



**Barnesville**  
Housing Authority



**MARCH**

**2026**

**EDITION**



- **After Hours Emergency Maintenance 770-584-1753**
- The maintenance staff would like to thank the residents of Towaliga for their patience and cooperation during the recent HUD inspection. We are all proud of the results and the compliments from our inspection. We received a score of 96. We are proud of each unit we went in. Thank you to all the residents who took this seriously.
- To the residents of Bush, Smith, and Hillside, maintenance staff will begin inspections immediately. We have not received an official date of inspection from HUD as of yet, but we are on the calendar. Please begin cleaning up. Closets should be neat and all doors should be clear to open and shut. Bath fans and A/C vents should be clean. Stove and refrigerators need to be cleaned to allow inspection of condition. NO flammable liquids should be in the apartment. All windows should be accessible. All trash, debris, and grills should be removed from the back of apartments.
- **THERE IS NO NEED TO CALL IN WORK ORDERS FOR RE-PAIRS.** We will be conducting an inspection on each apartment. Please watch for mail or notices concerning the inspection. Immediately upon notification from HUD maintenance staff will be working 6 days a week.

Thank you for your cooperation!



We are excited to share some wonderful news with our residents!

First and foremost, we want to extend a HUGE thank you to each of you for your cooperation, preparation, and positive attitude during our recent NSPIRE inspection. Your willingness to respond quickly to notices, complete requested items, and take pride in your homes made all the difference.

Because of your care and attention, our property looked its absolute best, and it showed! We are thrilled to announce that we received an outstanding score of **96!** This achievement reflects the strong partnership between our residents, maintenance and management. Maintaining high standards is truly a team effort, and this score belongs to all of us. Your commitment to keeping your homes clean, safe, and inspection-ready helps ensure our community remains a place we can all be proud of. Thank you for working alongside us and for continuing to make our community shine! Here's to keeping up the great work together.

Don't forget that time "**springs forward**" one hour on March 8th. Be sure to set your clocks ahead and enjoy the extra daylight! Spring is on the way, bringing longer days and warmer temperatures with it. How exciting!

**ATTN: Smith, Bush, and Hillside Residents!**

- We have received information that we are on the schedule for a NSPIRE inspection. While we do not have a definite date as of yet, it could possibly take up to 5 working days for the inspection to be complete. Remember maintenance/staff may be working after hours and/or on weekends to prepare for the inspection.
- During this inspection, not only will the inspector be looking at the grounds and outside of the buildings, but they will also be pulling a random list of apartments to inspect. This list will be generated on the day of the inspection, and **we will not be able to give an advance warning if your unit is selected.** Therefore, we ask and expect that all units be inspection-ready on the day of the inspection. If your unit is selected, it is not necessary that you be home for the inspection. We will leave notice on your door if your unit is en-

Please be advised that **all areas under the control of the Housing Authority will be subject to this inspection.**



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## **ATTN: Smith, Bush, and Hillside Residents!**

Please make sure to pay particular attention to the following areas:

