

Neighborhood News & Lifestyles

Summer 2018



UPcoming EVENTS

August

- 21 Eid al Adha
- 30 Youth Day NYS Fair

September

- 3 Labor Day*
- 9 Grandparents Day
- 9 Rosh Hashanah begins
- 18 Yom Kippur

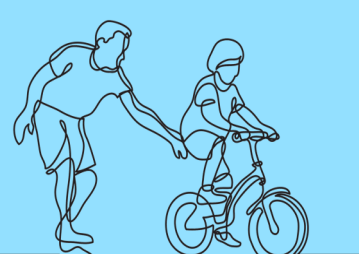
October

- 8 Columbus Day*
- 16 Bosses day
- 31 Halloween

November

- 4 Daylight Savings Ends,
Turn Clocks Back 1 hour
- 6 Election Day*
- 12 Veterans Day Observed *
- 22 Thanksgiving*
- 23 Black Friday*

* SHA office closed



Gladys Smith named "Who's Who in America's Neighborhoods" NUSA Awardee

Gladys J. Smith was honored in 2018 Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) national network organization. The ceremony was held at the organization's annual conference, held this year in Birmingham, Alabama. Gladys Smith was honored for her service as a community organizer and advocate for low income housing residents, as well as a lifetime involvement in community service.

Congratulations Mrs. Smith!



Toomey Abbot Towers Garden Room Makeover by Craig Corriders, Property Manager

We would like to recognize Mr. Anthony Hines-Tecoy for his exemplary work in the TAT Garden of Health! Since he has taken on the supervision of this room it has flourished. Everything has been brought to life and it is because of his dedication and commitment. This collaborative project between Upstate Medical University and SHA has been extremely positive. TAT staff and residents would like to APPLAUD Anthony and THANK HIM for his green-thumb and ability to bring LIFE to this space!

Relatives Acting As Parents Program tour Museum of Glass by Falisha Gallishaw, SHA Social Worker

The RAPP program took a family trip to the Corning Museum of Glass during the April Spring Break. The children enjoyed looking at the glass exhibits and watched a live glass blowing demonstration. They toured the gift shop and brought home keepsakes. The day concluded with dinner at the A&W restaurant in Cortland.

Relatives Acting as Parents Program (RAPP) came to the Syracuse area 16 years ago and has been provided by Syracuse Housing Authority from the start. Support for the program is provided by the New York State Office for the Aging and Onondaga County Office for Aging. The program offers support to Onondaga County residents, ages 55 and over who are non-parent caregivers of the related children ages 18 years old and younger whom they have custody of.



RAPP meets twice per month. The first meeting is devoted to the senior caregivers and the second session is a fun family day with activities for the children and caregivers to enjoy together .

To learn more about the RAPP program or you would like to join, contact Falisha Gallishaw at 315-470-4375



James Geddes Neighborhood Meeting

by Michelle Haab

Chief Frank Fowler presented the results from the Syracuse City Police Department's Spring Sweep efforts in James Geddes.

Syracuse Housing Authority Executive Director Bill Simmons coordinated these efforts with the Department and the Deputy Mayor based on resident and neighborhood concerns about criminal activity.

During the months of March and April, Police spent roughly 30 hours on foot patrols and an additional 8 hours of mobile patrols that lead to the opening of 14 investigations and 7 arrests. Police conducted interviews with 285 residents to get feedback regarding their concerns leading up to these efforts.

She Matters Outreach

by Rachel Ryan

She Matters is a community outreach program run by the Upstate Cancer Center. She Matters is made up of Resident Health Advocates (RHAs) who work in the community they live in and encourage women to schedule a mammogram.

A mammogram can find breast cancer when a lump is too small to feel. The 1st Thursday the 3rd Saturday of every month She Matters hosts "mammo parties" at 550 Harrison across from Pioneer Homes. After the mammogram is completed She Matters patients receive a She Matters t-shirt and \$10 gift card!

If you are 40 years or older contact Rachel Ryan to sign up (315) 484-4237

Upcoming Mammo Party Dates:

August 28th 8 am – 11 am

September 6th 1 pm – 4 pm

September 15th 8 am – 11 am

October 4th 1 pm – 4 pm

October 20th 8 am – 11am

November 1st 1 pm – 4 pm

November 17th 8 am – 11 am



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Make sure your child's vaccines (shots) are up-to-date BEFORE school starts!



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What is Eid al Adha?

Known as the feast of sacrifice, Eid Al-Adha is a four day celebration of the Islamic faith remembering the story of Ibrahim, who is also known as Abraham.

