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Foxworth Grand Opening



Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting ceremonies for Foxworth Condominiums attracted a large group May 6, including Congressman Brad Miller.

Following the program, attendees toured two apartments including a first-floor, handicap-accessible apartment and a third-floor apartment featuring a walkout balcony-- to rave reviews.

The two-bedroom, 1,100 to 1,130-square-foot apartments include a laundry room; open-concept living room and kitchen; a breakfast bar; nine-foot ceilings; energy-efficient HVAC systems; central air; security and sprinkler systems; Energy Star appliances including a stove, refrigerator and dishwasher; a garbage disposal and custom blinds.

The acquisition of Foxworth began in 2009 with the purchase of 14 foreclosed condominiums located in two, three-story buildings and a developed building pad for future construction. Another six condominiums, located in the original buildings, were purchased from individual homeowners. Last year, work began adding two new buildings with 12 condominiums each to the community and was completed on March 31, 2011. Foxworth Condominiums now provides affordable apartments for 44 families through GHA's public housing program.

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program, which funded the project, was developed in response to the high foreclosure rate that has gripped the country. It provides emergency assistance to state and local governments to



IT'S GRAND - Joining the ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the newly-opened Foxworth Condominiums was (left) Vickie Miller, NC Department of Commerce; Chief Executive Officer Tina Akers Brown; Gary Dimmick, Department of Housing & Urban Development; GHA Board Chairman Otis Wilson; Henry McKoy, NC Department of Commerce; Congressman Brad Miller and GHA Board Members Ann Gainey-Pinto and Ledford Austin.

acquire and redevelop foreclosed properties that might otherwise be sources of abandonment and blight within their communities.

Speakers for the Grand Opening included Congressman Brad Miller; Henry McKoy, Assistant Secretary for Community Development for the NC Department of Commerce; Vickie Miller, Director of Community Investment and Assistance for the NC Department of Commerce; Otis Wilson, Chairperson of the Greensboro Housing Authority Board of Commissioners; Chief Executive Officer Tina Akers Brown and Director of Community Planning and Development Gary Dimmick for HUD.



SCHOLARSHIP - Chief Executive Officer Tina Akers Brown honors scholarship winner Tyler C. Johnson of Smith Homes.

Smith Homes Honor Roll Student Wins Scholarship

Tyler C. Johnson, a 17-year-old resident of Smith Homes, has won a \$1,000 SERC/NAHRO scholarship for college.

An Honor Roll student at the Academy at Smith for the last four years, Johnson plans to attend UNC.

Chief Executive Officer Tina Akers Brown praised her as “a positive role model for youth.”

“She is highly thought of by her teachers and those she has worked with,” the CEO said. “She looks forward to developing her talents, achieving in school and serving as an example for others in her community.”

Johnson, a recent inductee into the National Honor Society, was also awarded a National Achievement Scholarship. She has been involved in student government—including serving as a delegate to the Student Human Relations Commission, volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and been active in athletics—including winning a Coaches Award for softball. She also participates in volleyball and wrestling.

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DID YOU KNOW?

GHA currently houses 12,813 Greensboro citizens, including 960 elderly and 2,212 disabled individuals.

Time to Register Children for School

If you have a child who will be attending kindergarten or a school in the Guilford County School System, now is the time to get them registered for the coming school year, which begins Aug. 25.

School offices are open Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 5 pm. If you are uncertain where your child should attend or have questions, please contact the Student Assignment Office at 336-370-8303.

Also, if your child will be riding the bus to school, you must complete a Transportation Request Form and send it to the GCS Transportation Department at 131 Franklin Blvd., Greensboro NC 27401. Forms—which are available in English, Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese and French—can be found online at <http://www.gcsnc.com/dept/trans> or by calling the Bus Transportation Office at 336-370-8920.

Here’s what your child will need to register for school:

- A certified birth certificate
- Immunization record, including up-to-date Tdap vaccination for rising sixth graders
- A copy of the most recent report card or school transcript (if available)
- Proof of address in ONE of the following forms:

1. Original gas, oil, water or electric bill (Telephone and cable bills are not acceptable)
2. Official lease agreement
3. Driver’s license and voter registration card
4. Driver’s license and car registration
5. Driver’s license and letter from employer on company letterhead verifying address
6. Driver’s license or voter registration card and Medicaid card

An up-to-date Tdap vaccination, which is available from a family doctor or at the Guilford County Department of Public Health, is important since it protects children from tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough).

