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THE WILMINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



WILMINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY AT A GLANCE

Welcome to the Wilmington Housing Authority's (WHA) Quarterly Newsletter.

The WHA is the largest direct provider of affordable housing opportunities in the State of Delaware. We are committed to developing, providing, and managing safe and affordable housing for low-income families in the city of Wilmington.

During the second quarter, the U.S. Department of Labor awarded WHA with one of their \$1.5 million YouthBuild Grants. The goal of the grant is to grow the green clean energy workforce by providing education, training, and career opportunities to young adults. Because of this grant, over 80 youth in the city of Wilmington will have the opportunity to build their careers in the construction, CDL, medical, culinary, warehouse (forklift), IT, and peer counseling.

In May, WHA also partnered with the Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities (DSAAPD) to launch their pilot of five onsite resource centers in the community rooms at Baynard Apartments, Crestview, Compton Towers, Herlihy Apartments, and Park View. DSAAPD staff members are onsite at several WHA locations to provide information and other resources to residents, including referrals, counseling options, and other resources. Almost 90 residents have been serviced since May.

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WHA LAUNCHES HOME MANAGEMENT COURSE FOR RESIDENTS

The Scattered-Sites Office launched its first home management course for residents in May 2022. The course is designed to provide them with strategies and tips on how to properly care for their homes.

The course consists of two sessions. During the first session, residents view an introductory video, which includes cleaning tips, organization strategies, and other elements to home management. After the video, each resident met with a member of the Scattered-Sites Office to develop a home management plan that aligns to their daily schedules.

During the second session, residents participated in hands-on demonstrations and simulations to help them practice the cleaning and organization strategies learned during the first sessions. The demonstrations took place in one of the staged units at the Park View building.

The residents enjoyed the program and were eager to put what they learned into practice. Residents also expressed that the course helped them develop a weekly home management routine and they are motivated to teach their family what they learned in the course.

Thank you to the Scattered-Sites Management Team, Pamela Clark (Manager), Lakeisha Hawkes (Assistant Manager), Samonda Turner (Housing Clerk), Francis Thomas (Maintenance Supervisor), and Tracey Childress (Former Housing Clerk) for the amazing job launching and managing this course.



YMCA OF DELAWARE ANNOUNCES NEW RENTAL UNITS ARE AVAILABLE

The Residence at the Central YMCA has new single room occupancy units available for single men 18 years and older. Residents are provided with a dorm-style room, discounted rates to use the fitness center, and access to various health and human service providers who partner with the YMCA.

Visit <https://files.constantcontact.com/8ef0d7af701/c3cd8505-fdf0-4e26-bed8-23fb47bbf9aa.pdf?rdr=true> to apply.

ONE-STOP SHOP ENVISION CENTER WORKSHOPS

The WHA One Stop Shop's (OSS) Envision Center's overall mission is to serve as the catalysts for change for the achievement of "self-sufficiency" for all WHA residents as well as individuals living in the City of Wilmington. Below are the dates for the upcoming workshops.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT PERSON	PRESENTER
7/29/2022	1:30 PM	PARK VIEW 1800 N. Broom Street Wilmington, DE 19802	Denise Garcia & Renata J. Maslowski	Ingleside Homes
7/29/2022	2:00 PM	PARK VIEW 1800 N. Broom Street Wilmington, DE 19802	William Campbell	Delaware Counseling of Gambling
8/5/2022	1:30 PM	BAYNARD APARTMENTS 309 W. 18th Street Wilmington, DE 19802	Ayesha Bailey	Lutheran Community Services
8/5/2022	2:00 PM	BAYNARD APARTMENTS 309 W. 18th Street Wilmington, DE 19802	Ella Edwards	Henrietta Johnson Medical Center
8/12/2022	1:30 PM	CRESTVIEW APARTMENTS 2700 N. Market Street Wilmington, DE 19802	Ella Edwards	Henrietta Johnson Medical Center
8/12/2022	2:00 PM	CRESTVIEW APARTMENTS 2700 N. Market Street Wilmington, DE 19802	Ayesha Bailey	Lutheran Community Services
8/19/2022	1:30 PM	COMPTON TOWERS 325 E. 5th Street Wilmington, DE 19801	Ella Edwards	Henrietta Johnson Medical Center
8/19/2022	2:00 PM	COMPTON TOWERS 325 E. 5th Street Wilmington, DE 19801	Alyson Lang	Tobacco Prevention & Control Program

YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Wilmington Housing Authority (WHA) is actively recruiting individuals for the YouthBuild Program. The YouthBuild Program focuses on education, occupational skills training, leadership development, and high-quality post-program placement.

