



- **After Hours Emergency Maintenance**
770-584-1753
- **Maintenance will be doing inspections throughout the month of August.**



School Is Back in Session—Drive Safely

With the new school year underway, please stay alert and watch for children waiting at bus stops. When a school bus displays its stop arm, you must come to a complete stop until the bus resumes motion and the arm is retracted. Your attentiveness helps ensure our children's safety.

NO SMOKING. You are responsible for guests visiting and individuals living in your apartment. We are finding cigarette butts outside of units and are having to clean them up. Moving forward you will be fined a smoking fee if we have to clean up your yard from cigarettes being dropped.

- **1st Offense** - \$25.00 Fee.
- **2nd Offense** - \$50.00 Fee.
- **3rd Offense** - \$100.00 Fee, letter of understanding.

4th Offense – 30 day lease termination

Reminders From Maintenance

Upcoming Air Filter Change Schedule

Maintenance will be entering apartments to replace air filters on the following dates:

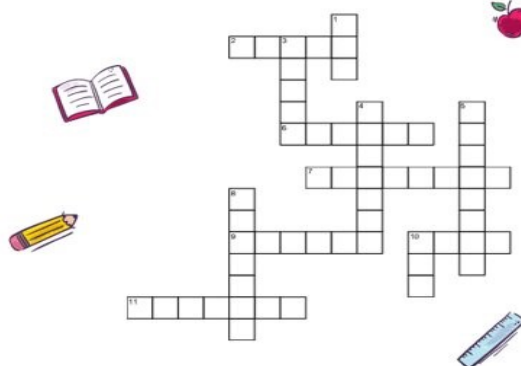
- **Smith & Bush:** August 13 & 14
- **Hillside Apartments:** August 20 & 21
- **Towaliga Apartments:** August 27 & 28



BACK TO SCHOOL Crossword



Solve the following puzzle based on the clues given



Across

- [2] Ten times Four
- [6] Break time of the school day
- [7] Keep your belongings
- [9] A response to a question
- [10] Consisting of pages bound in covers
- [11] People you like to be with

Down

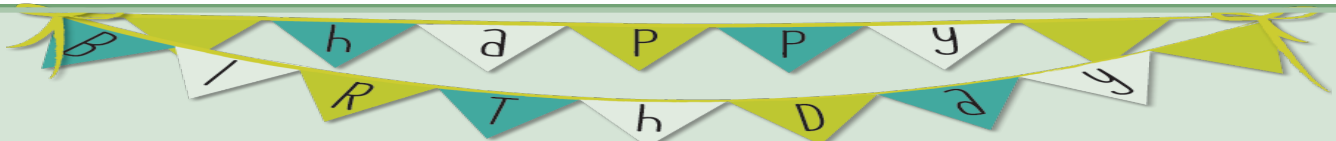
- [1] Activity of doing physical exercises
- [3] Draw straight lines with this
- [4] A person who teaches in a school
- [5] Used to carry food to school
- [8] Used for coloring
- [10] School transportation



August 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
After Hours Emergency Maintenance 770-584-1753					1 Rent Due	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Late Day	9
10	11	12	13	14 Air Filters - Smith and Bush	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Air Filters - Hillside	22 Last Day to Pay	23
24	25	26	27	28 Air Filters- Towaliga	29	30
31 Dispo Day						



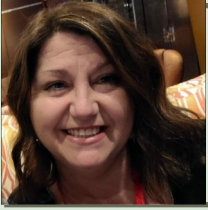
Tatiannia Benson-Davis	Eli Kahler	Shelby Watkins	Jina Pearson
Karlesia Brazer	E'niya Lyons	Sheronda Atwater	Wendell Scott
Ariel Calloway	Curtis McDowell	Knalige Benton	
Jayla Carroll	Mary McDowell	Brittany Ellerby	
Tymir Collier	Ayla Moss	Carolyn Fambro	
Melissa Cribb	Khadijah Nelson	Bettye Fletcher	
Fiderra Few	Cameron Phinazee	Jonathan Garcia	
Johnnie Few	Kensley Phinazee	Gail Harrison	
Elizjah Franklin	Ayden Titman	Gloria Jinks	
Allison Gill	Ja'niya Virden	Delina Jones	
Latoya Goggins	Jasiah Walker	Landra Matthews	
Javen Harris	Mackenzie Walker	DeLinda McCracken	

Congrats Jina Pearson!

You are our birthday winner for August!

Please come by the office for your gift.





