



Barnesville
Housing Authority



FEBRUARY
2026
EDITION



- **After Hours Emergency Maintenance 770-584-1753.**
- Reminder to residents with heat pump systems—On these very cold nights and days it's not unusual for the unit to run much longer and briefly blow cooler air. If your unit seems to be struggling make sure you have it set to a reasonable temperature like 68. This is the recommended setting from most power companies during winter. Temperatures below 32 degrees outside cause more frequent defrost cycles. During those cycles is when the air feels cooler momentarily. Thermostats set to higher temperatures result in higher power bills and more frequent breakdowns. Simply put, the colder it is outside the more the unit runs especially when set to higher temperatures. I have personally seen thermostats set over 80 and struggling to 72 with freezing temperatures.
- The maintenance staff would like to thank everyone as we work through inspections this year. We are doing our best to keep these apartments maintained and keep your home a place you can be proud of. We do ask that you take pride in your home as we prepare for inspection at Towaliga. Also, please move any furniture that would prevent access to windows and doors. Again thank you for your patience and cooperation.



A note from our
Executive Director

HAPPY FEBRUARY! The Towaliga Village will undergo its scheduled HUD NSPIRE inspection on **February 12**, and we appreciate our residents' cooperation in helping make this a smooth and successful process. NSPIRE inspections focus on health, safety, and overall housing quality, and tenant participation plays an important role. Residents can assist by ensuring their units are clean and free of clutter, especially around entryways, kitchens, bathrooms, windows, and heating areas. Please make sure smoke detectors are not covered, exits are clear, and all utilities are accessible for inspection.

Residents in our other Barnesville Housing Authority communities are also encouraged to begin preparing, as NSPIRE inspections for those locations will be scheduled in the near future. In addition, all residents should promptly report any maintenance to the Housing Authority office as soon as possible. Addressing issues early helps prevent delays and ensures units meet inspection standards. Your cooperation helps protect our community, maintain safe housing, and support continued funding for the program. Thank you for working with us to keep Barnesville Housing Authority a safe and well-maintained place to call home.

ATTN: Towaliga Residents!

*An NSPIRE inspection has been scheduled for Towaliga Village for **Thursday, FEBRUARY 12, 2026**. 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 entered, and you are not home.

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

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ATTN: Towaliga 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.



FEBRUARY 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>Rent Due</u>	2 <u>Groundhog Day</u>	3	4	5	6	7
8 <u>Late Day</u>	9	10	11 Air Filters - Smith and Bush	12 NSPIRE INSPECTION TOWALIGA	13	14 <u>Valentine's Day</u> 
15	16	17 RECERT MAKE-UP DAY 9-3:30	18 Air Filters - Hillside	19	20	21
22 <u>Last Day to Pay</u>	23 <u>DISPO Day</u>	24	25 Air Filters - Towaliga	26	27	28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Rhyleigh Williamson	Lela Hicks	Tyler Adkins
Shontia Evans	King Hall	Waveka Bledsoe
Slaton Goodman Jr	Crystal Johnson	Brenten Bloodser
Ted Head	Jackie Kahler	Audrey Dewberry
Tara Johnson	Paris Lemons	Ah'Ziyah Few
Johannah Smith	Anquinetta Lyons	Calum Hall
Keyanah Underwood	Shreeka Mann	Khylen Harris
AuZaria Weston	ZoeRin Pippin	Takiya James
Alletta Whatley	Ingham	Barbara Lavelle
Jinez Shannon	Michael Richardson	Edward Walton
Jailand Britt	Nikaya Thurman	Karen Simmons

Congrats Edward Walton!

You are our birthday winner for February.

Please come by the office for your gift, or contact BeLinda Whitaker to set up a time for delivery.



Tenant Buzz with BeLinda



Starting this month, we will begin offering **van rides** to help residents take care of local errands such as grocery shopping at **Ingles**, visiting the **bank**, or going to the **post office**. For **February**, van ride dates will be **February 10th and February 26th**. Beginning in **March**, van rides will take place **every other Tuesday**. All dates will be listed on the community calendar. **Space is limited**. Residents must be **signed up by the Monday before each ride by 3:00 PM**.

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.

Please remember to notify the office **as soon as there is any change to your contact information**, including phone numbers or email addresses, so we can keep our records up to date. **Our food pantry is up and running**. If you are in need of food assistance, please contact me and I will be happy to help. I have also included a list of local food pantries available in **Lamar County and surrounding areas**.

