

Community News

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**Greensboro
Housing Authority**

*74 Years of Excellence in
Affordable Housing*

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The mission of the Greensboro Housing Authority is to provide safe, quality, affordable housing to low-income, elderly, and the disabled in the Greensboro Community; to maintain a safe and secure community environment; and to encourage personal responsibility and upward mobility of residents while maintaining the fiscal integrity of the agency.

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A scene from the 2014 production of *Mixed-Up Fairy Tales*

ArtsGreensboro funds It's Your Time to Shine

Youth from Greensboro's public housing communities are currently writing, rehearsing, rounding up costumes and props, and learning all the necessary skills that goes into the production of a play. This is the fourth production for GHA's *It's Your Time to Shine* Theater Arts Program and the first to be granted funding from ArtsGreensboro.

"We are honored to receive funding from ArtsGreensboro," said CEO Tina Akers Brown, "and hope to continue to develop a close relationship with this premier arts organization for Greensboro."



To become involved in ArtsGreensboro's many programs, visit their website at www.artsgreensboro.org.

GHA's theater arts program has also recently been recognized by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials with the organization's Award of Merit for Youth Programs and nominated for an Award of Excellence for the program.

The youth meet daily at the Claremont Courts Community Center and work with Foxfire Productions Performing Arts Development Center's staff as they prepare for their August 19th performance of "The Wiz".

By providing *It's Your Time to Shine* theater arts program, GHA strives to bring a memorable summer to both the individual youth who participate and the community as a whole as they watch the performance.

Greensboro Housing Authority strives to offer programs to our youth in which they may learn and grow to become independent, capable and responsible adults.

Would You Like a Story with Your Lunch?

Greensboro Housing Authority staff are spending part of their lunch hours this summer reading to children who receive lunch at Ray Warren Homes, Claremont Courts, Hampton Homes, Smith Homes, and Hickory Trails. The new program will continue through August 13th.

“It is awesome,” according to Eunika Smalls (pictured in photo right) who reads at Claremont Courts each Wednesday.



GHA Vikings - 2015 PHASAC Champions

opportunity to play organized sports and promotes education through Saturday workshops and tutoring throughout the season. The tournament’s goals are to promote a positive lifestyle, raise self-esteem, expose youth to a college environment, provide a positive venue to interact with law enforcement, and engage in healthy positive athletic competition for all participants.

Along with elimination-style basketball games held throughout the long weekend, the tournament included a three-point shootout, slam dunk and free-throw competitions; an awards banquet; and cheerleading competitions. GHA’s Vikings placed first in the basketball tournament and GHA’s cheerleaders placed second in cheerleading. Kent Fox, a GHA resident, was named MVP of the tournament and Claudine Mukoma and Nigel Smith, also GHA residents, were honored as team members with the highest GPA. In order to participate, all youth must maintain a 2.0 GPA throughout the season.

We Are the Champions!

Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) hosted the Public Housing Authority State Athletic Conference (PHASAC) Hoops to Hope tournament held May 15-17 at Dudley High School. Teams representing four North Carolina housing authorities - Statesville, High Point, Winston Salem and Greensboro - competed in the annual basketball and cheerleading competition.

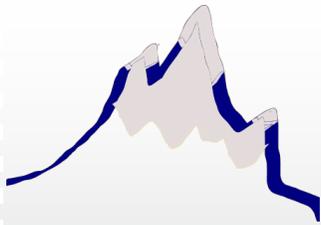
This is the 25th season of PHASAC. Established in 1991, PHASAC gives youth (14-18 years old) who live in public housing the opportunity to play organized sports and promotes education through Saturday workshops and tutoring throughout the season.



Claudine Mukoma and Nigel Smith receive highest GPA trophies.

Waiting Lists to Close Aug. 1

In order to better serve the over 10,000 people on GHA's waiting lists, the Authority will close its Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher and Mainstream waiting lists on August 1, 2015. Applications will not be accepted after the closing date. To apply before the deadline, visit our website at www.gha-nc.org.



Teen Summit

Girls - Sat., July 25, 1-4 pm

Boys - Sat., Aug. 8, 1-4 pm

Smith Homes Resident Council will host two Teen Summits - one for young men & one for young women. The programs are open to all teens living in Greensboro Public Housing Communities.

**Smith Homes Community Center
707 W. Florida Street, Greensboro**

RAD Update



Hampton Homes residents attend a RAD information meeting held in June.

This is part of a series of articles to keep you informed about Greensboro Housing Authority's progress in converting our public housing communities to Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) housing.

RAD is a program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that seeks to preserve aging public housing communities by providing additional funding to make needed physical improvements. Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) applied and was approved to participate in the RAD program in December 2013.

RAD will allow GHA to convert its Public Housing units to Project-Based Section 8 Vouchers. Through RAD, GHA will be able to take full ownership of its public housing units and renovate the housing using private sources of financing. This will allow GHA to do much needed repairs and improvements to our communities that have not been possible with HUD funding alone.

HUD approved the Hampton Homes RAD conversion in June 2015 which means that Hampton Homes is now a Project-Based Voucher (PBV) community and will be funded through the Section 8 Program instead of the Public Housing Program. Prior to conversion, a host of resident meetings and program briefings were held in June 2015 with Hampton Homes residents. RAD transitional items along with answers to residents' questions were discussed and included new lease and PBV requirements, planned construction activities, ongoing resident services and programs, and PBV and Public Housing program differences and similarities.

Planned improvements, which include exterior painting; new energy-efficient systems, site lighting, landscaping, and playground surface improvements, are schedule to start at Hampton Homes by August 2015. Additional resident meetings will be scheduled in the near future.



Gateway Plaza Community Garden

(l to r) Nancy Williams, Sheldron Mortonali and Donna Galloway, all residents of Gateway Plaza, water the garden at the downtown senior community. Residents have enjoyed a harvest of squash, bell peppers, green beans, okra, onions, herbs and flowers that were planted in the spring.

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GHA Honored for the Tenth Straight Year

For the tenth straight year, the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the Housing Authority of the City of Greensboro by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

