



Greensboro Housing Authority

Community News

SUMMER 2017

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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CEO Tina Akers Brown (left) with scholarship winners (Breanna Smith not pictured)

Five Residents Receive College Scholarships

Courtney Kimbrough, Nigel Smith, Brandy Crawford, Dana Battle, and Breanna Smith, all GHA community residents, have received scholarships to assist with the cost of college. The scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500, are awarded through partnerships with Southeastern Regional Council of the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials (SERC-NAHRO), Carolinas Council of Housing Redevelopment and Codes Officials (CCHRCO), and YARDI. With the purpose of supporting and fostering the educational pursuits of deserving residents, the funds are disbursed to the college the students will attend and may be used for tuition, books, and/or room and board.

YARDI is a global technology company that provides software for GHA. CCHRCO and SERC-NAHRO are professional associations serving housing and community development agencies.

GHA Welcomes New Financial Officer

Bill Stone grew up in Greensboro, receiving his BA in Business Administration from UNC Charlotte and his BS in Accounting from UNC Greensboro. He has spent 25 years in the financial field with positions ranging from auditor to chief financial officer (CFO). As GHA's new CFO and a Certified Public Accountant, Bill will work to lead our agency and staff in maintaining the agency's fiscal integrity.



Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Update

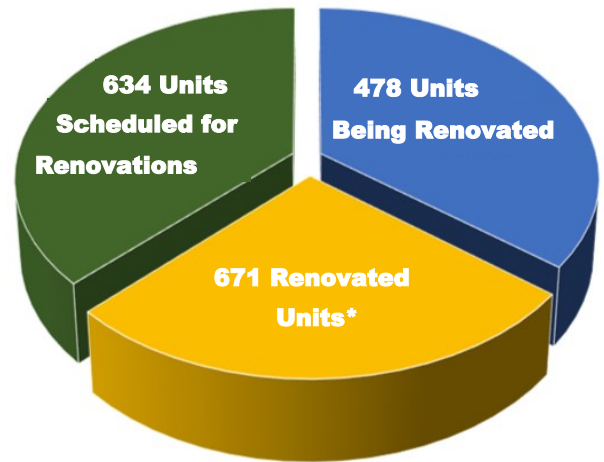
RAD renovations are complete at GHA's two elderly, high-rise apartment buildings - Hall Towers and Gateway Plaza, while contractors at Claremont Courts are working to complete final inspection and exterior items. Renovations at Claremont Courts are expected to be complete within the next 30-45 days.

Woodland Village's and Hickory Trails' renovations are underway with completion anticipated in the fall 2017.

Renovations at ten of our properties, including Stoneridge, Woodberry Run, Baylor Court, Applewood, Laurel Oaks, Pear Leaf, Riverbirch, Silverbriar, Lakespring, and Ray Warren Homes, will begin shortly. As renovations move forward, GHA staff will coordinate resident meetings at the impacted properties by the end of summer/early Fall 2017.

RAD is a program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that seeks to preserve aging public housing communities through the leverage of public and private debt and equity in order to reinvest in the public housing stock. GHA applied and was approved to participate in the RAD program in December 2013. The RAD Progress Chart above illustrates our progress in converting and renovating our 2,213 public housing apartments to project-based Section 8 housing.

RAD Progress Chart (12/2013 to 7/2017)



* Includes 6 units at NorthPointe at Hicone that do not require renovations



Green Cleaning for Your Home

Why Is Green Cleaning Important? Though many of the cleaners we use in our home are tough on dirt, some of them are also tough on our health. It's important that what we use to clean our home doesn't harm our bodies. Green cleaning products are tough on dirt but not tough on our bodies. Green cleaning is better for our health and our environment.

