

Please keep the family of Melani Caprio in your thoughts and prayers.

## PLEASE DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE!

Please do not feed Wildlife or stray animals. Although it may seem helpful to provide food or scraps, it is just the opposite. Wildlife becomes dependent on "handouts" and forgets the natural survival instinct. Actually, handouts may kill animals. **On two occasions this summer, racoons have been found with food cans stuck on their heads.**

Luckily, the racoons were spotted and the cans were removed. Had they not been found; the racoons would have died a horrible death! Have there been others that were not found? Wildlife will survive **WITHOUT** handouts.

MHA does not perform Wildlife control functions. If there are problems with Wildlife, please contact the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency at 423-587-7037.

**If you have problems with stray cats or dogs please call Morristown Animal Control at 423-581-1494.**



*The MISSION of MHA is to provide drug-free, decent, safe and sanitary housing for eligible families and to provide opportunities promoting self-sufficiency and economic independence for families.*

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## Encouraging words from the Executive Director

It's hard to believe that yet another summer has flown by and it's time for our kids to be heading back to school. As summer begins to wind down and thoughts turn to the upcoming school year, we want to encourage all parents to begin now in preparing your children for their return to school. Is your family prepared to help your children learn and succeed in school? Studies show children are most successful in school when they have parental support. The success of our children in the future depends on a strong educational foundation. This begins when they start school, but it is never too late to get involved and encourage them.

### Here are some suggestions that will help parents to engage with their children:

- Ask them a specific question about their day such as "What did you learn in science today?"
- Dedicate a certain time each day as homework and reading time. Providing this schedule will help them plan and to get in the habit of studying.
- Make sure they get a good night's sleep each night.
- Breakfast is an important start to the day. Hamblen County schools provide FREE breakfast to all students.
- Communicate with your child's teacher. Together you can work to help your child succeed.

I encourage you to implement these tips to help your child either become successful in school or to continue that success. Education is the foundation for future success and self-sufficiency. Without an education, little in life can be accomplished. Thanks to the programs and services offered at MHA, adults have the opportunity to gain further education in the form of a GED or computer classes and training that can lead to jobs and personal as well as financial advancement. Therefore, we encourage all of our resident, regardless of age to develop a life-long passion for furthering their education.

The programs and services provided by MHA are here for the benefit of its residents and are offered at no cost to you. It is our hope that you will take advantage of all the wonderful services and programs that are offered. As for the children returning to school, we wish you a wonderful upcoming school year!

Sincerely,

*Marilyn J. Medley*

Executive Director



# The Morristown Housing Authority 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.

Prohibited tobacco products are defined as items that involve the ignition and burning of tobacco leaves, such as (but not limited to) cigarettes, cigars, pipes, Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (ENDS) and water pipes (hookahs).

Residents and their guests are responsible for properly disposing of cigarette butts or other tobacco products so as not to litter the grounds.

Residents and employees who smell tobacco smoke from inside housing authority property are to report this to the Housing Director or to the Administrative Office as soon as possible. The housing authority's Management staff will try to identify the source of the smoke and take appropriate action in accordance with this policy.

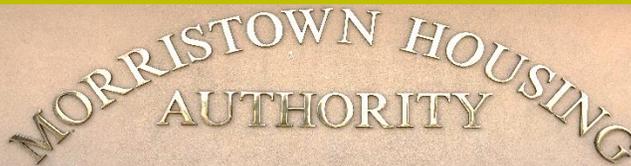
Failure to abide by this Smoke-Free Policy is a lease violation based on civil behavior with the following consequences:

1<sup>st</sup> Violation will result in a Written Lease Violation

2<sup>nd</sup> Violation will result in a Written Lease Violation

3<sup>rd</sup> Violation will result in a Written Lease Violation

4<sup>th</sup> Violation in any 12-month period will result in a 30-day lease termination.



## Policy Updates & Procedures

### MHA ACOP UPDATES

MHA will update the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy effective August 1, 2019. The pending updates are available for review at the front desk of the MHA office during regular business hours. The office location is 600 Sulphur Springs Road Morristown, TN. Any inquiries may be made to:

**Sherrie Samples**  
**Public Housing Director**  
**(423) 586-5115 x 8003 or**  
**[ssamples@morristownpha.org](mailto:ssamples@morristownpha.org)**