“Eid Mubarak” is a traditional Muslim greeting reserved for the holy festivals. “Eid” means celebration and "mubarak" means blessed. The saying can be translated as "have a blessed holiday."

Eid-al-Adha is one of the most popular Muslim celebrations around the world: Eid-al-Adha is a day of remembrance that commemorates Prophet Abraham (Ibrahim)’s willingness to obey God and sacrifice his son, Ishmael. When God saw Abraham’s compliance he provided a sacrificial sheep and spared Ishmael. Eid-al-Adha is known as the festival of sacrifice, and many Muslims sacrifice their best animal to eat on this day.

Muslims begin their celebrations with morning prayers, followed by food and exchanging of gifts with family and friends. They also share their food and money with the poor so that they can celebrate too.



EID-AL-ADHA
MUBARAK

Hi Mr. Simmons:

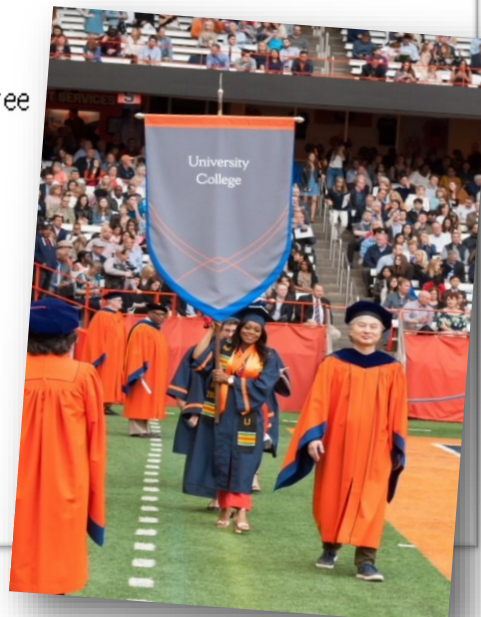
I would like to thank Syracuse Housing Authority, for the financial assistance your company provided for me. The employees tuition assistance program was a financial cornerstone which enabled me to earn my Bachelor Degree in “Creative Leadership” just this Spring. As an result I will be continuing my education this Fall in Public Administration as a grad student.

Again, thank you and your organization, I will forever be grateful for the service you provides to the community as well as to your employees.

Sincerely,
Grateful Former Employee

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Patricia K. McBride
Deputy City Clerk,
Room 231 City Hall
Syracuse, NY 13202



SHA BUS NOTIFICATION



ALL SHA Events & Bus Trips

If SHA plans a trip during the week day and the Syracuse City Schools are closed due to weather related conditions our event will be cancelled.

If the weather is bad during a weekend trip, your door guards will be notified of a cancellation.

**Thank you,
SHA Management**



Summer at SHA



Central Village Picnic & Tenant Organization Membership Drive

There was a fantastic turnout for this year's Tenant Organization Membership Drive at Central Village. Great food and family fun and games were enjoyed by over 170 residents.

A Resident Resource Center and Computer Lab located at 100 Mulberry Terrace is now open to assist Central Village Residents with enrolling in adult education programs, vocational training, resume or job search skills or budgeting assistance. **Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult.**

Call or stop in to meet Andy Steele, Service Coordinator at (315) 930-3218

Summer at SHA





Syracuse Housing Authority
Skiddy Park Baseball Tournament

Special thanks to everyone who helped make this year's baseball season extra special.

Syracuse Housing Authority Executive Director William Simmons and Commissioner Gladys Smith wish to thank the following individuals for their time and support: Sheena Solomon and the Gifford Foundation, Paul Nojaim, Ken Boyd, Lawrence Moten and Ken Delpha from Sports Xpress Magazine, Rebecca Bostwick and Leah Russell from the Syracuse University Learner Center, The Syracuse Chiefs Baseball Team, Jimmy Oliver and the staff of Syracuse Parks & Recreation Department, Missio Church and especially Elder Adam Bregou & Deacon Justin Baratta, Umpire Ron Green and all team coaches, R.B.I. Baseball, Cooperative Federal Credit Union, St. Lucy's Church, Congressman John Katko.

Photos by Michael Greenlar.



William Simmons, SHA Executive Director, with Kevin Littlejohn, & mom Larisha Boyd.

Littlejohn Attends Veterinarian Tech at Medaille University

Kevin Littlejohn of Benderson Heights was awarded a SHA Careers Scholarship to get him started on his path to becoming a veterinarian. He is enrolled at Medaille University near Buffalo where he will first take Vet Tech classes before applying to Cornell Veterinarian School. His long term goal is to work in a large animal hospital.

