

The Housing Authority office hours are:
Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Fridays from 8:30 am to 11:00 am
The Housing Authority phone number is **910-863-4919**
Secretary/receptionist - 221
Occupancy Specialist - 224
Section 8 Specialist - 223
Executive director - 222



April, May & June

**The office will be closed Monday,
April 22, 2019
For Easter
and will reopen on Tuesday,
April 23, 2019 At 8:30 am**

**The Office will be Closed Monday,
May 27th 2019
For Memorial Day
And will reopen on Tuesday
May 28th 2019 at 8:30 AM**



Becky Tatum
Section 8 Specialist

NEWS FROM SECTION 8

Hello Everyone!
You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.

C S Lewis
Love this quote! Each and every one of us has the opportunity to make changes to better our self. Whether it is with school, work, family or home life, sometimes it's just a matter of applying one's self to be the best we can. We may not always like what we have been dealt, but it is up to each of us to take what we have and strive for better. The author is unknown, but recently I saw a hand written post on Facebook that fits right in with making changes.

If you fail, never give up because F.A.I.L. means

First Attempt in Learning
End is not the end. In fact E.N.D. means
Effort Never Dies
If you get NO as an answer, remember N.O. means
Next Opportunity
Positive thinking!!!

Positivity helps bring changes about. Don't be afraid of what can go wrong. Be excited about what can go right!
With all this being said, I would like to let everyone know about a positive change in the Housing Choice Voucher Program for the Bladenboro Housing Authority. A recent update to the Administrative Plan has been made for Occupancy Standards. What this means, with new voucher issuances and as annual re-exams take place, your household may benefit for a potential change in your payment standard. We are attempting to improve on what we have been given and hope this can help with some of the burdens.
Help us to help you and don't forget to report ALL changes as they come up.
Thank you and strive to improve in all you do!

Becky Tatum
Section 8 Specialist

NEW MEMBER IN MAINTENANCE

By now most of the residents have met Josue' Nieves, he is the newest member to our Maintenance department. Newest in that he has not been formally introduced since our newsletter has been on hiatus. However he has been with us for the last seven months, and doing a great job. So please when you see him on the sites introduce yourself to Josue'. We are so happy to have him on board.

Message from the Executive Director...

As we all know Hurricane Florence hit Bladen County hard. The impact was significant for our county and six months later the impact is still being felt for some. Our Authorities main office was significantly damaged much more so than Hurricane Matthew. This time we received two feet of water in our office and the damage was great enough we had to relocate. We were more fortunate than others in that we have a community building at Spinners Court which was available for us to use until final decisions are made about the office. We thank you all for working with us over these months as we transitioned to a smaller location and continued to operate as usual. There were some "bumps" in the road but throughout the entire time we have remained open for business. Our properties received some damage as well but nothing major, mostly shingles and soffit and a few units in Clarkton received some water, but there were no displacements. So overall we were fortunate, and with that being said we are ready to pick back up with our newsletter and move forward. We hope you look forward to these and please let us know any information you would like to see in future publications.



Stevie Craig
Executive Director

In other business, we are happy to report floor replacement work has been completed at Spinners Court and Harmony Homes and the new flooring looks wonderful. Really makes a difference in the appearance of our apartments. Thank you to all for you cooperation with the contractor. Oakdale Homes is currently in the process of having the same flooring replacement work and hope to have it completed by the next letter. Upcoming capital projects will be the completion of bathroom renovations for the three bedroom units at Benjamin Manor and possible floor replacements for the Twisted Hickory site as well. So we have remained active in improving out sites and ask for you to provide input into what you would like to see in the future for the sites. Anyone with suggestions, please mail them in to my attention or feel free to give me a call at the office.

Until next time, please enjoy the spring weather.

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Joint Municipal Housing Cooperative



Adrienne Brockington
Secretary/Receptionist

From The Receptionist Desk

Before you speak:
THINK
T= is it True?
H= is it Helpful?
I= is it Inspiring?
N= is it Necessary?
K= is it Kind?

Someone said "Akuna Matata"...leave the past behind! As we move forward trying to rebuild and put our lives back together or in some type of perspective, the path seems limited but is actually limitless! Set goals, be creative, and achieve your dreams. The First Baptist Church located at 500 S. Main Street Bladenboro, NC has a food pantry that assists individuals and families in our community who has come upon hard times and is in need of something to eat. The Food Pantry is open the second Saturday of each month from 9:00-11:00 am.

Happy Easter and Memorial Day Weekend!

