753.5000 ext. 315)

Notes from Maintenance:

* Lawn care personnel are NOT employees of the HAM, and should NOT be approached by tenants for work orders, concerns, etc. Please call the office if you need assistance.

* Automobiles are prohibited on lawns and sidewalks; this includes while moving in or out.

* You are responsible for keeping your yard free and clear of all trash and debris AT ALL TIMES. A \$25.00 charge will be added to your account if Maintenance is required to clean your yard.

* Only potted plants and furniture designed for outdoor use are allowed on porches. Nothing is to be set on the lawns that will impede mowing. We are not responsible for any damage to items left on the lawns, this includes water hoses and toys. BBQ's should be kept on the back porch ONLY. They should NEVER be stored on the front porch.

* Swimming pools are to be attended at all times while in use. If no adult is present, the pool will be removed by staff. When not in use, it is the tenant's responsibility to remove it from the lawn area.

* Trash cans must be moved to BACK of your unit within 24 hours of pick-up. They are NEVER to be stored on the front porch. A \$10.00 charge will be added to your account if Maintenance is required to move your trash can. If you require walk-up trash removal, contact the office for a request form. If you are using a recycling receptacle, know your pick-up schedule so that your container is retrieved and placed behind your unit within 24 hours of pick-up. For this information, you may call the City of Murray Sanitation Department at 270-762-0380. A \$10.00 charge will be added to your account if Maintenance has to move your receptacle.

These requirements are stated in your signed lease addendum. Maintenance will be inspecting yards and reporting any and all violations found to the office. Should you have any questions, please call the office at 270-753-5000.