During this 3 to 6 month program, participants will work to obtain their GED, receive workforce training and credentials, and obtain hands-on experience in the fields of construction, information technology, green building, and more. Participants will also receive case management services and job placement support, with the goal matching each participant with long-term employment opportunities.

For more information or to apply for the YouthBuild Program, visit <https://whadelaware.org/about-wha/employment-opportunities-and-training-programs/youthbuild>.

WHA'S PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM ONLINE APPLICATION OPENS IN AUGUST

The Wilmington Housing Authority's Public Housing Program will be accepting applications for 1, 3, and 4-bedroom lists from Monday, August 8, 2022 at 12:00 AM (EST) to Friday, August 12, 2022 at 11:59 PM (EST). When applying to the waiting list, we recommend that you have all household member's names, birthdates, and social security numbers readily available. Only one application per person will be accepted, so please be sure your application is accurate and complete before submitting.

Applications will only be accepted online. For more information or to apply, visit <https://wha.myhousing.com>.



DHSS IS OFFERING UTILITY ASSISTANCE

The office of the Delaware Health & Social Services Community Services is accepting applications from families and individuals whose utility bills are past due or received a shut-off notice. Please contact Sheila Nichols (sheila.nichols@delaware.gov) or Edythe Pridgen (edythe.pridgen@delaware.gov) for more information on applying.

MAYOR MIKE PURZYCKI & WHA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RAY FITZGERALD VISIT IMANI VILLAGE

On June 2, 2022, Mayor Mike Purzycki and WHA Executive Director, Ray Fitzgerald toured Imani Village in the Riverside section of Wilmington. Imani Village is the work of WHA's partnership with REACH Riverside (an organization of community leaders), nationally known Purpose Built Communities which is promoting world class neighborhood revitalization around the country and Pennrose Development, one of the country's most successful developers of affordable housing.

Imani Village is a new mixed-income family rental community with newly constructed energy efficient homes. The project is a part of an eight-phase plan, which will include several hundred upgraded homes for the area. Wilmington Housing Authority residents will receive first priority in the newly renovated homes. The project is a part of WHA's commitment to develop, provide and manage safe, and affordable housing for low-income families in Wilmington.

The new Riverside homes will offer residents several new amenities. Some amenities include:

- Energy efficient appliances (i.e. dishwashers, refrigerators, etc.)
- In-unit washer and dryers
- Central air conditioning
- Exterior storage sheds

Residents will begin moving into Imani Village during the last week in July. The Wilmington Housing Authority's goal is to upgrade facilities, implement green building practices, and improve operational efficiency for properties.

Residents will enjoy access to an energy-efficient community room, which will include a computer lab, outdoor play space, security surveillance, and community garden.

The project will provide comprehensive social services onsite to further assist residents in achieving their goals.





DELAWARE 2-1-1 CONNETS YOU TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Delaware 2-1-1 is here for you. With one call, you can talk to a trained information and referral specialist who will listen to your concerns and guide you to local agencies and services that can help.

Locally, Delaware 2-1-1 is led by United Way of Delaware, whose mission is to improve the quality of life for all Delawareans by ensuring all children start school prepared to learn, adolescents do well in school and in life, everyone has access to healthcare and both individuals and families are financially empowered. Dial 2-1-1 Monday - Friday from 8 AM to 9 PM. Visit Delaware211.org anytime day or night.

