

The Informer

April, May & June
2021

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**Residents, we are all here
to serve you!**

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**Anniston Housing
Authority**

Thirty-two Years



Geraldine I, Allen, Retired

Geraldine I. Allen retired from the Anniston Housing Authority (AHA) on December 31, 2020. She worked various positions at the authority to include interim executive director.

Retirement refers to the time of life when one chooses to permanently leave the workforce behind. However, Geraldine swap working at AHA with schooling her granddaughter and working in her flower garden.

She received a board resolution for her 32 years of service at AHA.

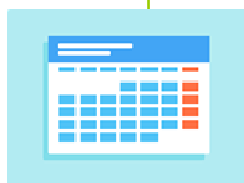
AHA wishes Geraldine 'A Happy Retirement'.

Health, Wellnes & COVID

Hello Residents,

We all know that 2020 was definitely a year to remember. As we march forward into 2021, COVID is still present and we all must continue to be vigilant in social distancing, wearing a mask and proper hygiene. COVID has not only taken a toll on our everyday physical health, but our mental health as well.

We here at Anniston Housing Authority have prepared a guide to help our residents take care of their mental health in the middle of a crisis.



Create a schedule and stick to your routine

- Take short breaks throughout the day (15 to 45 mins)
- Include fun activities for the day in your schedule



Try to remain physically active

- Going for a walk, riding a bike, or an at home workout will lower anxiety



Find your support system

- Don't be afraid to say "no" if you are feeling overwhelmed
- Facetime or call friends and family so you're getting that social time

A Message from AHA Housing Choice Voucher Program



Staff Pictures: Cortlin Curry, HCV Clerk; Nathan Elrod, HCV HQS Inspector; Lakeithia Davis, HCV Specialist/Assistant Property Manager; Stacy Parris, HCV Coordinator/Property Manager; Jackie Pankey, HCV Specialist/Assistant Property Manager

Greetings from the Housing Choice Voucher Program:

We are aware of the obstacles and challenges that everyone has faced during the past 12 months relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We appreciate the patience that each of you has afforded to us during these unprecedented times. Now that we are back fully operational, we look forward to working with you during your annual re-certifications and inspections. If we can be of any assistance, please give us a call. Here's to hoping and remaining prayerful that 2021 will be a year of abundant blessings.

Sincerely,
Stacy Parris
HCV Program Coordinator/Property Manager

A Message from Senior Property Manager, Lisa Willingham

Glen Addie, Washington, Parkwin, Norwood Homes & Fairview Terrace
Phone Number 256-236-1961 Maintenance Number 256-236-7544

Lisa Willingham was promoted to Senior Property Manager January 2021. She has worked for the Anniston Housing Authority for 21 years. She enjoys her job; however, she needs your help in adhering to the lease agreement you signed. For instance...

1. Rent is due the 1st business day of each month and late after the 6th day of the month.
2. Rent is based on household income; therefore, the change in income must be reported within ten (10) business days for lost of income as well as gaining income.
3. Households with pets are in violation of your lease agreement unless you executed a pet policy with your property manager prior to bringing the pet to your apartment.
4. Recertification packages are being mailed to residents to complete and return to the Norwood Homes office. Please return the package by due date.
5. Continue to wear your face mask and social distance in public and in AHA offices.

Anniston Housing Authority Plans

Barber Terrace

The redevelopment of the Barber Terrace is well underway with ground breaking work estimated to take place around May 2021. The property will include:

- 60 unit complex-Two (2) tri-level buildings and One two (2) story building
 - 18 one bedroom apartments
 - 24 two bedroom apartments
 - 16 three bedroom apartments
 - 2 four bedroom apartments
- Mixed finance
 - 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LITHC) approximately \$9,000,000.
 - City HOME funds \$240,000.
 - AHA Capital Fund (CFP funds) of \$1,000,000.



