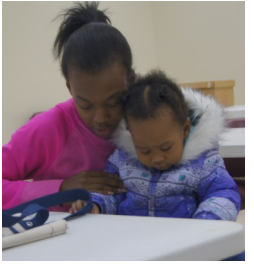
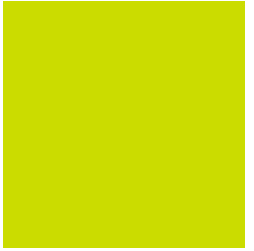
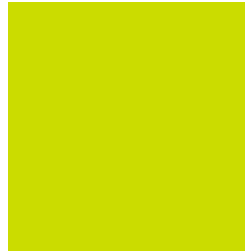


COMMUNITY NEWS



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.



GHA Properties Go Tobacco & Smoke-Free

Beginning, May 1, 2018, Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) will adopt a Tobacco-Free and Smoke-Free Policy.

For the purpose of this policy, “smoking” includes but is not limited to lit and inhaled tobacco or marijuana in any form— including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, hookah, electronic cigarettes and incense products. In addition, “use of tobacco products”, also includes snuff/chew. “Electronic smoking device” means any product containing or delivering nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person in any manner for the purpose of inhaling vapor or aerosol from the product. The term includes any such device whether manufactured, distributed, marketed or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-hookah, vape pen, or under any other product name or descriptor.

This policy prohibits smoking and use of tobacco products on all GHA properties. Current residents, new residents, GHA employees, vendors, guests and other individuals under resident’s control will be prohibited from smoking and using tobacco products on all GHA properties. This includes apartment units, housing development community centers, and housing development grounds, by tenant(s), guest(s) or invitee(s). Tenant(s) understand that smoking or use of tobacco products on GHA property shall be considered a material default under the lease agreement and may be cause for termination of the lease agreement.

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Rules and Regulations Reminders

Remember!

We need your help keeping our communities neat and clean. Unfortunately, there have been additions to porches, balconies and breezeways that do not comply with the

Rules and Regulations document, signed alongside your lease. The Rules and Regulations state:

- “No item shall be placed on the exterior, including porches, balconies and the grounds assigned to the apartment or commons areas.”
- “No items in stairwells or hallways or on porches or balconies or the grounds assigned to the unit.”
- “No outside garbage cans or bags of trash on porches or grounds”

Lawn/porch furniture, planting beds, gardens and yard decorations must all have prior management approval. The cost for the existence of or the removal of such items by GHA, will result in a charge in accordance with the Maintenance Charge Schedule as posted in the Management Office.

RAD Update

Rental Assistance Demonstration (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. Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) applied and was approved to participate in the RAD program in December 2013.

Most recently, construction work was completed at the Hickory Trails community. Lakespring is now undergoing renovations, including interior upgrades, roofing, new windows and new HVAC systems. Construction at Ray Warren is anticipated to start in early to mid-May.



Residents at Ray Warren gather for a resident meeting about RAD upgrades

Most of the renovations will be interior work. We are having resident meetings at affected communities and encourage you to attend to understand what is going on at your community.

Read Across America Day Celebration



On March 2nd, 2018, children and parents celebrated National Read Across America Day at Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA). This day was established in 1997 by the National Education Association (NEA) as a day to celebrate reading, creating awareness and motivation for children across the country about the joys and

benefits of reading. March 2nd is also the birthday of the beloved children’s author, Dr. Seuss.

Therefore, it was only appropriate that GHA hold a Dr. Seuss-themed event to celebrate this important day. The event emphasized the fun and significance of reading through stations featuring reading games, a photo booth, prizes and book giveaway. The popular Dr. Seuss character, Cat in the Hat, also stopped by to take pictures.

GHA's AmeriCorps Project R.E.A.D. (Reading Early Advances Development) team organized the event to provide a fun experience for parents and children. Additionally, this occasion also served as a means to promote the Project R.E.A.D. program and engage more children in understanding all the benefits that a love of reading bring. The Project R.E.A.D. program is made possible through an AmeriCorps grant from the North Carolina Commission of Volunteerism and Community Service. This grant has enabled GHA to focus on increasing the number of Guilford County children reading by third grade.



