



LCO Housing Newsletter

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ISSUES CAUSED BY HOARDING GARBAGE

As I'm sure everyone is aware; this year we seem to be having more issues with bear getting into people's garbage. We are asking people to please not store any garbage in their garage or outside your unit. This is causing safety issues in our communities. In some cases, damage to your units and that could potentially be a charge to you.



Following are some of the effects hoarding garbage may cause to your health and to the environment:

- ◆ If your garbage is accumulating outside it will attract bear, dogs, cats and scavengers. It also creates odor and rodent issues for the neighborhood.
- ◆ Rotting trash creates a breeding ground for bacteria that can significantly exacerbate respiratory problems such as asthma and allergies, especially in children.
- ◆ Rotting food also provides a fertile breeding ground for flies and attracts mice, rats, roaches, etc., all of which can carry and transmit diseases such as E.coli and salmonella.
- ◆ It can pose chemical hazards if there are old batteries, leaking household chemical containers, etc., in the garbage. CFL light bulbs contain mercury and should **never** be placed in the trash – these can be taken to Jump River as they are authorized to take them.

It is the tenant's responsibility to dispose of garbage in a proper manner, whether it's bringing your garbage to the transfer station or getting a garbage service. Failure to do so is a violation of your lease.

The transfer station is open Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Check LCO Recycling Center social media for updates on this years Spring Clean-up. There will be no curb-side pickup, please **DO NOT** pile items at the end of your driveway.



PARKING ISSUES: PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON YOUR LAWN/GRASS.



THIS CAN CAUSE RUTS IN YOUR YARD. PLEASE PARK IN DESIGNATED SPOTS ONLY.

Rent Increase: This is currently taking longer than expected to be implemented. We are now looking at July or August. We will keep everyone updated on new dates.

The Housing office will be closed: Monday, May 12 for American Indian Day and on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day. Regular Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00—4:30 p.m.



*Sunday, May 11th is Mother's Day.
To all the beautiful moms out there,
enjoy your special day.*



MAY BIRTHDAYS



Joyce Miller	5/4	James Kingfisher	5/11
Dolores DeNasha	5/4	Mike DeNasha	5/11
Malayna Delcampo	5/4	Raini D. Kingfisher	5/12
Tony White	5/5	Samantha Quaderer	5/15
Brooke Dennis	5/6	Janelle Quaderer	5/15
Cherish Belille	5/8	Anthony Price III	5/15
Tina Thomas	5/8	Ron Gokey	5/16
Marcy Gouge	5/10	Doug Fleming	5/20
Cory Cross	5/10	Brenda Aubart	5/29

YARD OF THE MONTH

The "Yard of the Month" award is to recognize those tenants who demonstrate above-average efforts in maintaining their yards, thereby contributing to the overall beautification of the community at large. We encourage residents to take pride in their home and community.

LOOK FOR MORE INFO IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

The \$1000 Utility payments from the tribe helped tenants pay their rent. But please, if you owe a balance keep paying. Also, if you no longer see a (-credit) on your blue statement, please make sure you start paying again to keep from getting behind on your rent. If you have any questions regarding your balance, please call the office. Don't forget that you can utilize the drop box located by the front door of the housing office if you can't make it during regular business hours or you can call in your payment if paying with a debit or credit card.

EXISTING TENANT TRANSFER POLICY.

In an effort to better serve our tenants and communities, the LCO Housing Authority has implemented an incentive to our Policies & Procedures for existing tenants. Existing tenants whom meet the criteria (good standing etc.) may be given preference points for placement on the waiting list. When an existing tenant fills out a new application the Application for Transfer form would need to be signed as well. If you seek to utilize this incentive you can apply for the same bedroom size, different bedroom size or different community. If you would like further information on this incentive just give the LCO Housing Authority office a call.

Tenants deemed eligible whom desire to utilize this transfer option must fill out an application and be placed on the appropriate waiting list. The following criteria must be met and maintained by the tenant in order to be eligible for this preference:

- No compliance violations within the last 24 months
- No late payments within the last 24 months
- No outstanding balances owed to the LCO Housing Authority
- No outstanding balances owed to a utility company
- No activities within the last 24 months which prevented other tenants from the peaceful use of their rental units
- Existing rental unit must be first inspected and determined to be in exceptional condition with only normal wear and tear and no visible signs of tenant caused damages

ON-CALL MAINTENANCE:

The Maintenance Department has a pager for tenants to contact the on-call person after normal working hours. They will only respond to **Emergency** calls during non-working hours. Other calls can be phoned into the Housing Office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30.

The Pager # is 715-798-1594.



The winner of the Clean Yard incentive will be posted in next months newsletter. The winner will receive their choice of a new BBQ Grill or a Patio Set. Yards are scheduled to be inspected on May 1st.