Norwood Homes

Exterior Improvements will include:

- Pressure washing building exteriors and pressure washing sidewalks

Cooper Homes Redevelopment

This is the proposed designed for the Cooper Home site. The Anniston Housing Authority (AHA) is committed to the redevelopment of the Cooper Homes site.

- Up to 56 units of elderly complex-Cottage style
 - Proposed 26 one bedroom apartments and 30 two bedroom apartments
- Site and grading plan has been developed and approved by Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) for environmental clean-up of industrial waste most commonly known as “pipe dust” for the local foundries.
- At this time, an estimated project completion date for Cooper Homes is June 2025



Constantine Homes



Constantine Homes improvements include:

Exterior Improvements:

- Exterior painting and installation of exterior siding to select buildings

Interior Improvements:

- Installation of ceiling fans and appliance replacement

Glen Addie Homes

Projected Timeline

Demolition Application Submission	October 2019
Demolition Approved	September 2020
Resident Relocation began	April 2020
Resident relocation estimated completion	June 2021
Demolition of buildings	2022

- The Glen Addie main office, resident services building, maintenance along with our employment training center will remain on the Glen Addie site
- Resident relocation continues at Glen Addie Homes

Housing Development Corporation

1601 Moore Avenue

The site preparation has begun at 1601 Moore Avenue. The duplex will be 2 one bedroom apartments of Affordable Housing in the West Anniston area. The Anniston Housing Authority in partnership with the Housing Development Corporation have met with investors that are eager to partner with us in creating more Affordable Housing in West and South Anniston.



WELCOME!

Anniston Housing Authority is proud to introduce to our residents and community the new OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR - **Mrs. Kristen McCowan.**

Kristen is a native of Chambers County, Alabama. She has been married for 16 years to her husband, Demetric, a Clay County, Alabama native. Demetric is employed by Alabama Power Company. They have three children. They range in ages from Aametria 18, Aadajiah 14 and D.K. 13 years old.

Kristen graduated from Jacksonville State University with a Bachelors Degree, majoring in criminal justice. She also has her Masters Degree in Human Resources from Strayer University.

Kristen is responsible for Anniston Housing Authority's Human Resources serving as department head. She also serves as liaison for Information Technology needs and procurement. Her many other duties include insurance maintenance and various other important office administration duties.

We welcome her to the team here at A.H.A. and wish her a successful career in public housing and serving the needs of our residents!

International Women's Day Celebration

March 8, 2021, AHA ladies celebrated International Women's Day with music and food. The 2021 theme is 'Choose to Challenge'. The ladies looked at the contributions they make to AHA through the many years of dedicated services they provide. Each lady was given a certificate of appreciation for their work and a personal care bag.



**CONSTANTINE HOMES
COIN OPERATED
LAUNDRY FACILITY
RESIDENTS ONLY**

Phone Number 256-403-6722

**Open: 7:30am to 4:30pm
Monday-Saturday**



**Closed
Sunday & Holidays**

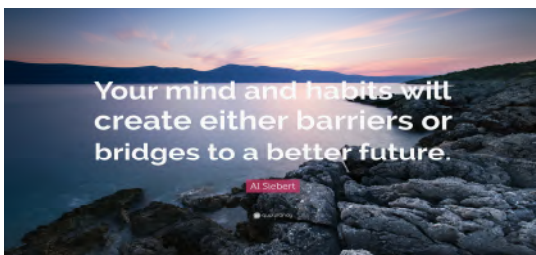


Congratulations Constantine Homes for receiving the first Laundry Facility in your housing community in AHA's history. Thanks to Kenneth Winsley and Genice Streeter for their loyal service in maintaining the laundry facility.

Building a Better Future

My name is Darius Stevens, I am currently working as a student intern for the Anniston Fatherhood Initiative and the Anniston Housing Authority. As I began my experience working with the housing authority, I was so impressed with the programs that were in place to help the residents get affordable housing, benefit them while in public housing, and empower them to eventually move out of public housing. I have met people who have done just that; people who lived in public housing, but are now helping to provide services to those in public housing.