Inside Scoop with the Executive Director

We hope everyone is enjoying the last stretch of summer! It has been a pleasure celebrating our tenants this season, and we truly enjoyed connecting with many of you during Tenant Appreciation Day in July. We plan to continue this tradition and look forward to making it bigger and better each year!

We're also excited to share that the City of Barnesville is nearing completion of the new community park located at the top of Richardson Street. This beautiful space is designed to be a welcoming environment for families and neighbors to gather, play, and relax. The park is a reflection of the City's ongoing commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all residents by providing safe, vibrant spaces for recreation and connection.

As temperatures continue to rise, we kindly remind you to keep your air conditioning units set between 74°F and 76°F. We've noticed several units being set in the 60s, which can cause the systems to freeze up and stop functioning. Maintaining the recommended settings helps preserve the performance of your unit and ensures a comfortable living environment for everyone.

We've also received an increase in complaints regarding smoking on the property. Please remember that per your lease agreement and Occupancy Rules, our communities are designated **NO SMOKING PROPERTIES**. This applies to both residents and their guests. Any reported violations will result in a formal lease violation notice and a smoking fee.

Additionally, we want to clarify a recent communication sent to Towaliga residents regarding second vehicle parking. The letter mistakenly stated that street parking is allowed. Please note: street parking is only permitted for residents of Hillside, Bush, and Smith Homes. If you live in Towaliga, any second vehicle must be parked in the back-office parking spaces.

Lastly, we want to thank the City of Barnesville Police Department for their continued support in helping us maintain peaceful and safe communities. We've received multiple complaints about loud parties on the weekends. Please be reminded that quiet hours are from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM. Loud music—especially with explicit language—is not permitted at any time. Violations reported by the Police Department will result in a formal notice and could lead to eviction or non-renewal of your lease.

We ask for your cooperation in following these important guidelines. Our goal is to ensure all tenants enjoy a clean, safe, and respectful living environment. We are proud of the beautiful communities we've built together, and with your help, we will continue to make them places where everyone can live, play, and thrive.

Warm regards,

Ginger Moats, Executive Director

Tenant Talk with BeLinda



Kidz Zone

With school back in session, we're excited to launch **Kidz Zone Day** for children in **1st through 5th grade**. Sessions will be held **twice a month** in the community room at our Barnesville office (285 Indian Trail).

Your child will receive help with homework, and we'll also work on pro-social and behavioral skills. Space is limited—**only 12 spots are available**—so please sign up early. To register your child, email us at

ressvcs@barnesvilleha.com or call **770-358-3935**.

Community Service Reminder for Tenants

If your lease includes a community service requirement, please remember that you must complete **8 hours of community service each month**. You may satisfy these hours through opportunities offered by the housing authority, or you may choose to complete your service elsewhere. If you prefer to fulfill the requirement outside of the housing authority, please contact us beforehand to confirm your plans.

Failure to satisfy your community service hours may result in a **lease violation and/or non-renewal** of your lease.

BHA Talk with Vernetta



Large Item Disposal:

Call the city to schedule a pickup before placing large items (furniture, appliances, etc.) on the curb.

Trash Cleanup:

Please make sure to keep the area around your unit tidy and free of trash or any debris. Remember to dispose of all trash properly!

Pet Policy:

All pets must be approved and a pet deposit paid before moving in. Pets must be supervised at all times when outside your unit.

Smoke-Free Community:

The Barnesville Housing Authority is a Smoke-Free Environment. Smoking is not permitted in or around the units.

Stay Informed:

Check out Tenant Talk with BeLinda to stay updated on community activities, events, important meetings and updating your contact information on file.

Thank you for helping keep our community clean, safe, and enjoyable for everyone!

Tenant Spotlight

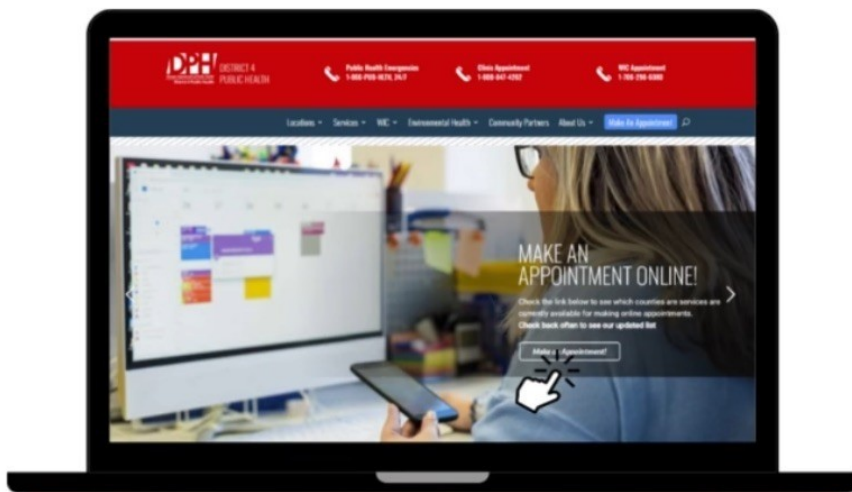
Thank you to all the wonderful and amazing tenants who came out and allowed us to celebrate YOU—the very best part of working for the Housing Authority!
Your presence made the day extra special, and we are so grateful to serve such an incredible