1. Pick up all trash, bottles, glass, etc. in your yard.
2. If you have any furniture or other items blocking a window or door, **YOU MUST MOVE IT.**
3. Clean out your windowsills. Please report any cracked or broken windows, or windows that do not lock properly.
4. Clean all vents. This includes HVAC vents, bathroom vents, and the range hood vent.
5. If your smoke detector is not working, you must call in a work order as soon as possible. *Please note it is a serious lease violation with a significant fine if you take your smoke detector down.*
6. Remove all flammable items such as lighter fluid, charcoal, gas cans from inside your apartment. These must be outside your apartment in a closed container that is not clear or see through. They should **NEVER** be stored in your apartment.
7. Hallways should be clear and free of storage items, boxes, or any other item that would block passage.
8. All closets must be accessible, and doors must be able to be closed properly.
9. If your electric panel box is inside your apartment, it must be accessible. It cannot be blocked or obstructed by anything.
10. If you have a grill, **IT MUST NOT BE ON THE FRONT PORCH OR BACK PORCH.** It must be **AWAY** from the building.
11. There should be **NO CORDS** stretched across the floor.
12. Your stove must be clean and free of any grease or food particles that could cause a fire hazard.
13. If you have/have had an issue with roaches, be sure that all cabinets, drawers, doors, etc are cleaned and there is no evidence of roach droppings.
14. Make sure that if you are not properly ventilating your bathroom the moisture will cause mildew to form. It is **YOUR** responsibility to clean this mildew wherever it may form. This includes the walls, the ceiling, the caulk on the tub, and/or between the tiles.
15. Make sure your dryer has a flexible metallic vent hose, and that it is connected to the outside vent. The vent hose **CANNOT** be plastic.
16. Be sure your refrigerator is clean and free of mold or food spills. Always be sure you keep the area where the door seal meets the fridge/freezer is clean so that it doesn't cause the seal to stick and rip. You will be charged for the cost of this replacement.
17. Make sure your house is free of clutter and cardboard boxes, as this attracts bugs and rodents.
18. Make sure your entry doors close and lock properly. If they do not, please call in a work order.
19. Please report any missing lights, light fixtures, switch covers, or outlet covers.
20. Please check and report any of the following: inoperable or damaged kitchen sink, stove, refrigerator, vent hood; inoperable or damaged bathroom sink, bathtub, shower head or toilet or exhaust fan; holes/cracks in sheetrock; unfinished sheetrock repair work.
21. Please be sure you have reported any parasitic infestations (roaches, ants, bed bugs, fleas) so that they can be properly addressed. Remember, **ONE** bug is considered an infestation, and is required to be reported to the office.

# March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>Rent Due</b>	2	3	4	5 <u>VAN</u> <u>DAY</u>	6	7
8 <b>Late Day</b> <b>Daylight Saving</b> <b>Time</b>	9	10	11 <b>Pest Control Air Filters -</b> <b>Smith and Bush</b>	12	13	14
15	16	17 <b>St. Patrick's</b> <b>Day</b>	18 <b>Pest Control Air Filters -</b> <b>Hillside</b>	19 Tenant Meeting	20	21
22 <b>Last Day to Pay</b>	23 <b>DISPO Day</b>	24 <u>VAN</u> <u>DAY</u>	25 <b>Pest Control Air Filters -</b> <b>Towaliga</b>	26	27	28
29	30	31 <u>VAN</u> <u>DAY</u>	<b>After Hours Emergency Maintenance 770-584-1753</b>			



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|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Zy'kia Bloodser | Harriett Ofuasia   | Brian Foster       |
| Tamika Burden   | Quantavius Simmons | Charlotte McLendon |
| Jeremiah Davis  | Melo Singleton     | Amari Norman       |
| Dailan Evans    | Tesla Skaggs       | Deborah Reynolds   |
| Ja'Hari Evans   | Michael Sutton     | Aubrielle Weston   |
| Ja'Meir Evans   | Angela Tyus        | Darious Willingham |
| Mason Harden    | Jordan Tyus        | Moeshia Willingham |
| Raiden Harris   | Karter Tyus        | Linda Willis       |
| Laura McClendon | Mariyah Webb       | Robert Willis      |
| Braylon Delaine | E'Mon Weems        | Jaliyah Taylor     |
| Vickie Perdue   | January Hoston     |                    |



**Congrats Tamika Burden!**  
**You are our birthday winner for**  
**March.**  
**Please come by the office for**  
**your gift, or contact**  
**BeLinda Whitaker to set up a**  
**time for delivery.**

# Community Spotlight

## Ferst Readers of Lamar County

### Program Impact

#### School Readiness

A study of ninety PreK/ kindergarten teachers and 800 Ferst Readers' participants found:

- Program participation helps develop the skills children need to be successful in school.
- Children demonstrate better reading behaviors, are much more actively engaged during story time and are better listeners.
- Parents are more engaged across the board in their children's academic progress.