My desire is to see more people empowered by the programs and services offered by the Anniston Housing Authority; however, I think there must be a stronger bridge built between the housing authority and its residents. If residents are to benefit from the services offered, a certain trust must be established. In education there is a saying, “people don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care,” I think the same thing applies in this case. Trust must be established one relationship at a time to lift people out of their



Resident Opportunity Self-Sufficiency-ROSS

Anniston Housing Authority is the recipient of the 2020 ROSS Grant. This grant will enable the housing authority to hire a Service Coordinator to work directly with the residents in Constantine Homes, Norwood Homes, Tinsley Manor and Fairview Terrace. Thanks to all the residents that returned their community surveys.

AHA Spring 2021 Health & Job Fair

The Anniston Housing Authority’s annual Health and Job Fair was held on Wednesday, April 7, 2021. The 2021 theme is ‘Building a Fairer, Healthier World’.

Thanks to the following agencies that supported this event: AL Cooperative Extension System, Agency on Aging, 2nd Chance, Inc., Amedisys Home Health, Anniston Fatherhood Initiative, St. Michael’s Medical Clinic, United Health Care, Transportation Diversity Council (TDC), Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP), Anniston City School System, Personnel Staffing, Inc., Anniston Career Center, Parents as Teachers, and Anniston Housing Authority’s residents and staff.



East Alabama Agency on Aging

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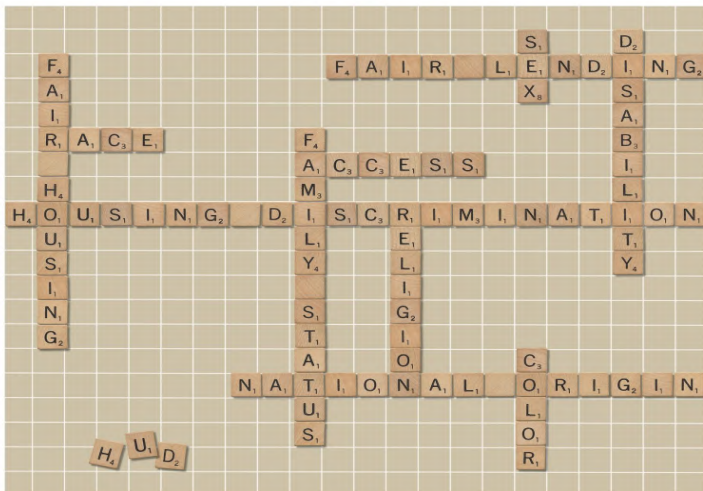
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**AHA OFFICE CLOSING & HOLIDAY
 CALENDAR**

Memorial Day	Friday	May 28
Memorial Day	Monday	May 31
Floating Holiday	Friday	July 2
Independence Day	Monday	July 5
Floating Holiday	Friday	September 3
Labor Day	Monday	September 6
Veterans Day	Thursday	November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday	November 25
Thanksgiving	Friday	November 26
Christmas Eve	Friday	December 24
Christmas Day	Monday	December 27

APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH



FAIR HOUSING: More than just words on a gameboard, IT IS THE LAW.
KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!
 If you feel you have experienced housing discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and family status, contact HUD at 1-800-669-9777 (voice), 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay), online at www.hud.gov/fairhousing, or your local fair housing organization.

COVID-19 Vaccines



**Tuesday, May 4, 2021
 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 AHA EnVision Center
 318 Elm Street
 Anniston, AL**

**To schedule an appointment
 call:
 Sharon 256-236-1575 ext 135
 256-454-8463 or
 Phillip 256-236-1575 ext 123**

**Anyone ages 18 years old and
 older can receive the vaccine.
 (2nd Covid-19 Vaccine May 25, 2021)**

**Let's all work together,
 get vaccinated and
 STOP Covid-19!**