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# Housing Tribune

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## First Time Homebuyers Seminar

Monroe Housing Authority partnered with Self Help Credit Union-Charlotte and Monroe-Union County CDC in presenting a First Time Homebuyers Seminar at our Grace Gardens Community Center. Residents received valuable information, guidance and literature that will help them prepare for a real estate purchase.



## Save the Date - **June 13, 2019**

*Monroe Housing Authority Strong Families Community Day, J. Ray Shute Center*



## MHA Parking Enforcement

MHA enforces a strict parking policy. All residents with vehicles parked on MHA property must have a parking permit displayed at all times. All cars should pull into a parking space and all vehicles in violation of the Monroe Housing Authority parking policy are subject to being towed.

*When you have guests, please remember residents have first priority to parking spaces.*



**MAY 2019**



## Dates to Remember

**May 1st 5th**

*Rent Due*

*(No Partial Payments Accepted)*

**May 6th**

*Late Charges Applied*

**May 12th**

*Mother's Day*

**May 19th**

*Last Day to Pay Rent*

**May 20th**

*Court Papers Filed*

**May 27th**

*Memorial Day*

*(Offices Closed)*

## MHA Phone Directory

**MHA Main Number**

**704-289-2514**

**Work Orders Ext. 21**

**Public Housing Ext. 31**

**HCV Program Ext. 30**

**Emergency Maintenance**

**704.989.5085**





## **MHA Board of Commissioners**

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## **Change is in the Air!**

**Effective March 1, 2018, MHA is smoke and tobacco free.**

To get HELP to QUIT, CALL: **1-800-QUITNOW (784-8669)**

VISIT: [QuitlineNC.com](http://QuitlineNC.com) or EMAIL: [CommunityWellness@CarolinasHealthCare.org](mailto:CommunityWellness@CarolinasHealthCare.org)

## **Spring Allergy Tips!**



- ◆ **Use Saline Solution**  
Irrigating the nose with saline solution (salt water) may help soothe upper respiratory allergies by removing irritants that become lodged in the nose and cause inflammation.
- ◆ **Shower** If you wake up in the middle of the night with a coughing, sneezing allergy attack, a hot shower may wash off any pollen residues you've collected on your body throughout the day.
- ◆ **Drink Peppermint Tea** Allergy sufferers throughout the centuries have turned to hot tea to provide relief for clogged-up noses, and one of the best for symptom relief is peppermint tea. The essential oil in peppermint acts as a decongestant, and substances in peppermint contain anti-inflammatory and mild antibacterial constituents.
- ◆ **Avoid the Culprit** One of the best ways to reduce the discomfort of an allergy is to avoid exposure to the allergen as much as possible.

## **Emergency Maintenance Guidelines**

The following issues qualify as after-hour maintenance work:

- Gas leaks, either inside or outside of the unit (smell or sound)
- Broken water/sewer pipes, either inside or outside of the unit
- Leaking water heaters
- Electrical shortages (if smoke is visible)
- Refrigerator/freezer not keeping food cold **and MHA will not reopen within 24hrs**
- Heating failures between **October 15th - April 15th** and temp. is less than 50 degrees outside
- Lock outs for elderly/disabled only (Must have photo identification)
- Clogged commode, **if only one commode in the unit and MHA will not reopen within 24hrs**
- Broken-out window glass/doors (police report must be filed)
- Fire/Smoke Detector going off (**Beeping/Low Battery is not an emergency**)
- **Collapsing Wall/Ceiling**
- Severe storm damage



**\*\*Please Note\*\***

A **\$100.00** nuisance charge will be assessed for non-emergency calls responded to as an emergency.

## **Community Meetings**

**Grace Gardens Location:** 750 Maurice St. Community Room

**Time:** Thursday, May 9th, 2019 at 2pm

**Willow Oaks Location:** Willow Oaks Community Room

**Time:** Tuesday, May 7th, 2019 at 5pm | On site Office Hours: 1 4pm

**West Ridge Location:** 1201 A Boyte Street Community Room

**Time:** Thursday, May 16th, 2019 at 2pm | On site Office Hours: 1 4pm

**Serenity Place Location:** 624 N. Bragg Street Community Room

**Time:** Monday, May 13th, 2019 at 2pm | On site Office Hours: 1 4pm