ACCESSCARE WILL HELP YOU FIND CHILD CARE SERVICES

Let AccessCare's free service help you find child care. AccessCare can refer you to childcare centers, family child care homes, preschools, school-aged programs, summer camps, and providers that accept Purchase of Care as well as offer other financial assistance. All providers are licensed and legally operating providers in Delaware. For more information call (800) 734-2388 or visit cffde.org/accesscare. For additional resources, visit www.mychildde.org.

QUALITY INSIGHTS PROMOTES A HEALTHIER DELAWARE

Quality Insights' Community Health Workers are in the field offering support and guidance on multiple, targeted, healthy lifestyle and healthcare improvement projects. They offer resources and tools in English, Spanish, and Creole to support this work. Current areas of support include Cancer Screening & Prevention, HPV, Screening for Life (SFL), Health Insurance, COVID, Maternal Health, as well as Prediabetes, Diabetes, Hypertension, and High Cholesterol.

For more information about our program offerings or to schedule an on-site event, contact Lisa Gruss at lgruss@qualityinsights.org.

YOUTH CAN TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD THIS SUMMER

Around the World in a Summer is an educational experience which allows children to explore 8 different countries and cultures around the world. The event is for youth between the ages of 9 and 15 years old and is free. Activities include arts and crafts, literature, music and movement, culinary arts, and international marketplace.

The events will take place at The Freedom Center (31 W. 31st Street, Wilmington, DE) Monday-Thursday from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Visit www.iamthevillage.org to register.

WHA PARTNERS WITH DSAAPD TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO RESIDENTS

The Wilmington Housing Authority has partnered with the Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities (DSAAPD) to expand the support and resources available to residents. DSAAPD staff members are onsite at several WHA locations to provide information and other resources to residents, including referrals, counseling options, and other resources.

DSAAPD's mission is to promote dignity, respect, and inclusion for older adults and people with disabilities. Residents can connect with DSAAPD staff members every other week in the community room of the following locations:

DAY	LOCATION	TIME
TUESDAYS (August 2nd, August 16th, August 30th)	BAYNARD APARTMENTS (309 W. 18th Street, Wilmington, DE 19802)	11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
TUESDAYS (August 2nd, August 16th, August 30th)	CRESTVIEW (2700 N. Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19802)	2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
WEDNESDAYS (August 3rd, August 17th, August 31st)	COMPTON TOWERS (325 E. 5th Street, Wilmington, DE 19801)	11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
WEDNESDAYS (August 3rd, August 17th, August 31st)	HERLIHY APARTMENTS (320 E. 5th Street, Wilmington, DE 19801)	2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
THURSDAYS (August 4th, August 18th, September 1st)	PARK VIEW (1800 N. Broom Street, Wilmington, DE 19802)	11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
THURSDAYS (August 4th, August 18th, September 1st)	LINCOLN TOWERS (1625 Gilpin Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19806)	2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

IN-PERSON CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's Association support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for people living with dementia and their care partners to develop a support system, exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions, as well as talk through issues and ways of coping.



The Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley will host an in-person caregiver support group every second Saturday of the month from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

The support group will take place at the Police Athletic League of Wilmington (3707 N. Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19802) in the 1st Floor Multi-Purpose Room.

Visit alz.org/delval to learn more about care giver programs and resources. To further extend your network of support, visit ALZ connected at alzconnected.org.

GOVERNOR JOHN CARNEY & TEAM LAUNCH THE WILMINGTON LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

Since August 2021, Governor Carney and his team have met with Wilmington families, educators, students, and community members to get feedback on Wilmington schools. The draft of the Wilmington Learning Collaborative was established based on those series of meetings and discussions, and negotiations with school districts.

The draft includes strategies, programs, resources, and team support for the success of schools in the City of Wilmington and empower them as community hubs. The Wilmington Learning Collaborative will be launched in Brandywine, Christina, and Red Clay School Districts. The planning phase for model will take place during the 2022-2023 school year with full implementation during the 2023-2024 school year.

For more information about the Wilmington Learning Collaborative, visit <https://governor.delaware.gov/wlc/draft-wlc-agreement/>.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

The Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP)/Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program (IVTP) is the only program to focus exclusively on competitive employment for homeless veterans to provide job training, counseling, and job placement services (including job readiness, literacy, and skills training) to expedite re-entry veterans into the workforce. The HVRP/IVTP is a program through the Delaware Center for Homeless Veterans, Inc. (DPHV).

