



# Housing Authority City of Alton

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## NEWSLETTER

OFFICE HOURS  
8:00AM-4:30PM

## NOVEMBER

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As a friendly reminder, please be respectful to your neighbors. They should be able to experience the peaceful enjoyment of their homes. Loud music, illegal parking, and other disturbances are prohibited. This is your home; help us keep it safe and clean. Also, we have noticed a recent increase in tenants allowing illegal occupant (boarder and lodgers) this is a violation of your lease IX (a) not to assign the lease, nor sub-lease the dwelling unit, not to give accommodations to long term guest without the advance written consent of the Housing Authority. Please keep in mind that the company you keep may jeopardize your continued occupancy.

### UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSINGS

NOV 8<sup>TH</sup> ELECTION DAY  
NOV 11<sup>TH</sup> VETERAN'S DAY  
NOV 24<sup>TH</sup> & NOV 25<sup>TH</sup> THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME NOV 6

### MANAGER OF HOUSING

#### CANNIBIS USE IN FEDERALLY- SUBSIDIZED HOUSING

As required by Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, **marijuana is a prohibited substance on federally- subsidized premises.** This is a federal regulation, and housing authorities are required to abide by this. Thus, recreational possession, use, distribution, or manufacture of any cannabis product is prohibited on federally subsidized premises. That means public housing residents and housing choice voucher program participants will be prohibited from recreationally using, possessing, manufacturing, or distributing cannabis products in their assisted unit or anywhere on federally subsidized premises. The term “federally-subsidized premises” refers to any apartment, complex, development, or other premises that are federally-funded. If a program participant violates this policy, they will be subject to automatic termination of tenancy/assistance.

## Community Service

If you receive a notice to sign up for community service, you must contact **Christian Curtis** to set up an appointment to discuss your schedule. Failure to contact Ms. Curtis will lead to the termination of your lease. Her office telephone number is 465-4269 ext. 10. It is your responsibility to contact Ms. Curtis concerning your community service requirement.

## LIABILITY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Alton Housing Authority would recommend all tenants consider rental insurance for personal property in case of damages due to unforeseen circumstances such as a fire, flooding, or burglary. AHA is not responsible for a tenant's personal items when the cause of damage is outside of our control.

## Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Tenants should never disable a smoke alarm or carbon monoxide alarm by removing batteries or disconnecting them from the ceiling. Call in a work order if you are having trouble with your alarms. The charge for tenant-disabled smoke alarms/carbon monoxide alarms is \$50.00 for each occurrence. These detectors are mandatory to ensure your safety. Be sure to **always have working battery in each alarm in your home.** The Alton Housing Authority appreciates your cooperation in this matter.

## EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Madison County Community Development is once again accepting ERAP applications. You can reach them at 618-296-5300.

Applications are also available at the Housing Authority Office.

# HOUSEKEEPING

**AHA** will increase apartment inspections for 2022-2023. During recent inspections, some units have been found to be unsanitary. This is a violation of your lease, Section IX (e) "To keep the dwelling unit and other areas assigned to tenant for use in a clean and safe condition. This includes keeping front and rear entrances and walkways free from hazards, trash and keeping the yard free of debris and litter. (f) To dispose of all garbage, rubbish and other waste from the dwelling unit in a sanitary and safe manner in containers (dumpster) provided by Alton Housing." Please keep in mind that your lease may be terminated if you are cited with these violations.

## PARKING

Please make sure that your guests do not park in areas assigned to your neighbors or other tenants, as it is a violation of your lease; Section IX (e) “To refrain from parking any vehicles in areas designated and marked by the Housing Authority.” Your guest should never inconvenience other tenants by taking their parking space.

## UTILITIES

We would like to remind our residents that your electric and gas utilities must remain connected **at all times!** We get notified by Ameren if your utilities are shut off for non-payment.

If you are having trouble paying your electric bill or if you get shut off, there are resources that may be able to help you. Call the main office for more information.

## ALTERNATIVE HEAT SOURCES

Occasionally, residents may choose to use space heaters to help heat their apartments. While these devices are fine, we want to warn residents to be mindful and use space heaters in a safe and responsible manner. Do not leave clothes, trash, or clutter on or near the heater and do not leave the heaters on when no one is home. These conditions are a fire hazard and could result in a very dangerous situation.

Also, during the winter months, we get reports of residents using their oven to heat their units. This method is **not** permitted by the Housing Authority and is considered a dangerous fire hazard and could result in disciplinary action from AHA. If your unit is too cold, turn your thermostat up. If you are having problems with your furnace or feel it is not working properly, call the main office and place a work order and a maintenance man will come check your furnace.

**PROGRAM DAYS/HOURS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR:  
2022-2023**

**RIVERBEND READING PROGRAM**

MON-THURS 3:00pm -3:45pm GROUP 1

MON-THURS 4:00pm - 4:45pm GROUP 2

**GIRLS CIRCLE**

MONDAYS 5:30pm at ALTON ACRES

TUESDAYS 5:30pm at OAKWOOD

**BOYS COUNCIL**

THURSDAYS 5:00pm -7:00pm at the YWCA

**CHURCH ON THE STREETS**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH STARTING AT 10am  
OAKWOOD AND ALTON ACRES

IF INTERESTED OR HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING PROGRAMS  
PLEASE CALL SHERTINA WASHINGTON 618-465-4269 EX. 12

**Get Your Child Tax Credit**

Get the benefits you are eligible for, including any missing stimulus  
payment amounts and earned income credit

**ChildTaxCredit.gov**

## NEW COMMISSIONERS



Alton Housing Authority would like to welcome our new board member

**Dr. Wendy Adams.**

Dr. Adams is a resident of Alton, IL and is an employee of the Alton School District 11 as the Director of Human Services. Wendy has been an educator and administrator for over 18 years. Wendy is a graduate of Alton High School. She is currently involved in and serves numerous community organizations within Alton/Godfrey community. We are looking forward to working with Dr. Wendy Adams here at Alton Housing Authority.



Alton Housing Authority would like to welcome our new board member **Al Womack Jr.** Al is the Executive Director of Boys and Girls Club of Alton, a position which he has held for 24 years. He is a graduate of Central State University and 1989 alumni of Alton High School.

Al serves is community in numerous capacities including ROAR, Alton High School Climate Leadership Team, Alton Memorial Hospital Community Benefit Committee and Alton Education Foundation Board member and many other organizations.

We welcome Al and look forward to his input as a board member of the Housing Authority City of Alton.



# ALTON HOUSING MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

(left to right)

**Harrison Henderson, Michael Wilson, Eddie Thomas,  
Albert Wagner,  
Supervisor Darryle Curtis**



# YOUTH ENJOYING THE SUMMER PROGRAMS