Lastly, we are currently looking for **a male resident to join our Tenant Advisory Board (TAB)**. Serving on the TAB allows you to stay informed about what is happening at the **Barnesville Housing Authority** and to serve as an advocate for your community. If you are interested in being considered, please let me know.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

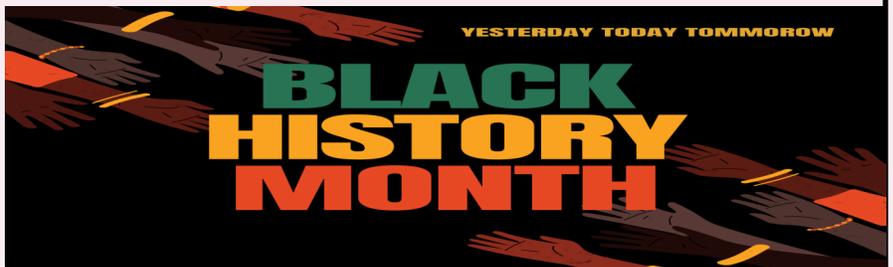
Honoring the Past • Celebrating the Present • Inspiring the Future

Black History Month is a time to recognize and celebrate the rich history, culture, and contributions of Black Americans who have helped shape our nation and our communities.

From trailblazing leaders and activists to artists, educators, innovators, and everyday heroes, Black history is American history. This month invites us to reflect on the resilience, strength, and achievements of those who paved the way, while also uplifting voices that continue to inspire change today.

Let us take this time to learn, reflect, and come together in unity as we honor the legacy and impact of Black individuals past and present.

Celebrate. Learn. Reflect. Honor.



Spotlight

In honor of Black History Month we would like to spotlight figures that have paved the way in the black community with their accomplishments and determination.



On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson became the first African American to play Major League Baseball in the modern era. He would later become the first African American named a vice president at a fortune 500 company; serve as an advisor to politicians; start a bank and a housing development company; and, was a key figure in advancing equal opportunity and first-class citizenship for all Americans during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s. Hailed a “..freedom rider before freedom rides,” Robinson’s name has become synonymous with breaking barriers.



Maya Angelou was an American poet, memoirist, and actress whose several volumes of autobiography explore the themes of economic, racial, and sexual oppression. Her best-known work is the powerful memoir *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. By the end of her life, she was a world-famous literary figure who had inspired generations of women. Angelou wasn't just a writer; she was deeply entrenched in the fight for civil rights. In the 1960s, she worked alongside giants like Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, contributing to a collective movement that sought equality and justice for African Americans. Her work with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) saw her advocating for desegregation and racial equality. This involvement not only defined her as an activist but also infused her writing with a sense of urgency and purpose. By intertwining her literary gifts with her activism, Angelou helped illuminate the struggles of the civil rights movement, making it relatable and poignant to her readers.



LAMAR COUNTY
family connection
COOPERATIVE

Local Food Assistance/Resources

Community Growth Enterprise

770-584-6276
344 Roberts Rd. Barnesville, GA 30204
Call for appointment

Donovan's Dream

470-592-2004
100-3 Southland Drive Barnesville, GA 30204
Food pickup weekly. Visit <https://calendly.com/ddfoodpickup/schedule-a-pick-up>

Greater Spring Hill Baptist Church

770-358-1818
117 Locust Street Milner, GA 30257

Hope Tree Ministries

770-358-3127 or 678-972-2457
110 Carleeta Street Barnesville, GA 30204
Food pickup as needed. Call for appointment.

Sufficient Grace Ministry Inc.

770-358-6238
226 Main Street Barnesville, GA 30204
Monthly pickup, call for emergency needs.

Towaliga County Line Baptist Church

770-775-3995
154 Short Rd. Jackson, GA 30233

Lamar County Senior Center

770-358-5361
Congregate meals for Seniors 60+

Five Loaves & Two Fish Food Pantry

678-603-1238
412 West Slaton Avenue Griffin, GA 30223
www.griffinfoodpantry.org

Salvation Army

770-412-6561
724 Meriwether Street Griffin, GA 30224
Mondays & Fridays 1:00-4:00 (Bring I.D.)

WIC

Assistance for pregnant or nursing women & children up to age 5
770-722-0633