### OVER-INCOME FAMILIES

Beginning December 1, 2018, the PHA shall track all public housing residents who have an income over 120% of the Area Median Income (AMI). This is defined as 2.4 times the HUD determined Very Low-Income limit for our jurisdiction. The limit will be adjusted each year within 60 days after HUD published new income limits. When the Housing Authority becomes aware, through an annual reexamination or an interim reexamination for an increase in income, that a family's income exceeds the applicable income limit, the Housing Authority must, per HUD regulation, document in the family's tenant file that the family exceeds the threshold to compare with the family's income a year later. If, one year after the initial determination by the Housing Authority that a family's

income exceeds the over-income limit, and the family's income continues to exceed the over-income limit, the Housing Authority must, as required by HUD regulation, provide written notification to the family that their income has exceeded the over-income limit for one year. The written notification shall further state that if the family's income continues to exceed the over-income limit for the next 12 consecutive months, the family will be subject to either a higher rent (as determined on a HUD formula) or termination based on the Housing Authority's policies. [DELETE THE OPTION THAT DOES NOT APPLY AFTER HUD PUBLISHES ADDITIONAL INFO] All notices and communications will be provided in a manner appropriate for persons with hearing, visual or other disabilities.

-If the PHA discovers through an annual or interim exam that the family's income falls below the over-income limit, the two-year period starts over again if the family exceeds the limit in the future.

-The termination or higher rent payment decision will be made after HUD publishes additional information and guidelines.

-Exempted from this regulation are families with a valid Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) contract, or families where at least one family member is receiving the Earned Income Disregard benefit.

## La Autoridad de Vivienda de Morristown

### Política Libre de Humo

A partir del 1 de julio de 2018, el uso de productos de tabaco por residentes o invitados está prohibido en todas las unidades de vivienda pública y áreas interiores (incluyendo pero no limitado a pasillos, pórticos, oficinas administrativas, instalaciones de mantenimiento, almacenes y estructuras similares). Así como en áreas al aire libre dentro de 25 pies de vivienda pública, sala comunitaria, Neighborhood Network Center, edificios administrativos y de oficinas de mantenimiento.

Los productos prohibidos del tabaco se definen como elementos que implican el encendido y la combustión de las hojas de tabaco, como cigarrillos, puros, pipas, sistema electrónico de entrega de nicotina (ENDS) y tuberías de agua (hookahs).

Los residentes y sus invitados son responsables de deshacerse adecuadamente de las colillas de cigarrillos u otros productos de tabaco para no desperdiciar los terrenos.

Los residentes y los empleados que huelen a humo de tabaco desde el interior de la vivienda son propiedad de la autoridad, y pueden informar de esto a la Directora de Vivienda o a la oficina administrativa tan pronto como sea posible. El personal administrativo de la autoridad de vivienda tratará de identificar la fuente del humo y tomar las medidas apropiadas de acuerdo con esta política.

El incumplimiento de esta Política Libre de Humo es una violación de arrendamiento basada en el comportamiento civil con las siguientes consecuencias:

1<sup>st</sup> La primera infracción dará lugar a una infracción de arrendamiento por escrito

2<sup>nd</sup> La segunda infracción dará lugar a una infracción de arrendamiento por escrito

3<sup>rd</sup> La tercera infracción dará lugar a una infracción de arrendamiento por escrito

4<sup>th</sup> La cuarta infracción en cualquier período de 12 meses resultará en la terminación de arrendamiento de 30 días.

# Pest Control Updates & Reminders



<b>Thursday</b> Charles Turner Homes Mountain View Village Mountain View Village E John R. Johnson Homes	Treatments will begin on <b>Thursdays</b> and be completed by noon on <b>Fridays</b> . Residents will be notified if additional treatments are required. Should this schedule change for any reason, residents will be notified <b>48 hours</b> prior to new start date. <i>(This does not include Bed Bug or Termite Treatment)</i> <b>(Revised 4/2016)</b>
<b>Thursday</b> C. Frank Davis Homes)	
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<b>Thursday</b> Lon Price Homes Julia Bales Callaway Homes S.S. Surrett Homes)	

## 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

## FILTER REPLACEMENT

Beginning on the second Tuesday of each month, January through December, maintenance crews will replace filters in HVAC units (each month) and furnaces (during winter months only).

## FILTERS

Condensate tablets shall be added to HVAC & PTAC units each May, June, July, August, and September when filters are changed

## SMOKE ALARMS

Batteries shall be changed in smoke alarms in April and October

## MORRISTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY'S

## TRASH TRUCK RUNS EACH MONDAY

Place on curb Sunday afternoon or before 7a.m.  
Monday mornings

To schedule a work order, please call 423/586-5115

## PEST CONTROL PROCEDURE

All units will be treated monthly. Treatments are not optional.

