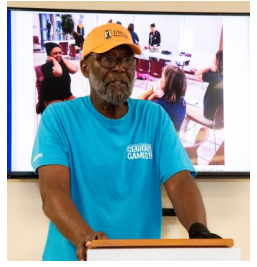


COMMUNITY NEWS



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



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UNCG Nursing and GHA Celebrate 35 year Partnership

In recognition of the annual Housing America Campaign in October, through the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO), Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) held an event to celebrate 35 years of partnership with the UNCG School of Nursing and a 10-year partnership with The Wellspring Group. This collaboration provides Hall Towers and Gateway Plaza with Wellness Clinics that offer regular health assessments, assistance with management of health problems, health screenings, education, and referrals. These clinics have been an integral part of the services that GHA offers to residents.

The celebration was held at Hall Towers on October 2, 2018, with remarks from GHA Board Chairman, Dr. Manuel Dudley; CEO of GHA, Tina Akers Brown; CEO of Wellspring, Steve Fleming; and of UNCG School of Nursing, Dr. Jacqueline DeBrew, Health Centers Coordinator, and Dr. Debra Wallace, Senior Associate Dean. Eleanor Pryor of Gateway Plaza and Ben Harris of Hall Towers shared accounts of how they have utilized and benefitted from the clinics. Additionally, nursing students from UNCG also expressed appreciation for their opportunity to have hands-on experiences in the clinics that have contributed to a greater understanding of patient care and the real world of providing health services.

Through this partnership, GHA assists residents in treating their whole selves because affordable housing alone cannot prevent the health concerns that affect our residents. GHA is honored to be a part of such an innovative and long-standing collaboration and looks forward to the next 35 years of service.

Renter Housekeeping Reminders

Remember!

We'd like to thank the residents who keep their apartments clean and clutter-free. There has been an increase in cases of poor housekeeping where pests and infestations can occur, or even cause fire risks. It is the renter's responsibility to make sure the unit is clean and clutter-free. By making this a priority, you are protecting your unit and nearby housing units from these risks. Depending on the severity of the violation, it could potentially become a lease violation and may be cause for termination of the lease agreement.

Below are common issues with housekeeping:

- **Patios-** Keep patios accessible and clutter-free. Lawn/porch furniture must have prior management approval. No household furniture is allowed on the patios (for example: couches, kitchen tables & chairs, mattresses)
- **Excessive Clutter-** Having excessive clutter in the home is a fire hazard and attracts pests to affected and surrounding units. The clutter also creates hiding places for pests.
- **Blocked Doorways-** During an emergency, blocked doorways pose a hazard because it restricts exiting the unit to safety. They can also become trip hazards. Blocked doorways will result in a failed HQS Inspection.
- **Excessive Trash-** Trash should be disposed of on a regular basis. Trash that sits too long in a unit can cause pest or infestation problems.
- **Dirty Kitchen Areas-** Do not allow food to sit overnight! This can cause infestation problems.
- **Dirty Appliances-** Dirty stoves can cause fires! Wipe up all grease and food spills immediately. Do not store grease containers by the stove.
- **Loose Wires and/or Cables-** Do not run extension cords, cable cords or satellite television cords across the floor or around steps. These are trip hazards.
- **Picking Up Discarded Furniture-** These items can contain pests that migrate to your living space and cause infestations.
- **Blocked AC Vents-** Do not block AC vents for any reason as this can put undue pressure on the HVAC system. Wipe down vents on a regular basis.
- **Remember to clean and mop floors on a regular basis and do not put grease down drains.**
- **Report pests, leaks, mold, access points and other maintenance issues to your property manager.**

Field Trip for Project R.E.A.D. Participants



Eight participants in Greensboro Housing Authority's (GHA) AmeriCorps Project R.E.A.D. program had the opportunity to experience the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships this July. The sporting event featured 1,800 of the nation's best athletes in acrobatic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, and trampoline and tumbling. This is the second time Greensboro has hosted this competition.

The Project R.E.A.D. students were treated to box seats and use of the premium entrance and parking at the Greensboro Coliseum. They also enjoyed a reception beforehand that offered snacks and desserts.

A United Way of Greater Greensboro donor generously provided the tickets. All who attended reported back that they enjoyed seeing the young gymnasts compete and appreciated

the experience. Through Project R.E.A.D., GHA staff and AmeriCorps volunteers offer weekly opportunities for students to improve their literacy skills and hope to arrange more exciting experiences for participants.

For donations to the program, or to learn more about Project R.E.A.D., contact Tiffany Dunlap at 303-3009.

Financial Freedom Classes

Join us for a three-part series on credit, budgeting, saving, renting and home buying!

