

# Housing Hotline

Clarksville Housing Authority  
605 Lucas Street  
Clarksville, AR 72830

*Shelly Wood, Executive Director*



Check out our website:  
[cha-ar.com](http://cha-ar.com)

Phone (479) 754-3564  
Fax (479) 754-3963

APRIL  
2024

## Office CLOSED:

April 8<sup>th</sup> – Closed for the Eclipse

April 30<sup>th</sup> – At 3pm for end of month processing

**Office Closed** – The office will be closed on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> due to the Eclipse. Please be safe and follow all guidelines from local law enforcement. If there is an emergency, use the emergency numbers you were given at lease signing. If you no longer have the card, please ask for one at the office.

**Eclipse** – The upcoming Eclipse is on Monday, April 8, 2024. Be sure to stock up on food, water, prescriptions, and other household necessities. Fill up your gas tank before the crowds arrive. Follow the news for more information. Clarksville has a website dedicated to the Eclipse. On it, you can find information concerning the Eclipse as well as Eclipse themed events in Clarksville. A few of which will be a concert, semi-formal masquerade ball, a marathon, and a block party. The website is: [www.eclipseclarksville24.com](http://www.eclipseclarksville24.com).

## From the Executive Director:

Several months ago, cameras were installed on Ash Street for safety and security. During my review of camera footage from the Oak and Ash Street Playground, I notice several children without any adult supervision on the playground. The camera revealed that many resident families and guests are throwing trash on the ground even though a trash can is provided, leaving personal items, and allowing pets to roam free and use the bathroom everywhere with no regard to our pet policy. Our staff pick up after this neglect each week. After much consideration of the lack of interest in keeping the playground picked up and maintained, the playground will soon be unassembled and taken to another area where it can be appreciated.

*Shelly Wood, Executive Director*

**60-Day/Interim Re-Exams** – Attention: Residents on the sixty (60) day interim recertification schedule, please be reminded to keep your appointment and bring your **completed paperwork**. Re-Exams are April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. It is **YOUR** responsibility to provide requested documentation. If you are experiencing difficulties gathering your paperwork and/or keeping your appointment, you must contact the office before your appointment time. **Households that do not comply with their lease agreement may be set at flat rate.**

## From the Executive Director:

It has come to my attention that many of you are out of compliance with your lease agreement concerning recertifications. If you show up to your appointment without the required documentation, paperwork not filled out or anything preventing us from completing your recertification, you will sign your paperwork with Flat Rent. You will no longer be accommodated in noncompliance.

*Shelly Wood, Executive Director*

**Flat Rent Rates** – The new flat rent rates are:

Studio & 0 Bedroom: .....	\$612.00
1 Bedroom: .....	\$628.00
2 Bedroom: .....	\$825.00
3 Bedroom: .....	\$1,050.00

**Free Eclipse Glasses** – It is unsafe to view the Eclipse without the proper eyewear. Tenants can pick up free Eclipse glasses at the office during the first week of April. Supplies are limited. The library also has free Eclipse glasses.

**Christmas Bingo Photos** – If you attended the Christmas Bingo and had your picture taken, you can pick up a copy of the photo at the office. Just ask at the window!

**Resident Council Nominations** – CHA is accepting nominations for candidates for the Resident Council election in June. These positions are filled annually. If interested, call the office before **3:00 p.m., April 30, 2024**. The open positions are:

**President** – Responsible for conducting the purpose of the Clarksville Resident Council, responsible for keeping membership informed about the activities of all committees, officers, and other people doing things in the name of the Clarksville Resident Council.

**Vice-President** – Responsible for performing duties assigned by the President. Responsible for filling the position of the President if President is ill or for any reason unable to conduct his/her duties.

**Secretary** – Responsible for keeping accurate records of all group activities. These records will be available to the Membership for inspection. Responsible for keeping up with all letters written to the group and keeping a file for all replies.

**Voting begins at 8:00am Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and ends at 2:00 pm on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**. Selectees will be notified. Names and positions will be printed in the July 2024 newsletter. Please note: Resident Council does not conduct business on behalf of CHA. These are volunteer positions only. This is not for rule/regulation enforcement. Please call the office with any questions.

**National Fair Housing Month** HUD is celebrating the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing. The theme of this year's Fair Housing Month is *"Fair Housing: The 'Act' in Action."* For more information visit HUD.gov.

**Looking to be Evicted?** – Are you looking for a new place to live? Are you unhappy with your current housing situation? If so, here are some ways to get evicted from your unit:

1. Smoking in your unit.
2. Allowing people to stay overnight in your unit more than 14 times per year.

At lease signing, every tenant is given a copy rules/regulations with the lease. These two rules are the top two that most tenants seem to ignore. These are not suggestions or mere ideas to follow if you "feel" like it. These rules are part of the lease. If not followed, it can quickly turn into an eviction.



**Out of Office** – Project Manager Angie Holland and RIC Tiffany Dorsett will be out of the office from Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> for professional development. They will have minimal access to email during this time, so you can email them any questions you have. Please send any emails to cha@cha-ar.com.

**Welfare Checks** – If a welfare check needs to be completed, please try to do it during business hours. It is a good idea to give a close friend or family member a key in case of an emergency. If a spare key is needed, you can get it at the office. Keys are only \$2.

**Tenant Events** – Tenants are encouraged to attend all tenant events. Please be mindful of others attending and refrain from using your cellphone. Either silence your phone or leave it at home. In case of an emergency, take the call outside of the building, so you do not disturb other attending the event.