Making a green cleaning kit isn't hard or expensive! Here's what you'll need:

- **Distilled White Vinegar:** Kills mold and bacteria; also great for windows. It breaks down grease and oil. NEVER mix this with bleach or ammonia. It creates a toxic gas!
- **Baking Soda:** Eliminates odors; can be used to clean dried on food on dishes, stubborn stains in the shower, and cleaning your toilet.
- **Hydrogen Peroxide (3% concentration):** A safe substitute for bleach. Must be kept in the brown bottle it comes in and stored away from light to stay effective. Do not mix with vinegar!
- **Microfiber Cloth:** Doesn't hold germs like a sponge and can be put in the laundry and used again and again.
- **Mop with Machine-Washable Head:** Throw the mop head in the washer to get rid of dirt and germs for good!
- **Spray Bottle(s):** To make your vinegar and hydrogen peroxide easy to use.

GHA Wins National Merit Awards for Bowling for the Ages & Teens Trained for Greatness

The Greensboro Housing Authority has been chosen as a recipient of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Awards of Merit: Resident and Client Services for two of its resident programs - Bowling for the Ages and Teens Trained for Greatness. The official presentation of the awards took place in Indianapolis, Ind., on July 17 during NAHRO's Summer Conference.

The award recognizes the hard work, dedication and commitment of GHA's Resident Services staff to the residents we serve. The programs are fun for all involved and are very easy for other agencies to replicate.

"We are excited that these programs have been nominated for the NAHRO Award of Excellence," stated CEO Tina Akers Brown. The Award of Excellence honors outstanding innovation and achievement in housing and community development programs throughout the country.

Seniors Harvest Crops

The hard work of preparing, planting and maintaining a garden has paid off for Hall Towers' senior residents. A harvest of corn, squash, okra, tomatoes, beans, peas and more has these gardeners excited about making vegetable soup. Across town at Gateway Plaza, seniors are using a raised vegetable bed to provide fresh produce.

In addition to fresh produce, the gardeners have benefited from increased exercise and friendships brought about through gardening.



(l to r) Doris Kilcrease, Joe Oakley, Emily Valeria Watson, Maybelle Hairston (front), Ronald Stimpson



In partnership with Guilford County Schools, GHA continues to offer free lunches to all children ages 1-18 years old.

Lunch is served Monday-Thursday, 12 noon to 1 pm, through Aug. 17th at the following community buildings

- Claremont Courts
- Hampton Homes
- Hickory Trails
- Ray Warren Homes
- Smith Homes

Reading Is My Superpower! volunteers will also read to children during the lunch hour.

Survey Asks for Your Input on Smoke-Free Rule

New rules published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development require all housing authority properties to become smoke-free no later than 18 months from the effective date of the rule on February 3, 2017.

A survey, being sent to all GHA residents concerning the smoke-free policy, will help us determine the best way to provide all residents clean, safe and healthy housing.

Once you receive the short survey, please take a moment to complete and return to your property management office. Your comments are valuable in implementing this mandatory rule.



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Claremont Courts · Woodberry Run ·
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274-3491

Property Management Region 2
Hampton Homes · Hickory Trails ·
Woodland Village
274-3236 · 297-2114

Property Management Region 3
Smith Homes · Abby Court
273-3688

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

Public Housing Family Self Sufficiency
303-3003 · 303-3009

Resident Services
336-303-3010

GHA Maintenance Emergencies
272-4137 (Primary #)
(Secondary 336-659-3050 - Call only if
primary # is not operating)



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Summer Reading & Math Program Keeps Young Minds Engaged



Free Reading and Math Enrichment (F.R.A.M.E.) is attracting third through eighth-grade students to the Claremont Courts' computer lab. Partnering with Shalom Community Christian Church, GHA offers the summer program to improve math and reading proficiency for young participants. The program has been certified as a Guilford County Schools Partner.

Foxfire Productions & GHA Presents "The Play: A Collection of Classical Musicals"

Free Admission to Both Performances

Saturday, August 12, 11:30 am
Mount Zion Baptist Church
1301 Alamance Church Road

Wednesday, August 16, 2:00 pm
Claremont Courts Community
2702 Patio Place



Rehearsals underway at
Claremont Courts