In addition to being an animal lover, Kevin was also an outstanding athlete in high school. He played football, basketball and ran track at Henninger High. He plans on trying out for the Medaille Basketball team this fall. No stranger to hard work, Kevin also held down a job at Chuck E Cheese while he was in high school. He states that this job taught him a lot about sticking with it even when things get rough or you'd rather be somewhere else. "You just need to set a goal and stick with it, even when obstacles come up. Just stick it out."

Kevin will miss his Chihuahua, Bently, while he is away at school but knows his two younger sisters and mom Larisha, will take good care of him. Kevin's family is very proud of him and excited to see him go off to college.

Congratulations Kevin and best wishes!

Geraldine Hammond Wins Todd Eudell Scholarship

High school was an especially hard time for Geraldine Hammond. Her dad passed away and many things changed in her family all at once. Her grades dropped and for a long time, she even considered dropping out.

Geraldine was struggling with depression and anxiety, but now acknowledges that those battles have shaped her into the person she is today. She credits her high school English teacher, Mrs. Jarmac with helping her turn herself around and see things differently. Mrs. Jarmac encouraged her to use writing poetry and short stories to cope with her feelings. It worked! Her grades turned around and by her senior year, she was getting straight A's.

Geraldine still finds comfort in writing stories that

other people can relate to and now considers herself an advocate for mental health issues and reducing the stigma associated with seeking treatment and support for mental wellbeing.

Geraldine is enrolled as a Freshman at Cayuga Community College. She plans to major in English with a concentration in Writing before transferring to a four year college where her final plans are still to be determined. Geraldine is just excited to be getting her educational groove on, "In addition to writing classes, I want to take psychology and photography and science classes," she states. She has always had a love of animals, both domestic and exotic, and is strongly considering a career working with animals.

The Todd Eudell Scholarship was created by former James Geddes resident, Mr. Todd Eudell, pictured above. Look for our next newsletter when we will interview Mr. Eudell and find out what motivated him to give back to the James Geddes community and what he looks for in scholarship candidates.



William Simmons, Ruth Hammond, Geraldine Hammond, Todd Eudell and Gladys Smith.

LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN.

Be aware.
Fire can happen anywhere.™

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 7-13, 2018

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Fire Prevention Poster Contest

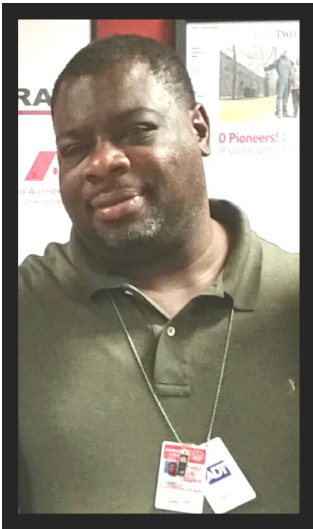
“Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.”

We invite young residents to create posters about this year’s theme - ***“Look. Listen. Learn.”***

Submit your posters to your Property Manager or to the SHA Main office at 516 Burt Street. Be sure to clearly write your name, age, address and telephone number on the back of your poster.

Deadline: Friday, October 19, 2018

15 Gift Card Prizes will be awarded to winners in the following age groups
ages 3-6 * ages 7-10 * age 11 +



Giving Back: The Todd Eudell Scholarship Story

The James Geddes neighborhood will always hold a special place in Todd Eudell’s heart. Todd describes a healthy childhood filled with caring neighbors and good friends who looked out for each other, and plenty of fun times playing sports or hanging out at the Boys and Girls Club. In high school, Todd landed his first job at Hutchins Psychiatric Center Outpatient Treatment Center. There he became interested in the human service field. At graduation, he received several scholarships that helped him go to college, first at Cheney College and then Empire State College where he earned a Bachelors in Sociology and then a Masters in Human Service from Liberty University.

Today, Eudell works at New Justice Conflict Resolution Center as a mediator, facilitator and coordinator with the Think For Change Program serving at-risk youth and adults referred by Onondaga County Probation Department. He also serves at a hearing officer for the Syracuse City School District, and works part time at Hillbrook Detention Center.

“I like to tell kids that information is the best commodity,” Todd says, “it levels the playing field despite anyone’s background. It can enhance both your livelihood and your quality of life.”

Eudell always wanted to give back to the community that raised him. So he reached out to his good friend, Lewis Thomas who works as a Maintenance Superintendent at SHA. Lew connected him to Ken Boyd in SHA’s Resident Service Department who helped him put the details of his scholarship program together. This year he awarded the 2nd annual Todd Eudell Scholarship to Geraldine Hammond. “Lew and I would not be the people we are today if we had grown up anywhere other than the James Geddes neighborhood,” he said.