Units will be treated when they become vacant and monitored during turnaround for any needed follow up treatments.

Heavily infested vacant units will be treated aggressively until pest are eliminated.

Heavily infested occupied units will be noted and treated on 14-day intervals.

Any housekeeping issues will be noted by the technicians and followed up by MHA staff to insure compliance.

## 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, the pest 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:

- Non-Compliance for Bed Bug Treatments
- First Attempt – Documentation (Write Up)
- Second Attempt - \$100.00 -owed by resident
- Third Attempt – Lease Termination

## Officer Johnson's "Sticky" Notes...

### Street Safety

*It is very important that you teach children how to be safe while walking on or crossing a street.*

**According to the National Safe Kids Campaign, children ages 5 to 9 are at the highest risk of being injured or killed in a traffic-related pedestrian accident.**

Pedestrian injury is the third leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for 5- to 14- year olds.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports toddlers are usually run over in the driveway; preschoolers are typically struck when they dart out between parked cars; and children aged 6 to 12 are usually hit when in the middle of the block and on busy streets.

### Safety Tips

- Toddlers and preschoolers need adult supervision at all times while they are outdoors and indoors. They should never be permitted near or on a street.
- Stop at the curb or edge of the road before crossing, and to never run into the street.
- Look and listen for traffic to the left, then to the right and then to the left again.
- Cross at the street corner and walk in crosswalks. Obey the traffic signals and signs. Keep looking while crossing the street.
- Always watch out for cars. The drivers may not see pedestrians or yield right of way.
- Never go between parked cars to cross the street.

**Morristown Police Department  
Morristown Housing Authority  
Liaison/Crime Prevention Officer  
Network Center - 1149 Kennedy Circle  
Office: 423-587-0376**





**Jammie Smith**  
Community Cares  
(Elderly/Disabled)  
Call 423/736-3489

**Bryan Parks**  
Service Coordinator Assistant  
423/586-5115 Extension 8017

**Andrea Stewart**  
Service Coordinator  
423/586-5115 ext. 8026  
Call/Text 423/273-9082

### MHA Van Service

Transportation is provided locally for residents. The van operates the following days:

**Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday**

**9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Please call 423/586-5115 extension 0 to schedule a ride one day in advance!

**Each resident may only ride 2 days out of the week!**

## Upcoming August Events

### Computer Learning Center Events

1149 Kennedy Circle Office Number 423/200-5584



**1149 Kennedy Circle**  
**Monday – Thursday**  
**3:00pm to 5:00pm**  
**(snacks provided)**

Educational Activities, Mentoring, Computers, Homework Help, Extra School Supplies, Books, Board Games and Much More!

**Providing a safe, engaging, and fun learning experience for youth 6 and up!**



### Computer Learning Center Aid

#### Temporary Position Available

If you are between the ages of 18-24 and looking for a temporary work experience

-OR-

If you are over the age of 55 and looking for employment

Please contact  
Andrea  
423/586-5115 ext 8026  
423/273-9082

#### SIGN ME UP



- Commodities
- LiHEAP
- AT&T \$10 internet
- Community Cares
- G.E.D. (HiSet)
- Youth Afterschool Program
- Bucket & Suds Classes
- Household assistance
- Certified Nursing Assistant Classes
- Financial Aid
- **Perishable Food**
- Community Service
- Financial Empowerment

### Back to School Bash



JRJ Community Room  
Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>  
11am to 2pm

**BBQ, Slip & Slide, Community Vendors & Miscellaneous School Supplies!**

The Incredible Community  
**BABY SHOWER**  
Honoring ALL pregnant women & New Moms  
Walter State Community College GYMNASIUM  
August 8<sup>th</sup> 11am to 1pm



For more info call the Health Department  
423/586-6431

**Happy Birthday to everyone born in August!**

## August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <b>Rent Due</b>	2	3
4 Bible Study CR 9:30	5 Perishable Food 2pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School <b>Rent Late</b>	6	7 <u>Ready by 6</u> <u>Office Open</u>	8 Back to School Bash 11am to 2pm	9 Incredible Baby Shower 11am to 1	10
11 Bible Study CR 9:30	12	13	14 All Saints Bingo 12:00pm <u>RB6 Office</u>	15	16	17
18 Bible Study CR 9:30	19	20	21 <u>Ready By 6</u> <u>Office Open</u> Whitepine Commodity	22	23	24
25 Bible Study CR 9:30	26 MHA.Commodity Delivery	27 Commodity Pickup Central Services	28 <u>Ready By 6</u> <u>Office Open</u>	29	30	31