



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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Sorority Gives Warmth this Winter



Ms. Demetria Harris poses with twins, 3-year-old daughters Aubrey and Addison, who were just two of the recipients of warm coats this winter from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Remember the freezing temperatures this past winter; the snow and sleet that pounded the Greensboro area? Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) residents were able to stay warm during it all thanks to a generous donation from the Beta Iota Omega Chapter

of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Working with the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club and GHA Resident Staff, the sorority identified families in need and supplied nineteen (19) coats along with gloves and scarves to

families this winter.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by and for African American college-trained women with a current membership of 225 Greensboro women.

School Nutrition - 2015 Summer Meals Program

Guilford County Schools School Nutrition Department will once again provide lunch at six Greensboro Housing Authority locations.

When: Dates: June 17th - August 13th
Day of Operation: Monday-Thursday
Time: 11:30-12:30



Where: *Claremont Courts, Hampton Homes, Hickory Trails, Ray Warren, Riverbirch and Smith Homes*

The program is open to GHA residents between the ages of 1 and 18. Registration forms for Summer Meals will be mailed to each GHA public housing household in May.



Children living in GHA's public housing communities attended Art Workshops in March and April to assist them in preparing posters in the "What Home Means to Me" contest. Taught by the African American Atelier, the workshops taught basic drawing skills to the youth. Aminah (above) and Shaheem (below) Blakely completed posters and improved their artistic talent during the annual workshops.



Happening in GHA Senior Communities



(l to r) Asst. City Manager David Parrish, Resident Council President Lucille Rucker and City Councilman Jamal Fox speak to Hall Towers residents.

Gateway Plaza residents get ready for Valentine's Day.



Mardi Gras celebrated at Gateway Plaza.



Outdoor Grilling Tips:

As spring arrives, we naturally look to get outside and start up our grills. Before you start, please review these important safety tips.

Charcoal Grill Safety Tips

Each year, there are about 20 deaths from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning and about 400 emergency room treated injuries from CO poisoning resulting from charcoal grills. Here are some safety tips to remember:

- Never burn charcoal inside of homes, vehicles, tents, or campers.
- Since charcoal produces CO fumes until the charcoal is completely extinguished, do not store the grill indoors with freshly used coals.

Gas Grill Safety Tips

Liquid petroleum (LP) gas or propane, used in gas grills, is extremely flammable. Each year more than 500 fires occur when people use gas grills and about 20 people are injured as a result of gas grill fires and explosions. To reduce the risk of fire or explosion, consumers should:

- Check the tubes that lead into the burner for any blockage from insects, spiders, or food grease. Use a pipe cleaner or wire to clear blockage and push it through to the main part of the burner.
- Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. Make sure there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing.
- Move gas hoses as far away as possible from hot surfaces and dripping hot grease. If you can't move the hoses, install a heat shield to protect them.
- Replace scratched or nicked connectors.
- Check for gas leaks, following the manufacturer's instructions. If you smell gas or you detect a leak, immediately turn off the gas at the tank and don't attempt to light the grill until the leak is fixed.
- Keep lighted cigarettes, matches, or open flames away from a leaking grill.
- **Never** use a grill indoors. Use the grill **at least** 10 feet away from any flammables.

Remember that the use of any type of grill on GHA property is required to be a MINIMUM of 10 ft. from a building or any combustible material such as pine straw and mulch.



Guilford County Schools NC Pre-K Program is accepting applications for children 4 on or before 8/31/2015. Applications are available online at www.guilfordchildren.org or at the district prekindergarten office, regional offices, elementary schools, Guilford County's health and social services departments and at various community partner locations including Guilford Child Development.

RAD Update

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

Introduction:

RAD is a program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that seeks to preserve aging public housing communities. RAD will allow GHA to convert its Public Housing funding to Project-Based Section 8 funding. GHA can then invest in its aging properties by seeking private funding for renovations such as 4% and 9% tax credits, tax-exempt bonds, GHA mortgages and other sources of funding that may be available. Through RAD, GHA will take full ownership of its public housing properties and can do much needed repairs and improvements using various private sources of funding.

Hampton Homes is slated to be the first GHA community to convert to RAD. HUD is in the final stages of review and approval of our application. Once approved the planned improvements will begin. Repairs and improvements include the replacement of furnaces, air-conditioning, and water heaters for new energy efficient models; exterior painting; repair of porches and rear steps; site lighting upgrades; landscaping enhancements; and playground surface changes. GHA sent out initial information to residents and held resident meetings. Another resident meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Claremont Courts residents should see work begin towards the end of 2015. HUD is in the process of reviewing the project for RAD conversion. Also, GHA is in the process of arranging the necessary financing from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency for low-income housing tax credits and other financial institutions to fund the planned renovations. Repairs and improvements will include replacement of floors, cabinets, doors, bathroom and kitchen water fixtures, worn stair treads, and water heaters as well as painting and the installation of upgraded dryer connections, electrical outlets and switches, and smoke detectors. Additionally, the scope of work will consist of plumbing improvements, and site and playground surface enhancements.

Though residents may be asked to stay away from their apartments during the day as work is being done, GHA does not foresee any relocation of residents. Residents will receive further information with specific dates and the availability and location of a day unit that can be used during renovations.

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Woodland Village
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Property Management Region 3
Smith Homes · Abby Court
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Property Management Region 4
Ray Warren Homes · Applewood ·
Silverbriar · Riverbirch · Pear Leaf
275-6995

Property Management Region 5
Gateway Plaza · Hall Towers ·
Stoneridge
275-9892 · 272-7869

Housing Choice Voucher Program
Family Self Sufficiency · Homeownership
303-3079 · 271-2546

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303-3003 · 303-3009

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336-303-3010

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