The DPHV offers safe, affordable, and permanent housing and other case management services to support veterans during their transition. For more information about the HVRP/IVTP program and other services, visit www.dchv.org.



DSCYF YOUTH REHABILITATIVE SERVICES IS HIRING

The Department of Services for Children Youth & Their Families (DSCYF) is hosting a career fair on August 3rd on the DSCYF Administrative Campus Multipurpose Building #9 (1825 Faulkland Road, Wilmington, DE) from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. DSCYF is recruiting for Youth Care Specialist (Casual/Seasonal and Full-Time) and Youth Rehabilitation Treatment Specialist positions. Positions are located at Ferris School, New Castle County Detention Center, and Residential Cottages (Mowlds, Snowden, and Grace Cottages). Visit www.kids.delaware.gov/employment to apply and secure your interview spot. Walk-ins are also welcome.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY IS HIRING

New Castle County has several open positions. For more information or to apply, visit <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/nccde>. New Castle County is an equal opportunity employer.

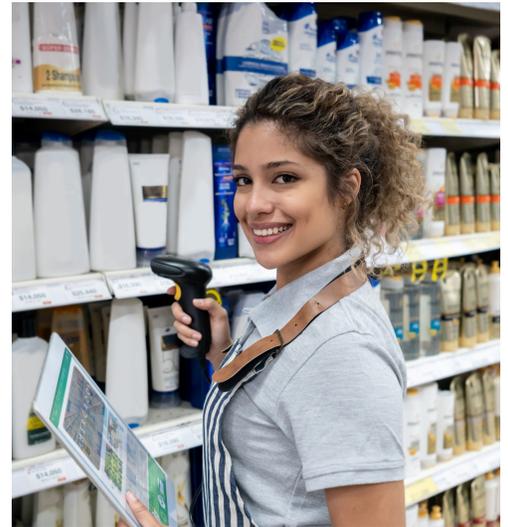


WEGMANS IS HIRING IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Wegmans is set to open its new Wilmington, DE location in Fall of 2022. The store will be hiring 450 employees for this location.

The store will be located at the intersection of Lancaster Pike and Barley Mill Road just outside of Wilmington. The store will include a delicious array of food options including a Burger Bar, Restaurant Foods Section, Sushi Bar, Fresh Produce and Seafood, and more.

Visit <https://jobs.wegmans.com/Wilmington> to apply now. Contact Wegmans at (302) 551-6101 with questions.



EAGLE GROUP IS HIRING

Eagle Group, America's largest broadline manufacturer of commercial foodservice equipment, is hiring for several plant, manufacturing, and office positions. Opportunities are available for 1st and 2nd shift.

For more information on employment opportunities, please visit <https://www.eaglegrp.com/internal.asp?id=Careers>.



GOODWILL STAFFING IS NOW HIRING

Goodwill Staffing Services has several open positions available throughout the state of Delaware. Visit www.GoodwillDE.org/Jobs to apply for all open positions. Applicants can also create a free resume and cover letter by using Goodwill's Career Connection website at www.GoodwillDE.org/CareerConnections. For more information, contact Doreen DeAngelis at 302-504-1724 or Craig Anderson at 302-504-3548.



SHIPLEY LIVING HOSTING A JOB FAIR

ShIPLEY Living is hosting a job fair on Wednesday, July 27th from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at their location (2723 ShIPLEY Road, Wilmington, DE 19810). They are recruiting for their Skilled Nurse, Assisted Living, Culinary, and Environmental Services Departments. If hired during the event, individuals will receive a \$500 sign-on bonus and placed in a raffle to win gas, groceries, DART, UBER/Lyft, and Visa gift cards. To apply for a position prior to the event, visit <https://www.indeed.com/cmp/ShIPLEY-Manor-2>.



THE WILMINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY IS ONLINE

The Wilmington Housing Authority posts regular announcements and events on our website and Facebook page. Scan the QR codes to visit our website (<https://whadelaware.org/>) and our Facebook page.



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