#### Program Effectiveness

A study evaluating kindergarten assessment scores of Ferst program graduates indicated:

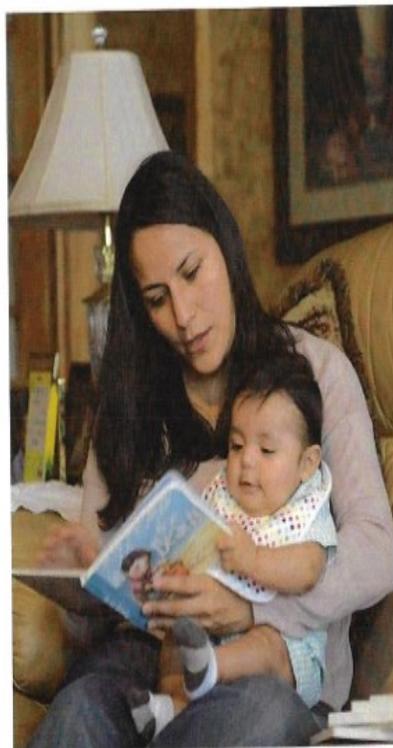
- Program participants perform at a higher percentage (*meet or exceeded standards*) than non-participants;
- The Ferst program contributes to "leveling" the playing field for children who, because of socioeconomic factors, would likely enter school up to two years behind their peers.



**Make a difference in a child's life!**  
For only \$36/year, a deserving child can begin building his/her very own library - at home.  
**Give the gift of literacy.**

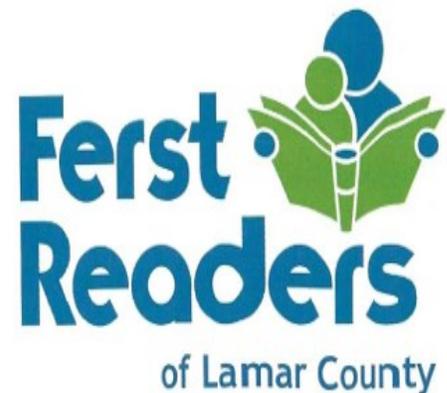
### The First 2000 Days

The first 2000 days of a child's life from birth to kindergarten are critical. We want every child ready to read proficiently. We want every child to perform well in school. We want every child to graduate from high school on time. We want every child to grow up prepared to compete in the global economy.



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[info@ferstreaders.org](mailto:info@ferstreaders.org)



*A child's path to a brighter future  
is paved with books.™*



[www.ferstreaders.org](http://www.ferstreaders.org)



## Tenant Buzz with BeLinda



### March Van Ride Schedule

The March van ride dates are:

- **March 5th**
- **March 24th**
- **March 31st**

Space is limited. You must sign up **at least 24 hours before** the scheduled van ride date.

Van rides are available to help residents take care of local errands such as:

- Grocery shopping at Ingles
- Visiting the bank
- Going to the post office

To sign up, call **770-358-3935 ext. 102**

### Personal Care Assistance

If your household is in need of sanitary napkin products, please contact me directly. These items are available.

As always, feel free to reach out if you need assistance or have any questions.

### Update Your Contact Information

Please remember to notify the office as soon as there are any changes to your contact information, including phone numbers or email addresses, so we can keep our records up to date.

### Food Pantry Available

Our food pantry is up and running. If you need food assistance, please contact me and I will be happy to help.

**If you have a senior that is graduating this May please let me know! We want to spotlight this accomplishment.**

## March is Women's History Month

Each March we celebrate **Women's History Month**, a time dedicated to recognizing the strength, resilience, and contributions of women throughout history and in our everyday lives.

Women have shaped families, communities, and generations often quietly, through sacrifice, caregiving, leadership, and perseverance. From mothers and grandmothers to teachers, healthcare workers, neighbors, and community leaders, women continue to play a vital role in building supportive and thriving communities.

This month also serves as a reminder to support and uplift one another. Small acts of kindness, encouragement, and understanding can make a lasting difference. Every woman's story matters, and every voice deserves to be heard.

Take time this month to:

- Encourage another woman
- Celebrate your own accomplishments
- Practice self-care

Thank a woman who has made an impact in your life

We appreciate all the women in our community and the strength you bring each day.

