

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

Berwick Housing Authority

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2017

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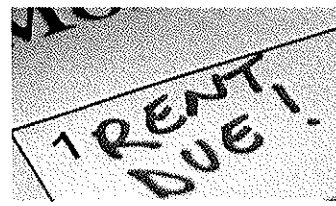
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**SORRY WE'LL BE
CLOSED!**

The office will be closed on **JANUARY 2ND** for New Year's and **JANUARY 16TH** for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. If you have a maintenance emergency please call the office and listen to the message for the phone number to the maintenance guy on call.

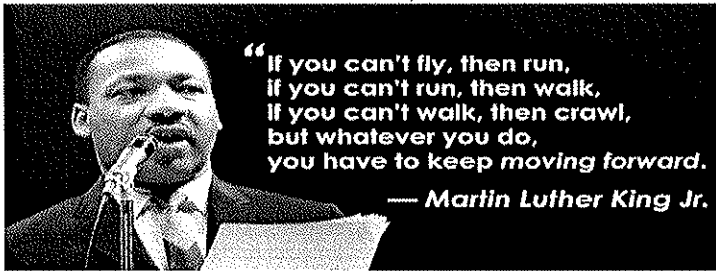


Rent is due **JANUARY 12th** which is the 8th working day of the month. If you do not pay by the 12th a \$10 late fee will be applied. If you signed a contract, your rent is due **JANUARY 15, 2016**, but a late fee is still applied after the 12th. **The absolute last day to pay rent is JANUARY 20th.**

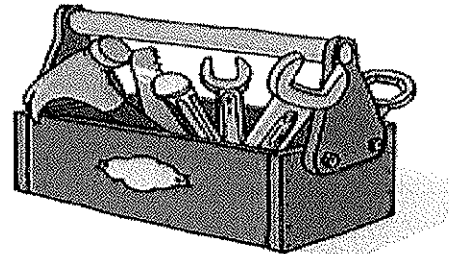


All vehicles on housing authority property must be properly tagged & in running condition with fully inflated tires. Vehicles that are not in running condition will be towed at resident's expense. Residents must obtain BHA approval to perform any vehicle maintenance activities.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
JANUARY 16, 2017



AFTER HOURS INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAINTENANCE EMERGENCIES



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If you have a maintenance emergency (gas, electricity, or water) after close of business day or on the weekend you must follow the instructions listed below to contact maintenance.

1. Call the office @ 985-385-1546.
2. The message will ask you to leave your name and unit number and then you will need to call the maintenance phone number that the message gives you.
3. Call the number and you will speak directly to the maintenance guy on call.

*****If you do not call the maintenance phone number and speak to a maintenance guy, then your message will not be received until open of the next business day.**

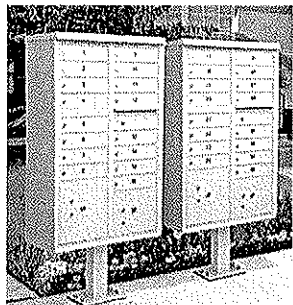


BHA WILL BE TAKING PUBLIC
HOUSING APPLICATIONS ON
JANUARY 4TH & 5TH
8:15 AM-11:00 PM
1:15 PM-3:00 PM

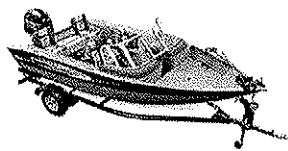
PLEASE KEEP YOU EYES AND EARS OPEN FOR THE DATES OF OUR
NEXT

RESIDENT COUNCIL





If you did not pick-up your mailbox key, you will need to go to the **Morgan City Post Office** with your ID and a copy of your lease to get it.



Boats are **NOT** allowed on Berwick Housing Authority Property.

SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS:

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO BRING IN A COPY OF YOUR 2017 COST OF LIVING INCREASE.

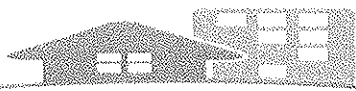
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**CAPITAL FUND PLAN
BERWICK HOUSING AUTHORITY
RESIDENT CENTER
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017
2:00 PM**

The purpose of the hearing is to obtain citizen input on the subject of the Housing Authority's 5-Year Action Plan for 207-2021 Capital Fund Program (CFP) and the CFP Annual Statement for 2017; all of which the Housing Authority has formulated in compliance with HUD requirements.

Those citizens unable to attend this hearing may submit their views in writing to:

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Smoke-Free Housing

ON NOVEMBER 30, 2016 THE U.S. HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) SECRETARY CASTRO ANNOUNCED PUBLIC HOUSING TO BE SMOKE-FREE

-The ruling prohibits lit tobacco products in units, common areas, PHA administrative offices, and all areas within 25 feet of buildings. This will reduce the risk of exposure to second-hand smoke and smoke-related maintenance costs, benefitting all PHA staff and residents, including more than 760,000 children and 329,000 senior residents.

-Berwick Housing Authority will begin compiling a smoke-free policy in January of 2017 to be in compliance with HUD guidelines.

-The Cardiovascular Institute of the South offers a Commit to Quit program for individuals interested in quitting smoking. Go to www.cardio.com and hit the treatment link and go to smoking cessation or call 877-288-0011 to speak to a Tobacco Treatment Coordinator.



2017 PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

INAUGURATION DAY 2017, the day Donald Trump will assume the role of chief executive of the United States, is Friday, January 20, 2017. The nation's 45th president will be sworn in on the steps of the U.S. Capital at noon, when the term of President Barack Obama expires.

community Service

IF YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETING COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS YOU NEED TO GET THEM DONE AND TURN IN YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE SHEETS TO THE OFFICE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS UP TO DATE WHEN YOUR RECERTIFICATION IS DUE THEN YOUR LEASE MAY NOT BE RENEWED.

**New year resolution:
Laugh a little louder, smile a little bigger, love a little deeper, and walk through life a little slower.**



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PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE OFFICE TO ASK US IF THE MAILMAN HAS DELIVERED THE MAIL YET. WE ARE FAR TOO BUSY TO WATCH OUT FOR THE MAILMAN.