

WILMINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY





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A Message from the Executive Director

This past month, WHA provided Resident Leadership training to those residents who are active in their respective Resident Councils. The training provided information in the following areas: (1) Examined the roles and responsibilities of Resident Leaders and Council members (2) Examined the roles and responsibilities of a Resident Commissioner (3) Learned how to Develop a Section Three action Plan and (4) Learned the fundamentals of grant writing.

The general consensus from the training participants was that the training was worthwhile and extremely informative. Many positive things were said about the facilitator, and many residents hope he will come back in the future to provide additional training.

On March 24th I had the privilege of providing a comprehensive course in grant writing that dealt with such issues as how to create a grants writing team; the development and importance of the Executive Summary; the creation of the Logic Model and how to address the issue of program self-assessment once a grant has been awarded.

Now it is up to you, the residents, to use this training to bring your neighbors to the table, engaging them in the work of your Resident Council, as well as getting them involved appropriately with the Resident Advisory Board, which is supposed to be a body that represents residents agency-wide.

Please feel free to contact your Resident Services Director Ms. Irmina Williams if you need a little help in getting your Council fully engaged. She can be reached at 302-429-0954 x213 or you can email her at iwilliams@whadelaware.org

Your participation is vital in offering you and your fellow residents a way to build a strong working relationship with WHA, your housing authority, and will ultimately create a positive living environment for everyone.

Thank you,

Eugene J. Rudder



**Eugene Rudder, Executive Director
Wilmington Housing Authority**

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

Ms. Wilhelmina



Wilhelmina has been a lifelong resident of Delaware, she relocated from the south with her parents, Hillary Tolbert and Carrie Key Tolbert. Her parents were among the first African-Americans to be employed at Worth Steel and one of many families to establish the historic community of Hickman Row in Claymont, Delaware. She is the last of 14 siblings and was educated in the segregated classroom of Pauline Dyson and is the oldest living alumni of Howard High School. Wilhelmina has been employed in various capacities, retiring as a domestic. She is a devoted member of the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall. Her husband of many years Francis Benson (deceased) and, one son Oliver Tolbert. She is greatly loved, celebrated, and cherished by her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews, who affectionately call her Aunt Willie-Joe.

RESIDENT COUNCIL GRANT WRITING CLASS



On March 24th, Wilmington Housing Authority held a grant writing class at Lincoln Towers facilitated by the Executive Director, Mr. Eugene J. Rudder.

WELCOME MR. EARL JETER TO THE WHA BOARD



Mr. Jeter is a Certified Public Accountant and Principal at Jeter & Johnson, LLC, a CPA firm in Wilmington and an Adjunct Professor at Wilmington University. He was previously employed as City Auditor of the City of Wilmington, Chief Financial Officer for Interfaith Community Housing of Delaware, and an Internal Revenue Service Agent and 10 years with public accounting firms.

NEW WEBSITE



We are excited to announce our new website is now up! The site features an archive of newsletters, information for residents, partners, funders, contractors, and landlords. Visit today at www.whadelaware.org.

*This will be the last monthly newsletter, the next newsletter is scheduled for July and will be quarterly. If you have any submissions, please contact Erin Hutt at Ehutt@Whadelaware.org.

WHA Success Story

Wendy Williams



Wendy Williams has always been a good worker. She loves her family, loves to travel and loves to work. In the past, she has worked at Newark Manor as a CNA and at Connections, monitoring youth with behavior problems.

Ms. Williams is a great example that when you have a will to do something it can happen. She attended credit repair classes, homeownership workshops, completed housing counseling, started saving, increased her credit scores, and was pre-approved for a loan... all within 12 months. Wendy is considered by Resident Services staff as the WHA Comprehensive Section 32 Homeownership Poster Child.

In her own words...

"I, Wendy S. Williams am a single parent of four beautiful children, Kennyia 16, who loves basketball and talking on the phone, Tinnearra 11, who wants to become a model and is the beauty queen, T'Near 8, who loves football and his Mama and, last but not least, Ar'Neah 4, who is the drama queen who loves to learn new things and is computer savvy.

As I begin to write my experience for my homeownership journey, my eyes begin to water. I just want to thank God for all he has done for me and my children.

In July 2015, I received a call from my manager, Ms. Pam Clark, stating that she had me on the list for a larger house due to my family size. She explained that it is a unit in the Wilmington Housing Authority's Section 32 Homeownership Program. She also explained that the units in the Section 32 Homeownership program came with a stipulation that they are for sale. If I accept the unit, I will have to comply with the terms of the lease and it also gives me the "First Right of Refusal" to purchase that home within 12 to 18 months. I began to talk to God and he told me "You can do it". I called Ms. Clark back and took the offer. I discussed the prospect with my children and they were all in agreement. From that day forward, I began to save and get prepared to purchase my "New Home". Mrs. Irmina E. Brown-Williams and Mrs. Darniece Hampton from the Resident Services Department were very supportive and helpful to me".

Summer Camp

TYLER'S CAMP

WHA Is Proudly sponsoring
50 students
Apply Today!

Each week students will choose from one of many sports and arts opportunities, including field hockey, swimming, dance, theater, volleyball, track, animation and coding. Students will experience cutting edge leadership development and academic instruction.

Experience leadership challenges through Strive & how you lead matters!

Practice Engineering and STEAM challenges through EXPLO Studios.

Sports and Arts opportunities available through coaches sources from all over the city.

MONDAY TO THURSDAY
JULY 10TH - AUGUST 4TH

During their four weeks at Tyler's camp, students will engage in sports-based leadership programming co-facilitated by top instructors at STRIVE and the primary counselor staff of kids from each program.

SPORTS
Choose from 12 sports opportunities

ARTS
Arts Opportunities for all students

EDUCATION
Engineering and STEAM Challenges

LEADERSHIP
Build Leadership Skills From Explo Studios

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WHA **summercollab**

Tyler's Camp strives to minimize summer learning loss by exposing more than 250 children to a nearly three- month camp experience focusing on academics, arts and athletics, according to the statement.

Wilmington Housing Authority is excited to offer Tyler's camp to 50 prominent students. This current opportunity priced at \$400 per student is now available through sponsorship for no cost, by WHA. The following survey will include contact questions for placement in the lottery database and will be sorted for eligibility.

<http://bit.ly/2mBlar3>

Job Opportunity

Wilmington Housing Authority, Southbridge Civic Association, and
4th District City Council Representative Michelle Harlee Presents...

LOOKING
for a Job?

SOUTHBRIDGE EXTENSION
SOLAR PANEL PROJECT

Job opportunity will be available for 15-20 laborers.
Preliminary interview on the spot.
Orientation session and Section 3 registration,
please be on time to be considered for a position.

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 • 2pm
Crestview Community Room
2700 N. Market st.
www.WHADelaware.org

  

PosterMyWall.com

Section 3 is a provision of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Act of 1968 that helps foster local economic development, neighborhood economic improvement, and individual self-sufficiency. The Section 3 program requires that recipients of certain HUD financial assistance, to the greatest extent feasible, provides job training, employment, and contracting opportunities for low- or very-low income residents in connection with projects and activities in their neighborhoods.

The Wilmington Housing Authority in cooperation with EcogySolar will build a Solar Park in Southbridge at Garasches Lane and New Castle Avenue. This project will provide renewable energy and enough electricity to completely power several of WHA's mid-rise and high-rise apartment buildings and even more green energy in the summer months. Must be 18+ to apply.