GHA Hosts Pilot Site of LENA Start Program

Through a partnership with a local early childhood support organization, *Ready for School, Ready for Life*, Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) became a Guilford County pilot site for an innovative program called LENA Start. This 13-week curriculum aims to educate and instruct parents of children between zero and 30 months on how to accelerate language development in their child to close achievement gaps and improve the cognitive, social and emotional health of children.

Starting in October of 2017, participants from GHA's communities began a journey of learning about the future impacts that parents already have on their children. Participants met once a week for interactive instruction, learning strategies supported by scientific data to engage with their children. One of the unique features of LENA Start is the ability to give feedback to the parent about their level of interaction with their child. LENA provides a vest and recording device that the child wears capturing a full day of talk. The recordings are translated into data

and included in reports that summarize the amount of engagement with the child. This feedback helps parents increase the quantity and quality of interactive talk using strategies learned in class.

On January 30, 2018, GHA held their first graduation celebration for the program. Five participants and their children received a certificate of completion followed by a celebration and a time for reflection about the experience. Participants described the impact the program has already made on their interactions with their children and discussed new positive habits that have formed. GHA anticipates another cycle of LENA in the coming year.



CEO, Tina Akers Brown, and LENA Start Coordinator, Stormi Covington, present a graduation certificate

Chris Boozer Joins GHA Board of Commissioners



Ms. Boozer is a graduate of North Carolina Central University with a degree in Public Administration and has 35 years of Federal Service spent with the Veterans Administration, Action/Peace Corps, Department of the Army, and The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). She lived and worked in the Washington, DC area for almost 20 years before relocating back to her hometown of Greensboro in 1994 and began working in the Greensboro HUD Office of Multi-family and Public Housing. In those offices she managed a portfolio of various sized Public Housing and Section 8 Agencies in the areas of Asset Management, procurement and contracts, grants, finance, training, and a Team Leader for numerous special projects. We welcome her to the GHA Board of Commissioners.

GHA Students Attend National College Fair

For the second year in a row, eight teens from Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) traveled to Charlotte, NC to



attend a national college fair, held on March 18, 2018. The event was held at The Park Expo and Conference Center and featured admission representatives from over 200 colleges and universities from across the country and world. The event was sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC).

Students had a chance to discover new information about universities local to Greensboro, but also across the country. All who attended reported back that it was helpful to meet face-to-face with representatives from the different schools.

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GHA Welcomes new Chief Financial Officer



Lee-Jane Sun grew up in Taipei, Taiwan, receiving her BA in Banking and Insurance in Taiwan and a BS in Accounting from UNC Charlotte. She has worked in the financial field for over 30 years with positions ranging from Accounting Manager to Chief Financial Officer (CFO). As GHA's new CFO and a Certified Public Accountant, Lee will work to lead our agency and staff in maintaining the agency's fiscal integrity.

GHA Properties Go Tobacco & Smoke-Free (continued)

The first (1st) offense will result in a verbal warning. The resident will be issued smoke-free housing resource materials and provided information on the NC Quitline and local cessation resources. The second (2nd) offense will result in a written warning and a meeting with the property manager. The resident will receive a letter documenting the first informal meeting reiterating the tobacco-free and smoke-free policy, advising the resident of further consequences. Additionally, the resident will receive smoke-free housing resource materials and provided information on the NC Quitline and local cessation resources. The third (3rd) offense will result in a written warning and conference with the property manager. This will include a written agreement in which the resident must sign, acknowledging their understanding of the policy. In addition, the resident will be provided with smoke-free housing resource materials and provided information on the NC Quitline and local cessation resources. The fourth (4th) offense will result in termination of the lease. Tenant(s) will be responsible for any and all damage(s) caused in violation of this policy.