**Outside Clutter** – Please take a moment during the nicer weather to declutter front and back porches, as well as any clutter outside your unit. Remember next month is the yard sale, so it is a good time to purge what you no longer need or want. By keeping porches neat and tidy, it allows the volunteers to have easier access to sweep porches and porch ceilings for you.

**CHA Tenant Yard Sale** – The Spring Yard Sale has been postponed due to the Eclipse. The yard sale will run from **Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**. All items must be removed by 5:00pm on Saturday. Remove signs used to advertise also. Be sure to follow city code for sign placement. Call the office if you have any questions.



**Work Orders** – It is important to call work orders in as soon as possible. This could be any burned out lights, leaking sinks or faucets, rocking or running commodes, or any other issue. Most of the work orders created from Annual Inspections could have been prevented if regular work orders had been called in as they occurred. If you aren't sure, call the office and allow us to assist you.



# EVENTS THIS MONTH



**Event Location** – All events for April will be held in the Foy Howard Community Center at 605 Lucas Street, Clarksville, AR (the main office).

**Coffee & Conversation** – On Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30–9:30am, come by the Foy Howard Community Center for a cup of Joe with Joel. He is looking forward to chat with everyone and get their take on the events for the month. Let him know what you like and don't like as much. He is excited to hear what you have to say!

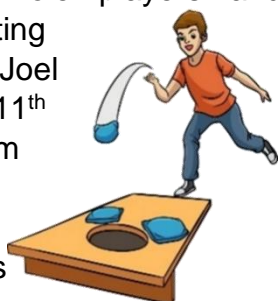
**Pictionary** – Pictionary is a game for all ages! Come to the Foy Howard Community Center to try your hand at bragging rights against your neighbors! We will play Pictionary Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30-3:00pm, Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:00am, and Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:00am.

**Yoga** – If you are interested in trying yoga, this is the perfect opportunity for you! Krista Deburg will be at the Foy Howard Community Center (FHCC) on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:30–10:15am. This will be Chair Yoga. Chair Yoga is best for anyone with limited mobility, but who still wants to try yoga. Please bring your own towel and water bottle. If you have questions, feel free to call the office at 479-754-3564.

**Bingo** – Bingo will be held on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00–11:00am and again on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-3pm.

**Horseshoes** – Come try your hand at Horseshoes on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>; Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>; and Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. All three days, horseshoes will be played from 1:30-3:00pm.

**Cornhole** – For avid cornhole players and newbies, try your hand at beating Family Resource Coordinator Joel Ostendorf on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00–11:30am. Even if you aren't interested in playing, come cheer on your neighbors and watch the fun!



**Lunch with Speaker** – Lunch will be served on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:00–1:00pm. There will be a surprised guest speaker. Please RSVP to this event no later than April 12<sup>th</sup>. Lunch is expected to be catered in and a headcount is required. Call the office to RSVP. Simply leave your name with how many from your household will attend the luncheon.

**Two Truths & A Lie** – Two Truths & A Lie is a fun game to play to get to know your neighbors. To begin, one person must make three statements about themselves to the rest of the group. The trick is that not all statements will be true. Two of the statements need to be true and the third should be a lie. Then everyone guesses which statement they think is made up. Come play Two Truths & A Lie on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30pm.

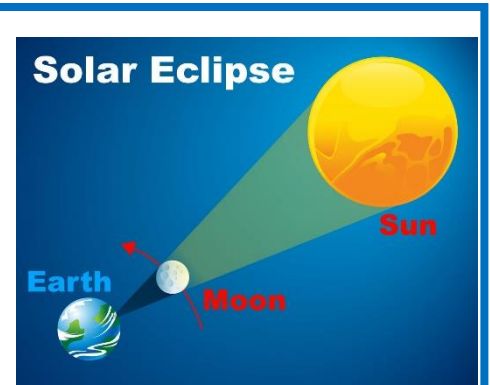
**Word Teasers** – Try out a new game called Word Teasers: Old Wives' Tales. An Old Wives' Tale is a superstition or belief that is handed down from generation to generation. With this game, players answer questions and determine whether or not the Old Wives' Tale is true. Come play Word Teasers: Old Wives' Tales on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00-2:30pm.

**Puzzle Day** – Swing by the Foy Howard Community Center to help put together a puzzle or two on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00am.

**Work Day** – FRC Joel Ostendorf will be leading workdays on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am–12:00pm. Volunteers will help with many things. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the office at 479-754-3564. Last month volunteers did an amazing job working on the flowerbeds outside of the office as well as sweeping porches and porch ceilings.

## What is a Solar Eclipse?

When the moon travels directly between the Sun and Earth and casts a shadow on part of the Earth.







# April 2024



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 <b>Rent Due</b>	2 Coffee & Convo 8:30-9:30am	3 Pictionary 1:30-3:00pm	4	5 <b>Delinquent Letters</b>	6
7	8  Office Closed	9 Bingo 10-11am	10 <b>Late Fees Added</b> Horseshoes 1:30-3pm	11 Cornhole 10-11:30am	12 Pictionary 9:30-11am <i>RSVP for Lunch on the 25<sup>th</sup></i>	13 Work Day 8am-12pm
14	15 <b>Eviction Letters</b> Game Day (2 Truths & A Lie) 1-2:30pm	16	17	18 Horseshoes 1:30-3pm	19 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:15am	20
21	22 Game Day (Word Teasers) 1-2:30pm	23 Bingo 2-3pm	24  <b>Pest Control &amp; Inspections</b> Cornhole 10-11:30	25 Lunch & Guest Speaker 12-1pm	26 Pictionary 9:30-11am	27 Work Day 8am-12pm
28	29 Horseshoes 1:30-3pm	30 <b>Office Closed at 3pm to foot traffic</b> Puzzle Day 9-11am				