

Community News

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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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Project R.E.A.D.-- Help a Child Read to Succeed

For the 2015-2016 school year, 54.5% of first graders and 51.3% of second graders in Guilford County could not read at grade level. Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA), taking notice of these alarming statistics, developed Project R.E.A.D (Reading Early Advances Development) with the focus of increasing the number of Guilford County children reading by third grade.



An AmeriCorps grant from North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service in the Office of Governor Roy Cooper will enable GHA to begin Project R.E.A.D literacy programs in nine affordable housing communities throughout Greensboro. AmeriCorps is a Federal program that engages adults in public service with the expressed goal of helping others and meeting critical needs in the community.



Studies show that reading by third grade is an important milestone. Until third grade, children are learning to read; however, once a child enters fourth grade, they must apply their reading skills in order to solve problems and think critically about their subjects. Project R.E.A.D AmeriCorps aims to lessen these roadblocks with programming for specific age groups up until third grade.

AmeriCorps Paid Opportunities Available

All members and volunteers will receive training and supervision from qualified staff. AmeriCorps members may be eligible to receive a living allowance or an education award that can be used toward qualified student loans. Members age 55 and up, can elect to have the education award transferred to a child or grandchild. If interested, please call GHA at 336-275-8501.

Fun at the Fatherhood Initiative



On June 30, 2017, Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) celebrated its fourth Annual Fatherhood Initiative Event at Ray Warren Homes. GHA understands the important roles that fathers play in strengthening our communities and raising the next generation and is proud to celebrate the dads in the communities we serve.

Summer around GHA



F.R.A.M.E.



Reading is My Superpower



Summer Fit Program



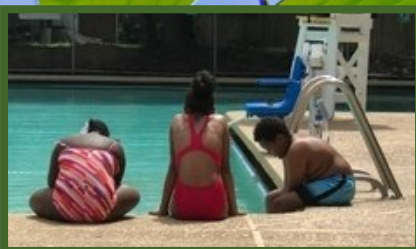
Camp Anytown Participants



Yardi Scholarship Recipients



Cheerleading Camp– Shaw University



Water Safety Program



Senior Garden at Hall Towers



Mr. and Mrs. Future Stars Pageant

Summer Theater Arts Program Delivers an Entertaining Show

Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) with funding from ArtsGreensboro, presented an annual youth performance of, “The Play: A Collection from Classic Musicals.” The youth learned and performed musical selections from *Cats*, *Peter Pan*, *The Lion King*, *Aladdin*, *Wicked* and *Mary Poppins*. The musical is part of the “It’s Your Time to Shine” theater arts program put on annually at GHA. This is the sixth year for the award-winning program. The performance venue was generously provided by Mount Zion Church.

The “It’s Your Time to Shine” program has a mission to enhance the artistic qualities of GHA’s youth through education, imagination and creativity for youth ages five to seventeen who live in GHA housing communities. It also provides youth from the Claremont Courts community with the platform and opportunity to creatively express themselves, develop their talents, and to learn the skills needed to carry out a theater arts project to completion. The participants practiced throughout the summer, with the culmination of all their hard work coming together for this delightful performance.

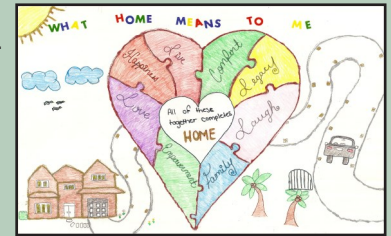


National Poster Contest Winner



Nashon Broadnax, a resident of Lakespring Court, has been selected as a national winner in the “What Home Means to Me” poster competition. Nashon’s poster will be featured in next year’s “What Home Means to Me” 2018 calendar published by the National Association of Housing and Housing Re-development Officials (NAHRO).

First place winners at the local level include: Caniya Hall, Alonzo Hall and Diamond Hall.



Thank you GHA residents for returning your Smoke Free Survey by the September 29, 2017 deadline! Your feedback and comments are valuable in implementing this mandatory rule. Please be sure to attend your scheduled Resident Meetings to share your thoughts on HUD’s published new rule that will require ALL Housing Authority properties to become smoke free.

Rental Assistance Demonstration (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 leveraging 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. Since then, GHA has been able to make much needed repairs and improvements to our communities that would not have otherwise been possible.

Updates at Claremont Courts, Woodland Village and Hickory Trails is underway and completion is anticipated this fall. The Foxworth community is expected to complete RAD conversion this fall as well. GHA staff will inform residents of further information regarding the conversion.

In August, GHA and its partner, Greystone, were awarded 4% tax credits to make improvements at Ray Warren Homes, Lakespring, Stoneridge, Applewood, Laurel Oaks, Riverbirch, Silver Briar, Woodberry Run and Baylor Court. The RAD conversion should be completed by the end of the year.

As progress continues, GHA will schedule resident meetings at impacted properties to discuss the renovation plans. Be sure to attend these meetings in order to meet with representatives and have a chance to ask questions concerning the updates.

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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 #)
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Tornado and Hurricane Safety

- * **When a storm threatens:** Listen to a battery-operated radio for storm updates; have enough cash and supplies to get through the next 72 hours; Bring outdoor lawn furniture inside and anchor down what cannot be brought in; store valuables and personal papers in a waterproof container on the highest level of your home; store drinking water in clean bathtubs, jugs, bottles and pots; fuel car; turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings, open when absolutely necessary and close quickly; charge all cell phone batteries.
- * **Prepare a home storm plan.** Pick a place for family members to gather if a dangerous storm is headed your way. It could be your basement or if there is no basement, a center hallway, bathroom or closet on the lowest floor. If you are in a high-rise, you may not have enough time to go to the lowest floor. Pick a place in a hallway in the center of the building.
- * **Emergency supplies suggestions:** Battery-operated flashlight, clock, radio; 2 week supply of non perishable food taking into account any special diets; first-aid kit and any prescriptions; charcoal lighter or waterproof matches (use outside only); infant necessities; can opener, pillows, blankets, sleeping bags and extra clothes; disposable plates and silverware; trash bags; water.
- * **During a hurricane:** If evacuated take emergency supplies with you; before you leave, turn off gas, water and electricity; If you stay at home, stay away from doors and windows; do not go outside in the calm during the eye of the storm; if you lose power, turn off major appliances to reduce the power surge when the electricity comes back on; avoid open flames such as candles and kerosene lamps.
- * **After a hurricane:** Help injured people and give first aid if necessary; return home after authorities say it's safe; avoid loose or dangling power lines and report immediately; unless the water is safe, drink only sterilized bottled water; check refrigerator for food spoilage; drive only if necessary, remember roads and bridges may be weak and could collapse; open windows to ventilate and dry your home.