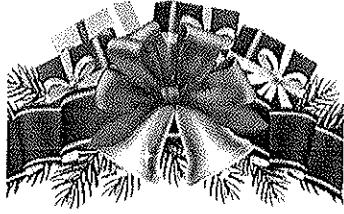


Happy Holidays



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Berwick Housing Authority will be taking applications December 13th and 20th from 8:15 am-11:00 pm and 1:15 pm-3:00 pm. You must have birth certificates and social security cards for all members of the household, picture ID for all members over age 18 and current proof of income.



A CHILLIN CHRISTMAS HANGOUT
December 15, 2018
10:00 am-1:00 pm

Morgan City Petting Zoo

- \$5 bracelet gets you in & with unlimited game play
- \$3 to enter and not play games
- Ugly sweater contest, coloring contest, pictures with Santa, face painting, wide variety of games with prizes and concessions

Berwick Housing Authority

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018

Clarence Robinson Jr., Executive Director

YOUR RENT IS DUE

Rent is due December 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 December 15, 2018, but a late fee is still applied after the 14th. **The absolute last day to pay rent is December 20th.**

BERNICE STREET CHRISTMAS LIGHT EVENT



Sat., Dec. 8th @ 5:30 pm-9 pm

- Pictures with Santa Clause (pictures can be taken with your cell or camera)
- Plenty of hot chocolate, cookies, a puppet show, Christmas carols and train ride for the kids.
- Visitors urged to bring canned goods for donation to SM Outreach at Cottonwood entrance

BERWICK TOWN MARKET



SATURDAY, DEC. 15TH
9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Come out and join us for shopping, hot chocolate and Santa Clause!

PATTERSON Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 9th
2:00 pm-4:00 pm
Down Main Street

WE'RE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

The office will be closed December 24th, 25th and 31st for the holidays. If you have a maintenance emergency, please call the office and listen to the answering machine for the phone number to the maintenance staff on call.



ALL WORKING RESIDENTS:

You may come into the office the week of December 3rd-December 7th to sign a late agreement for 2019. The late agreement is an incentive for our working residents that allows them to pay rent on the 15th of the month instead of the 8th working day without getting a strike. You will still get the \$10 late fee after the 8th working day, just not the strike. If you become unemployed at any time during the year your contract will be voided. You will not have the opportunity to sign another late agreement until the following year. **RESIDENTS MUST SIGN A NEW LATE AGREEMENT EVERY YEAR!**

CHRISTMAS IN MOREY PARK

Patterson, Main Street
Saturday, December 15th
6:00 pm
Lighted Boat Parade and movie "Elf" follows at 7 pm.

christmas in the park



SATURDAY, DEC. 1ST
2:00 PM-8:00 PM

LAWRENCE PARK, MC

- 2p-4:30p-Games/Arts & Crafts/Santa Photos/Snacks
- 4:45p-5:45p-Entertainment from the Tri-City area schools and churches
- 6p-8p-"The Star" movie on the big screen in Lawrence Park & MC Main Street will be selling concessions
- This event is free to enter. They do however ask for a coat, jacket or blanket donation to help local charities.
- In the event of rain, the event will relocate to the WEST Concourse of the MC Municipal Auditorium.
- Sponsored by Jr. Auxilliary of East St. Mary & MC Main Street.



2019 Social Security and Social Security Income recipients will see a 2.8% increase in their benefits. **Please bring a copy of your 2019 award letter to the office when you receive it.**



FROM THE BERWICK HOUSING AUTHORITY

Holiday Safety Tips

While holiday decorating is all about adding fun, sparkle and warmth to a very special Season, it's important to remember that many of our favorite decorations carry the risk of fire or electrical injury if not used carefully. Don't let a preventable accident take the enjoyment out of your holidays.

LIGHTS AND DECORATIONS

- When purchasing lights, electric decorations and extension cords, purchase the ones that are UL-listed.
- If you're planning to decorate outside, make sure you use lights & decorations that are rated for outdoor use. Putting indoor-only products outside in the weather can result in electric shock and fire hazards.
- Inspect all lights, electric decorations and extension cords for signs of damage to wire insulation, plugs, and bulbs. If cords & plugs are damaged, discard and replace the decoration.
- Before you begin decorating, verify how many strands of lights it is safe to connect end-to-end (as a general rule, it's 3)
- Be careful not to overload extension cords. Before you start plugging in, find out the wattage rating of your extension cord, as well as the power requirements of any lights or decorations you're planning to plug in it. If your power requirements of your lights & decorations exceed the wattage rating, overheating and fire can occur.

- Always turn off all Christmas lights & decorations before going to bed or leaving the house.

BUYING A CHRISTMAS TREE

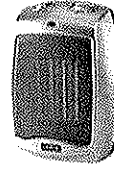
- Before taking a tree home, make sure that its needles are fresh, green, and firmly attached to the branches. If they break, the tree is too dry. Also check that the trunk's cut surface is sticky to the touch.

- If you opt for an artificial tree instead, be sure that it's flame retardant.

SETTING UP YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

- Before putting your new tree into its stand, cut a couple inches off the bottom of the trunk to expose fresher wood. This will improve your tree's water intake.
- Water live trees daily.
- Position tree a minimum of 3 feet away from candles, fireplaces, space heaters, heat vents and other heat sources.
- It's extremely important to check that light strands & other electrical decorations are in good condition before decorating your tree with them.

SPACE HEATER SAFETY



DO'S:

- Use a space heater that has been tested by the latest safety standards and has been certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory. These heaters have the most up-to-date safety features. Older space heaters may not meet new safety standards. Always follow the manufacturer's directions for proper use.
- Place the heater on a level, hard, nonflammable surface.
- Keep heater at least three feet away from bedding, drapes, furniture, and other flammable materials.
- Keep children and pets away from space heaters.
- Turn the heater off if you leave the area.

DON'TS:

- Never leave a space heater on when you go to sleep.
- Don't place a space heater close to any sleeping person.
- Don't use portable propane space heaters indoors or in any confined space unless they are specifically designed for indoor use.

Santa Claus

Tampico's Restaurant Bayou Vista



Sunday, December 16th
6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Santa will be handing out candy canes and FREE picture will be taken with Santa.

Mistletoe Market

Berwick Civic Center
Friday, December 21st
5:00 pm-9:00 PM

Last minute Christmas shopping, hot chocolate and Heaux Heaux Heaux!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
TUESDAY, DEC. 4TH
7:00 PM-8:30 PM

MORGAN CITY AUDITORIUM
Join Marine Forces Reserve Band for 2018 Christmas Concert Tour. Will feature concert band, brass band, and big band. FREE and open to the public.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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