If you need to schedule an appointment for a vaccination at the Department of Public Health, please call them at 336-641-3245. The Department is located at 1100 E. Wendover Avenue in Greensboro and at 501 E. Green Drive in High Point.

For more information about Tdap, please visit the district’s website at <http://www.gcsnc.com/parents/tdap.htm>.

“First Tee” Teaches More Than Just Golf



FUNDAMENTALS - Local golf professionals joined members of the UNC-Greensboro golf team earlier this year to instruct a group of GHA youth in the game of golf through “The First Tee of the Triad Golf Program.” Along with fundamentals of the game, they also taught the “nine core values” -- responsibility, honesty, perseverance, confidence, judgment, integrity, sportsmanship, courtesy and respect.

When eight GHA youth decided earlier this year to participate in “The First Tee of the Triad Golf Program,” they expected to learn the fundamentals of golf.

But, they finished learning more about the fundamentals of life.

In addition to swing coaching, putting drills, interactive games and exercises, the youth got a crash course in the “nine core values”-- responsibility, honesty, perseverance, confidence, judgment, integrity, courtesy, sportsmanship and respect. It was all a part of the Golf Program’s goal “to impact the lives of young people in the Piedmont Triad area of North Carolina by providing educational programs that promote life skills, character development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf.”

Each week for six weeks, local golf professionals and members of the UNC-Greensboro golf team worked with the youth in a whirlwind of activity that culminated in a trip to Gillespie Golf Course for a “teaching round.”

Each of the youth completed a written assessment test, as well as passing the life-skills challenge and golf-skills evaluation to win a set of clubs, golf bag and golf balls.

Efficient Use of Air Conditioning Saves \$\$\$

On hot and humid summer days, air conditioning is one of life’s great pleasures.

But, if you’re not using it efficiently, it can also be one of your biggest expenses.

We’ve all heard horror stories of people who open windows instead of adjusting the thermostat when rooms get too cold. But, did you know that turning off the air conditioning and opening windows for a couple of days or so during a cool spell will actually cost you money instead of saving it? That’s because one of the jobs of an air conditioner is to dehumidify the air. By opening windows, rooms re-humidify and the air conditioner must work to dehumidify them once again.

Here’s a few more cost-saving tips for efficient air conditioning.

- Keep all doors and windows closed when the A/C is on, and pull drapes, blinds and shades over windows facing the sun.
- Keep your air conditioning vents in mind when you arrange furniture. Avoid placing large pieces of furniture directly in front of or on top of vents.
- If there is a room that is not being used, close the door to the room rather than trying to close the A/C vent in the room.
- Plan “hot work” (such as washing and drying clothes, baking, cooking, etc.) for the cooler hours of the day, either early morning or evening.

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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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WINNERS - (From left, standing) Tanasia Freeman, Shontelle Lane, Myleeka Moreland, Annette Harris, Keyera Matthews, Marion Wilkerson and Kiara Reeves. (Sitting, left) Airele Nicholson and Naitara Matthews

Cheerleaders Win Title

The GHA Viking Cheerleading Squad won the PHASAC Hoops and Hope State Tournament Cheerleading Competition earlier this year with a five-minute routine that incorporated jazz dance techniques and props.

The new routine, "Futuristic Barbies," put together by Cheerleading Coach Sabrina Abney and Dance Choreographer Reginald Johnson, required late practice hours and lots of extra work to build props and work on hair, make-up and clothing styles. In addition to practice sessions, the 12 teenage girls also travelled each week of the season to cheer for the team.

"They worked extremely hard, and they each excelled academically, as well," Abney, Operation Smart Choices Coordinator, said. "I'm just proud of them. They focused on unity, creativity and energy and did very well."

Three cheerleaders also pulled in individual awards. Myleeka Moreland won the "All-State Cheerleader Award" and Kiara Reeves won the "State Tournament MVP Cheerleader Award."

The "All-Academic Award" went to Annette Harris, a recent graduate of Grimsley High School, who plans to attend UNC-Greensboro this fall.