**December 18th,
19th, 20th**

**Claremont Courts
2702 Patio Place**

5:00 pm– 7:00 pm

Contact Tammy
Burkwald at

303-3059 to reserve your
seat today!

RAD Construction Update

Significant progress has been made on the RAD renovations. The chart below shows the progress and plans for the upcoming construction. Remember that resident meetings are being held at the communities impacted by construction, in which residents are informed of the type of work that will be completed in their communities. Please attend these meetings that

1- Lakespring	59 Units Complete (99%)	Various Repairs remaining (1%)
2- Ray Warren	109 Units Complete (46%)	127 out of 236 Units Remaining (54%)
3- Applewood	14 Units Complete (28%)	36 out of 50 Units Remaining (72%)
4- Laurel Oaks	Construction Started 9/2018; Estimated Completion 11/2018	50 Units Remaining (100%)
5- Pear Leaf	Construction Starting 10/2018; Estimated Completion 12/2018	50 Units Remaining (100%)
6- Woodberry - Baylor	Construction Starting 11/2018; Estimated Completion 12/2018	50 Units Remaining (100%)
7- River Birch	Estimated Start Date: 1/2019	50 Units Remaining (100%)
8- Silver Briar	Estimated Start Date: 1/2019	50 Units Remaining (100%)
9- Stoneridge	Estimated Start Date: 2/2019	50 Units Remaining (100%)

are held for you. If you do not attend, you will miss out on important information. Questions and concerns should be addressed with property management staff. Notifications are sent out prior to construction start dates, detailing resident readiness.

Below are a few tips to make the process a bit easier:

- Prepare for 5-10 days of daily living by using GHA-provided boxes, bins or suitcases and putting all daily items in it such as:
 - *Clothing (socks, shoes, underwear and completed outfits)*
 - *Medicines- Put in a separate container and clearly mark as medications*
 - *Health and beauty aids- Put in a separate container*
 - Pack your valuables, fragile and sentimental items and clearly mark them for the movers. You also may want to move them yourself or take them elsewhere to secure them.
- 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.

For these ongoing renovations GHA thanks everyone for their patience. We know that this process creates inconvenience. However, it is short-lived compared to the long-term enjoyment of an upgraded and more energy-efficient home. It will definitely be worth the wait!

GHA Programs Recognized with Awards

Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) has won three National Awards of Merit through the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) and a Human Service Award through Carolinas Council of Housing Redevelopment and Codes Officials (CCHRCO).

These awards programs were created to give national recognition to the achievement and innovation of agency members throughout the country. Entries must meet eligibility and selection criteria and fall into one of five award categories. For 2018, GHA had two programs win in the Resident and Client Services category and one in the Administrative Innovation category.

The Free Reading and Math Enrichment (F.R.A.M.E.) program is a recipient of an Award of Merit and the Human Service Award. It was also nominated for an Award of Excellence also through NAHRO. This program focuses on academic enrichment for children during the summer months at GHA's Claremont Courts community. Participants receive instruction to improve math and reading skills taught by Guilford County teachers. Children who participated showed improved reading and math

scores.

The Senior Community Garden at Hall Towers was a recipient of an Award of Merit and was also nominated for an Award of Excellence. The garden has been highly successful by providing fresh produce, exercise, and increased socialization to participants in the community.

In the Administrative Innovation category, GHA also won an Award of Merit for an internal system known as Operations Data Trackers to improve the ability of GHA staff to track programs, thus increasing employee productivity.

GHA received these awards at the 2018 NAHRO Summer Conference in San Francisco. Accepting the awards were Chief Operating Officer, James Cox and GHA Commissioner, J. Doug Thorne. They are joined by NAHRO President, Carl Richie Jr. and NAHRO Senior Vice President, Sunny Shaw.



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Summer Ends with Performance of “Sinderella”



Through a partnership with Foxfire Productions Performing Arts Center, Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) provided another great summer for youth in GHA’s affordable housing communities. This is the sixth year GHA’s “It’s Your Time to

Shine” Theater Arts Program has offered youth the opportunity to help write, perform, direct and produce a summer play.

Beginning on June 18th, the youth, ages 5 to 19, gathered at the resource center each day to learn their lines, dance steps and songs to make the final production a success. This year “Sinderella” combined the singing, dancing and acting abilities of over 20 youth. It was a twist on the traditional story of Cinderella that carried the theme of honoring one’s parents and practicing humility.

The play was performed on August 16, 2018, at the Claremont Courts Resource Center. Over 100 family, friends, staff members and supporters attended the hour-long performance.

GHA’s “It’s Your Time to Shine” Theater Arts Program is a nationally recognized program and received an Award of Excellence from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials in 2015.