Newsletter August 2022

Fitzgerald Housing Authority

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Rent Due Date

Rent is due the first five business days of the month. We do not count weekends or holidays. After the fifth business day, you will be charged a \$25 late fee. Payment must be received in full, after the late fee. After the last day to pay date, it will be sent to court. We will no longer check to see why you have not paid your rent. You will no longer be asked to call the office. If it goes to court, you must pay your whole balance on your account, plus the \$80 court cost. You can only go to court once in a twelve-month period. Please pay your rent at the beginning of the month. Do not wait until the last week.

Move Out

If you are planning to move from your home, you will need to give the Housing Authority a thirty (30) day notice. You are responsible for your unit, including rent, until your thirty-day notice is up. You must remove everything from your unit and leave it clean. You may be charged for any removal of old furniture or trash. When you have removed all belongings and cleaned the unit, please bring the keys and FHA ID to the central office, so we will know you are out of the unit.

Refrigerator/Freezer

To ensure your refrigerator runs efficiently, please do not block the fan in the freezer. If food is blocking the fan, it cannot circulate the air and it will cause your fridge to freeze up and not cool. This can cause food spoilage. When adding food to the freezer, make sure the fan is not blocked.

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Pest Control Dates

August 17

September 21

October 19

November 16

December 21

January 18

Please do your part in controlling pests. A clean house is the key to no bugs.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed

12-1 Lunch

Friday

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

School started back this month! We hope everyone has a fun year!



More Important News

Recertification/Lease renewal

HUD mandates that all tenants must attend a yearly recertification appointment. This is your lease renewal. You must bring with you; PHA ID, check stubs (if working), two family contribution letters (if not working), SS award letters (for those that get SS or SSI), and birth certificates and social security card, for new babies only. If you are supposed to be doing community service, you will need to bring your community service certification form. You can obtain this at the central office. If you cannot make your scheduled appointment, please call to reschedule and let Donna know. Please keep us updated on any new phone numbers.

Also, if you start or quit a job, you must let the office know within ten days of starting or quitting. Including temp agency, such as Labor Finders. You must bring your separation notice when you leave a job.

Smoke Free Property

We are a smoke free property. This means **NO SMOKING** in your home. You must be at least 25 feet from the housing property. Be sure to remind your guests. You can be charged for smoking in your unit and for damages incurred from it.

Parking

Be sure to make your guest park in a visitor parking spot. Ask before using someone else's assigned parking spot. Sometimes, they have care givers or guests that need to park there. Do not park on the street. We have had complaints about cars blocking the road and other's driveways. Police will start issuing tickets to cars parked on the street.

Clean House

Please sweep and mop your floors. During pest control, we have noticed people not maintaining clean floors, kitchens, or bathrooms. You must clean your toilets and tubs to keep them from staining. Please keep your stove eyes clean. Grease will stop up the holes and not allow your stove to turn on properly. We will be conducting home inspections for cleanliness and physical repairs. You can be evicted for poor housekeeping. Keeping your kitchen clean and dishes washed will help eliminate any pests you may have in your home. A clean home is a cheerful home.

Office Closures

September 5-Labor Day
October 10- Columbus Day
November 11- Veteran Day

November 24- Thanksgiving

HUD INSPECTION

Recently, the FHA had a HUD/REAC inspection. Many units had issues that were caused by the tenants themselves. The Housing Authority expects the tenant to maintain a clean home and to be damage free. Damage caused by rough use and carelessness seemed to be an issue. You are expected to keep your home free from damages. Please call Lisa, work order clerk, with any needed repairs.

Let's keep our community clean!

We have noticed more than usual amounts of trash on the property's grounds. Please pick up any trash around your unit. If the FHA picks it up, you will be charged a fee. If you need a trash can, you will have to call the City Barn at 229-426-5044.

It's hot out there! Stay hydrated!

