



Community News

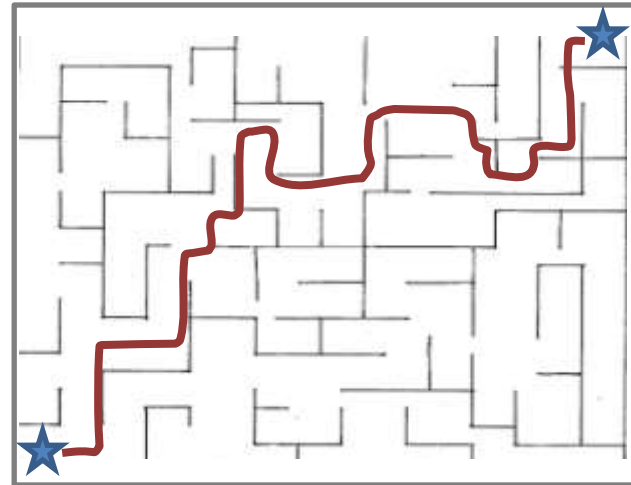


BACK to SCHOOL WORD SCRAMBLE

See if you can solve the jumbled words below! The first letter of each word has been capitalized for you.

- Besus _____
- Sdutetsn _____
- Tceharse _____
- Ssknca _____
- Bkckpasac _____
- Tosetobkx _____
- Rscees _____

Solution to last month's puzzle



Join PHAR to improve our neighborhoods!

The Public Housing Association of Residents (PHAR) is the city-wide organization for public housing residents in Charlottesville. Our mission is to empower low-income residents to improve our own communities through collective action. Right now PHAR is working on these issues:

- A policy to create a more fair and clear Barment Policy,
- Excess utility charges,
- Hiring two part-time Service Coordinators to help connect residents with local supports,
- Helping people understand their rights under the lease, and
- Helping folks understand community service hours.

Contact PHAR if you would like more information.

Do you want to know more about any of these issues? Let us know! We need your help! Speak up about what your community needs and share your ideas for neighborhood improvements.

PHAR's office is at 1000 Preston Ave, Suite C, and you can call us at 434-984-3255

Disaster Preparedness Tips

Last Tuesday's surprise earthquake caught everyone off-guard, and while fortunately the damage to our area was minimal, it cannot hurt to be better prepared in case a future incident happens! Below are some tips to keep in mind during an earthquake:

1. When you first feel shaking, immediately take cover under something sturdy: your desk or table, in a hallway or a door frame and cover your head.
2. Do not attempt to walk during the quake as you might be thrown to the ground.
3. Do not try to go outside – the area immediately surrounding a building is hazardous due to falling objects and breaking glass.
4. If you are outside when the earthquake starts, move away from any buildings and power lines, get on the ground and cover your head.
5. Expect the intensity of the shaking to change. It may increase or decrease several times before the quake is over. Wait a few seconds after you feel it stop before you leave your protected area.

Calendar of Upcoming CRHA Meetings

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
Resident Services Committee
Redevelopment Committee
Finance Committee
Board Meeting

All CRHA Offices closed
Crescent Halls
South 1st St. Center
Basement Conf. Room
Council Chambers

September 5th - 8:00am - 5:00 pm
September 8th - 1:00 pm
September 14th - 10:00 am
September 21st - 4:30 pm
September 26th - 7:00 pm



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THE HOUSING HORIZON

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School's Back in Session!

City Schools are back in session this week as classes got underway on Wednesday the 24th! Students going back to school means new school supplies and textbooks, new schedules and earlier bedtimes, after-school programs and homework assignments, and getting to know teachers and staff at each school.



It also means that the schools are gearing up to begin new programs which will be available to help students expand different ways they can learn like the BLAST program -

Charlottesville City Schools will be holding a series of BLAST informational sessions as part of its Parent University offerings. **BLAST (Blended Learning to Advance Student Thinking) is the new computer initiative that gives every student in grades 6 - 12 a computer tablet to work with.** Only CHS students will be allowed to take their computers home.

The informational sessions are optional for parents of Walker Upper Elementary and Buford Middle School students. **Parents with students at CHS are required to attend one session to sign for the school-issued computer tablets that students will receive.**

Sessions for parents with students in grades 6 - 8: October 11th - 6:00pm at Walker Upper Elementary School and November 9th - 6:00pm at Buford Middle School. (Parents may attend either session)



Sessions for parents with students in grades 9 - 12: September 15th, 22nd and 29th - 7:00pm at CHS. (Parents MUST attend one of these sessions)

All sessions will last one hour.
Questions? Please call Maria Lewis at 245-2673.

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While the rain may have put a brief hold on the games, it's didn't stop the community from having a great time at Westhaven Day! Dozens of children were able to experience pony rides and have their pictures taken, dunk Charlottesville celebs in the dunking booth, and watch terrific performances from some area entertainers. A big thank you to all the agencies and volunteers that made snow cones, popcorn, lunch and sports physicals possible. Several UVA students painted faces all day long, and we had some awesome prizes go out at bingo. Some of the UVA football players even made an appearance!



This year, the planning committee honored students who had perfect attendance and graduated from high school. Congratulations to all those students! This year marked the 14th consecutive year for Westhaven Community Day and each year the event keeps getting better and better! We are already Getting excited for what activities will be planned for next summer's Community Day event!

If you didn't see the Community Day t-shirts, they featured a quote from Malcolm X: **"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."**

We would like to thank our 2011 Partners including:

92.7 Kiss FM, Black Nurses Association, Charlottesville City Police Department, Charlottesville City Parks and Rec, CRHA, UVA Cancer Center, JABA, UVA Orthopedic Department, PHAR, Quality Community Council, MACAA, Westhaven Resident Association, UCARE, UVA Men's Football Team and many others!



All Community Day photos are courtesy of Ms. Mary T. Miller

Housing Authority News



Tom Winder
Capital Projects Manager

I am responsible for managing all aspects of our Capital Fund dollars. I help the Board and staff work with residents to determine what projects need to happen and at which neighborhoods. I also handle all of the paperwork required for bids, contracts, and bills that need to be paid to the Contractors.



Rebecca Weybright
Director of Housing Programs

I work at the Rental Office and currently supervise the staff who do eligibility, annual re-certifications for public housing residents, and the Housing Choice Voucher Program. I am also the agency's 504 coordinator. You can contact me if you are disabled and need an accommodation or modification in order to have an equal housing opportunity.



CRHA Anonymous Phone Line - 434-220-7361

Don't forget the anonymous phone line that CRHA has to receive complaints, comments and tips. You don't have to leave your name or number, just the message:



Board Member Updates

CRHA Board of Commissioners

- Sherri Clarke
- Claudette Green
- Joy Johnson*
- Hosea Mitchell*
- Dave Norris
- Robert Stevens*
- Keith Woodard

* = Officers of the Board

At its July 25th Annual Meeting, the Housing Authority Board underwent a series of important changes: Mr. Jason Halbert stepped down after completing his second full term of service. And Ms. Claudette Green joined the Board beginning her first term of service.

The Board also appoints a new slate of officers at its Annual Meeting. For the 2011 - 2012 year Mr. Hosea Mitchell will assume the Chairman's seat, Mr. Bob Stevens will assume the Vice-Chairman's seat, and Ms. Joy Johnson will continue her role as Board Treasurer for another year.

CRHA Board meetings take place on the 4th Monday of each month in City Council Chambers. Meetings are open to the public.

Rent is Due on the 1st of each month, is late after the 10th and the Late Fee is added on the 11th.

If you are having trouble paying your rent you should contact your Property Manager or your Prevention Coordinator immediately.