Thank you
Adrienne Brockington
Secretary/Receptionist



Arnya Fennell
Occupancy Specialist

NEWS FROM PUBLIC HOUSING

Spring is here, and the Housing Authority wants your spring to be safe and fun. Tenants please pick up your trash in your yards, and keep your area clean.

Here are a few reminders:

The procedure for Work Orders is to call the office, and place the work order, if you see maintenance on site; they will not come in your unit unless it is an emergency.

Remember there is No-Smoking Policy for all of Public Housing and has been in effect for the last eight months.

All changes are to be reported within ten days of the change.

Grills are allowed, but be mindful of the rules, and the distance away from your unit.

When grilling try something different, instead of BBQ sauce try some Italian Dressing it makes for a delicious piece of chicken, and remember to have a wonderful spring!!!

Arnya Fennell
Occupancy Specialist

SAFETY TIPS



Oral Baldwin
Maintenance

If you smell gas inside or outside your apartment...

It only takes 1200 degrees to ignite gas and these are a list of things that generate more than 1200 degrees so please do not do any of the following:

- *switching on a light- if you think you smell gas never turn a light on
- *turn your cell phone off it could ignite gas if it rings
- *do not use a flashlight that holds more than one battery because when turning on, two or more batteries can spark
- *never light a match or a lighter
- *do not smoke any tobacco products
- *when smelling gas outside do not drag your feet on concrete or rocks this can ignite gas
- *and for the safety of yours and others always leave the area where you smell gas and call Housing Authority or Piedmont Natural Gas

Happy Easter and have a safe and wonderful Memorial Day
Thank you
Oral Baldwin



James Graham
Maintenance

When we are in your area working please know you must call all work orders into the office. We cannot go into your unit to do work without a work order called into the office first. The season is changing, you need to check your air filter, please change them every 30 days because your heat and air unit won't run properly with a dirty filter. Also, please help keep your area clean, if we have to pick up trash that is left on the grounds, you could be charged.

James M. Graham
Plumbing

PLUMBING

On leaks make sure to report it ASAP before it damages the property and you will be charged. Keep trash and debris away from drain lines. NO flushing wipes, toys, and other things that might clog the toilet. If something is leaking and it has a cut-off valve, turn it off to avoid a high water bill.

Josue' Nieves

SAFETY REMINDER....

We know as hot weather is approaches children and sometimes adults like to have kiddie pools and slip and slides but these are NOT PERMITTED on the apartment sites. Although they are certainly fun and refreshing, there is a drowning and injury hazard to children left unattended. Therefore we are again advising pools of any kind, kiddie, inflatable, or otherwise, and including slip and slides are NOT allowed on the sites at any times. If we see them on the site we will have to notify your household you are in violation and will have to remove it immediately.

GRILLING

Please enjoy your cookouts but be aware of the policy for grilling. The policy is you MUST have the grill at least 10 feet away from any building while in use to prevent a fire hazard. This is the policy for both gas and charcoal grills. And with charcoal grills you must allow time for it to cool properly and then discard the bricquets and/or ash after completely cooling BEFORE disposing and before moving the grill back against your apartment. And for gas grills the gas tank must be disconnected and stored away from the unit, this means you may not store a gas container inside your apartment nor inside the storage building on the outside of your unit. Doing so presents a fire and explosion hazard.

TEMPORARY RELOCATION

Our main office has been relocated to the Spinners Court Community Building, located at 706 Chestnut Street in Bladenboro. The phone number there is 910-863-3747 and the fax number is 910-863-2056. The old office phone number will accept messages only at this time. Please utilize the numbers listed here for phone and fax.

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MAILING ADDRESS IS THE SAME!!! IF YOU ARE MAILING SOMETHING CONTINUE TO USE PO BOX 339, BLADENBORO!

RESIDENT ADVISORY
BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

Please contact Executive Director Craig if you would be willing to serve your community.

BLADENBORO COMMUNITY WATCH



Families First is offering "Parenting and Empowerment Classes" on site and will run for 15 weeks

BLADEN CRISIS

has a food pantry in Elizabethtown and is open 2 times a month to help families in need. The schedule is 1 day a month for persons over 62 and 1 day for persons under 62.

An application needs to be filled out the first time. For information on the days and time call 910-869-1032

The meetings are scheduled
the third Thursday of the month

at 7:00 pm

And be held at the

Bladenboro Police Department

306 S. Main Street

Bladenboro, NC 28320

Please join Chief Hunt and the
Bladenboro Police Department
each month for the Community Watch.