The scholarship for James Geddes Housing Residents is available to both traditional high school seniors or non traditional learners who may be going back to school after period of time, such as a single parent returning to school to pursue a career. Applications and a written essay are due in the Spring and the final decision is made after an in person interview.

Todd and his wife Dorothy live in Cicero where they are proudly raising six children. When he is not at work or at home with his family, you can often find Todd at Barnes and Noble indulging in a good book and a pastry.

Healthy Neighbors Partnership Story Time & More

by Connie Gregory

Healthy Neighbors Partnership hosts a monthly story time as an opportunity to share books, stories and activities with the children and their caregivers in Pioneer Homes. Through story time we work to build literacy, expand language skills, inspire children to read and have experiences they may not have on a regular basis, such as planting flowers at the Pioneer Homes Coffee House.



Children read about the flowers we planted, used tools and worked as a group to plant petunias and marigolds in the raised bed at the coffee house. The “Coffee House” is located at 1001 So. McBride St. Most of the children live within a block of the garden and can visit it daily to see how the flowers are growing.



Celebrating RHA Grads!!

by Connie Gregory

Bill Simmons, Executive Director of Syracuse Housing Authority and Connie Gregory, Resident

Engagement Specialist at Healthy Neighbors Partnership congratulate new Resident Health Advocates (RHA), Tony Hines Tecoy, of Toomey Abbott Towers, Saurnthia Houser-Minor, Pioneer Homes and Tammy Shambaugh of Ross Towers as they receive their certificates of completion of the RHA training. The celebration took place June 20th at Pioneer Homes Coffee House.

The new RHAs join Healthy Neighbors Partnership to promote health and wellness throughout Syracuse Housing. They work with Upstate Medical University health professionals to conduct health surveys, trainings and screenings to improve the health literacy and health outcomes of residents.

SHA Attends HUD Section 3 Conference

by Reggie Seigler

SHA’s Section 3 Coordinator attended the HUD “Section 3 National Training Conference” in Dallas Texas in June of 2018. The conference was the first of its type in the history of the Section 3 statute and commemorated the 50th anniversary since the “HUD Act of 1968” statute was established.

Section 3 requires that housing authorities and other entities utilizing HUD funding on projects, have an obligation to the greatest extent feasible, to give preference on training, employment and/or contracting opportunities to low-income area-residents and/or the businesses that substantially employ them; when opportunities arise.

The Secretary of HUD Ben Carson, and his Assistant Secretary Anna Maria Farias also attended the conference. Together they laid out their feelings about the importance of Section 3 and talked about how their administration is looking to use it as a tool to help thousands of public housing residents across the country gain employment.



Reggie Seigler with Assistant HUD Secretary, Anna Maria Farias

SHA regularly recruits its residents and other low-income area residents to register with its Section 3 Coordinator. The coordinator places their names in a recruiting database so when the opportunities come up their names can be matched with employer’s seeking individuals with their specific skill sets.

If you would like to be placed on the Section 3 database and join the dozens of individuals that have already received opportunities, please submit your resume to: rseigler@syrhousing.org or call (315) 470-4270 to set up an appointment.

SHA Kids Stay Safe Around Water

Teaching children how to be safe around water is not a luxury; it is a necessity. YMCA of Greater Syracuse's Safety Around Water program teaches essential water safety skills, which can open up a world of possibilities for children to satisfy their curiosity safely.



- Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death among children.
- Nearly 60% of minority children can't swim.
- Minority children are nearly three times more likely to drown than white children.
- In Onondaga County, on average, two children drown and three more are treated for nearly drowning each year.



Parking Policy Reminder

SHA parking permits must be displayed on your vehicles at all times.

All cars must have current registration and inspection stickers displayed on their vehicles to park on SHA properties. Please note that any vehicle without a valid SHA permit sticker, is unregistered, or not operational **will be towed at owner's expense.**



AVISO

Para todos los residentes, si debe tener un permiso de estacionamiento SHA, vehículo registrado y inspeccionado, estacionarse en las propiedades de la Autoridad de Vivienda de Syracuse. Tenga en cuenta que cualquier vehículo que no tenga una pegatina/sello de permiso de SHA, no registrada o que no esté operativa será remolcados a gastos del propietario.

**To apply for a SHA Vehicle Permit please go to the SHA main office:
516 Burt Street, weekdays between 8:30AM-4:00PM**



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