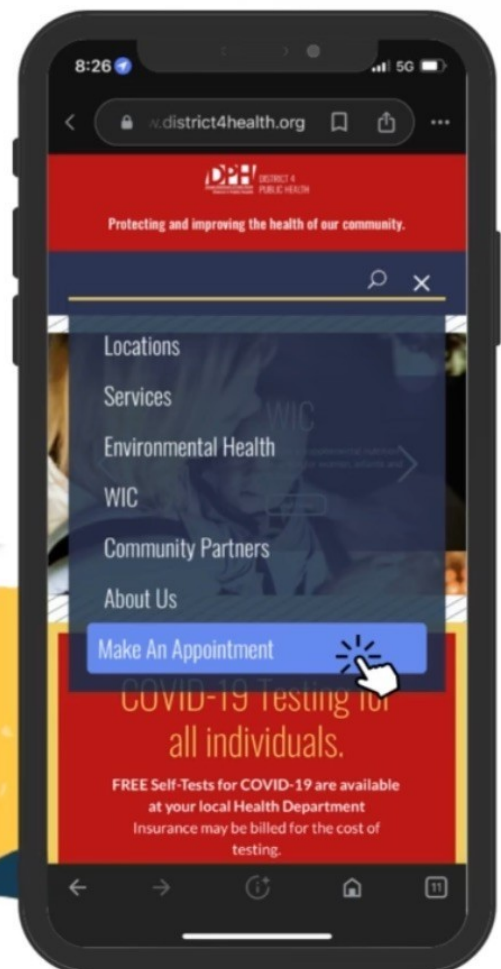
Community Spotlight

Be sure to check out Lamar County Health Department and all the great benefits they offer to our community!

Online Appointment Scheduling is Here



Make scheduling your next appointment simpler and more efficient with our new online scheduling feature – **now available!**



August is NATIONAL WELLNESS MONTH

The 7 Dimensions of Wellness



August is a time to focus on **SELF-CARE**, **MANAGING STRESS** and promoting **HEALTHY ROUTINES**. **FEEL BETTER** and **BE HAPPIER** by developing **WHOLESUME HABITS** in your **LIFESTYLE** this month before **SCHOOL** and **FULL TIME WORK** start again.

YOUTH: PROTECTIVE FACTORS

If you are reading this message, chances are you're at the time in your life when you're coming into young adulthood--being a kid is a distant memory.



YOU'VE PROBABLY EXPERIENCED THE NORMAL RANGE OF TEENAGE TEMPTATIONS:

driving a bit faster than recommended, staying up all night with friends, and even experimenting with harmful substances. Vaping, smoking, and using drugs or alcohol may seem cool, enjoyable, or even harmless, but they can have devastating effects on you as you mature. Although these temptations are very common, "saying no" is one of the best decisions you will ever make because it will maximize your chances of having a great life.



HERE ARE SOME TIPS ON HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF FROM MAKING POOR LIFE CHOICES OR BEING PUT IN UNCOMFORTABLE, RISKY SITUATIONS:



- Educate yourself. Know the harms that vaping, smoking, drugs and alcohol can have on your physical and mental health.
- Up to 90% of people with a substance use disorder began to use drugs, alcohol or tobacco before the age of 18.
- Avoid people who vape, smoke or use drugs and alcohol. People who do these things will try to influence you to do them too!

- Talk with your parents and other adults. Positive role models will be there to listen and help you through both the good times and the bad.
- Participate in activities. Get involved at school, in your community, church, or at home. Physical activities and social interactions will keep you happy and healthy!
- Manage your stress. Take a break and do something you like to do: go for a walk, exercise, listen to music, meditate, or speak with someone about what is going on.
- Take care of yourself by eating healthy foods and getting enough sleep every night.

