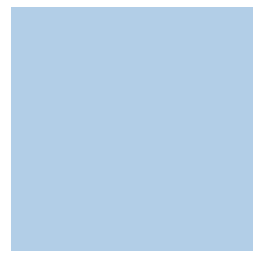


## COMMUNITY NEWS



### OUR MISSION:

To provide safe, quality, affordable housing to low income families, elderly, and the disabled in the Greensboro community; to maintain a secure community environment; and to encourage personal responsibility and upward mobility of residents while maintaining the fiscal integrity of the agency.



## 2018: A Year of RAD in Review

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Two thousand eighteen was a big year for the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program (RAD) at the Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA). As a reminder, 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 physical improvements. GHA was approved for the RAD program in December of 2013, and it has helped us make much-needed upgrades to our properties.

Two thousand seventeen ended with the conversion of nine properties (645 public housing units) to the Section 8 Project-Based Voucher program. With the conversion, GHA was able to obtain financing to perform improvements on the properties, some of which were new roofs, flooring, painting, appliances, and HVAC systems. By December 31, 2018, GHA reached the goal of substantial completion of six properties (495 units) — Lakespring, Ray Warren, Applewood, Pear Leaf, Laurel Oaks, and Woodberry Run/Baylor Court. GHA thanks the residents for their patience and help in reaching this momentous goal!

Substantial completion means that all scope of work items were installed; however, it does still mean that there are details to finish and remaining clean up work. Please be aware of crews around your property and be prepared as these last few updates are completed.

The next communities that will see improvements are Silverbriar, River Birch and Stoneridge, which will be completed in 2019.

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## Inclement Weather Reminders

Remember!

With winter upon us, and having already experienced some snow and ice this season, below is GHA's policy for handling winter weather precipitation:

- Upon snow or ice forecast, designated elderly and sites with a shared egress will be treated with ice melt and/or sand to improve traction. Mechanical and manual snow removal will be initiated once the snow event has finished.
- Upon snow or ice forecast, all common access facilities including Management Offices, and Community Buildings will be treated with ice melt and/or sand. Upon snow fall or ground icing, the same areas will be cleared and de-iced to improve traction.
- Upon the commencement and/or accumulation of ice, snow and like kind of precipitation, GHA Staff and/or contractor support staff will be dispatched to address initial remediation activities. Staff will continuously monitor sites for hazardous conditions in the following days to reduce safety issues.

**Here are some tips for dealing with winter weather:**

- **Prepare for an Absence-** Be sure that your heat is set at a minimum of 55 degrees. This will prevent the inside temperature from plummeting into the danger zone.
- **Keep Utilities On-** Damage caused by frozen pipes in an unheated apartment will result in a serious lease violation and payment for repairs.
- **Turn on Faucets-** (when the weather reaches 32 degrees outside) Let the water run no faster than a slow, constant drip.
- **Open Doors-** Open the cabinet doors in your kitchen and bathroom(s) to allow heat to reach the pipes.

### Boy Scouts at Smith Homes

GHA's Boy Scout troop continues to meet at the Smith Homes community room every other Saturday at 12:00 pm. Each meeting is tied to a different theme or activity, such as creating medicine bags, pitching a tent, fishing, or knot-tying. The troop at Smith Homes currently has 13 attending boys and girls and can accept new scouts at any time! This opportunity is open to any GHA family. If you are interested in your child (Kindergarten-12th grade) attending, or if you are interested in volunteering as an adult, contact Irving Nunn at 303-3211.



### 2018: A Year of RAD in Review (continued)

In addition to work at the remaining scattered sites, there will also be work performed at Foxworth and Woodland Village.

GHA plans on having resident meetings across the sites to discuss the impact of construction. To have the most up to date information, please plan on attending the session at your site.

As a reminder, GHA will provide boxes, tape and bubble wrap for those experiencing renovations. Once your unit is completed, and items are unpacked, please remember to break down all boxes and dispose of them in the dumpster. For those who are still undergoing renovations, pack your valuables, fragile and sentimental items, and clearly mark them. You are welcome to move them yourself or take them elsewhere if you choose. Not being prepared could result in a longer construction time.

A tip to make the process easier is to prepare meals in advance that can be warmed up quickly in the microwave or oven so that you don't have to attempt cooking full meals in the kitchen during renovation. Disposable plates, plastic ware and cups also helps make preparing food at home easier.

Again, GHA thanks all residents for their patience during this time.



## *The Holidays at GHA*

### Recognizing Community Contributions

#### Local Sorority Helps GHA Residents Celebrate the Holidays

The Greensboro alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta helped GHA's Claremont Courts Community prepare to celebrate Christmas this year. The sorority's Arts and Letters Committee plans events throughout the year that promote the arts and display talents of minority artists, while also encouraging positive images and experiences. This GHA event combines arts and crafts with community service. In addition to the women of Delta Sigma Theta, the participants of Delta Academy, also helped plan and carry out this fun-filled event.

Taking place on Saturday, December

15, 2018, attendees from the community were treated to numerous activities and holiday fun for children and adults. The event featured eight different crafts for attendees to create as gifts for friends or family members. This included items such as Christmas cards or a fun reindeer ornament craft. Holiday music played throughout the community center and Santa Claus gave away treat bags. Children had the chance to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas while everyone enjoyed refreshments and plenty of treats worthy of a Christmas event!

Over 70 children and adults attended this excellent event and enjoyed celebrating the holiday season. GHA is extremely thankful for the Delta's planning that went into making this a memorable occasion.



#### Local Fraternity Provides Thanksgiving Dinners



For over 10 years, the men of the Tau Omega alumni chapter of Omega Psi Phi have been providing families of GHA with all the ingredients and fixings needed for a Thanksgiving dinner. This year, they handed out dinners to 25

GHA families. After sorting the individual food items into bags for each household, the brothers delivered the items to homes across GHA's properties. These donations come directly from the generosity of the fraternity and through donations from various grocery stores. It is evident that the "uplift" core value expressed in their cardinal principles is realized as they contribute year after year to ensuring families have a meal deserving of Thanksgiving. GHA is thankful for their spirit of giving and continued commitment to this great outreach.

#### Other Contributions

▪ **PNRC Officers** treated several residents from Hall, Gateway and Stoneridge to dinner at Golden Corral and a trip to the Tanglewood Festival of Lights.



▪ **The Church of God and Saints of Christ-Third Tabernacle Beth El** served 125 Thanksgiving meals at our senior communities: Hall Towers, Gateway Plaza and Stoneridge.

▪ **Westminster Presbyterian Church** provided tickets to a Christmas dinner for 25 residents from our Senior Communities.



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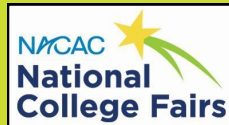
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Do you have a Middle School or High School Student  
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Sunday, March 17, 2019

\*\*\*If interested in attending, contact Sabrina Abney at  
336.303.3003 or email [sabney@gha-nc.org](mailto:sabney@gha-nc.org).

**Only 11 spots available.** Sign up now!!



**Would you like for your 3 or 4 year old to learn ballet?  
Do you have a 9 to 14 year old who would like to learn hip  
hop/contemporary dance from a professional  
choreographer?**

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## What Home Means to Me Art Workshops

The *What Home Means To Me* Poster Contest will be starting in  
March 2019. Youth in grades K-12<sup>th</sup> create a picture of what  
home means to them and they could win gift cards ranging  
from \$10 to \$100!

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