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From the Office of the Interim Executive Director

Dear Residents,

I am honored to serve as Interim Executive Director of the Anniston Housing Authority and to support the residents and families who call our communities home.

My focus is on the basics that matter most – safe, clean housing, timely maintenance, and clear communication. We are actively working to improve service response times, address resident concerns, and ensure that our properties are maintained with care.

You will see more consistent updates and opportunities to stay informed and involved. Your voice matters, and we are committed to listening and responding.

Sincerely,

Lisa Willingham
Interim Executive Director

"***ABILITY*** IS WHAT YOU ARE CAPABLE OF DOING.
MOTIVATION DETERMINES WHAT YOU DO.
ATTITUDE DETERMINES HOW WELL YOU DO IT."

-Lou Holtz

AHA Mission Statement

The mission of this Housing Authority is to serve the needs of low-income persons in the AHA jurisdiction. This will be done by taking steps to:

1. Promote adequate and affordable housing
2. Promote economic opportunities
3. Promote a suitable living environment without discrimination

Our goal is to provide drug free, decent, safe, and sanitary housing for eligible families. Additionally, to provide opportunities, promote self-sufficiency and economic independence for residents. In order to achieve this mission, we will:

1. Recognize residents as our ultimate customer
2. Improve Public Housing Authority management and service delivery efforts through effective and efficient management of HA staff.
3. Seek problem solving partnerships with residents, community, and government leadership
4. Apply HA resources to the effective and efficient management of operation of public housing programs, taking into account changes in federal funding.

AHA Common Area Policy

It is the policy of the Anniston Housing Authority to maintain a decent, safe and sanitary environment for residents of its communities. To achieve this goal, the AHA established a Common Area Policy. No one may enter AHA property at any time unless he or she is:

- A lawful resident of the property
- An employee of AHA
- A guest, visitor, or an invitee of a resident of the AHA

Between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am, no one may:

- Enter or use playground, recreational area or park
- Congregate outdoors with others in any common area

Residents and their guests can be in their yard but not in the common areas. Parents, be advised that you will be held responsible for your child(ren) if they violate the Common Area Policy. A violation of any of these rules will be considered a lease violation.

Housekeeping Reminders

Here's a friendly, easy-to-follow list to help keep your home and community clean, safe and welcoming, inside and out:

1. **Keep Entrances Clear**—Avoid leaving shoes, packages, or personal items in hallways or shared entryways to prevent tripping hazards. Also, sweep up leaves, dirt or debris that may be around the outside of your entryway.
2. **Regular Trash Disposal**—Empty household trash frequently and use sealed bags to prevent odors and pests.
3. **Kitchen Care**—Wipe down counters, clean spills promptly, and avoid leaving dirty dishes overnight.
4. **Bathroom Freshness**—Disinfects sinks, toilets, and showers regularly to maintain hygiene and prevent mold.
5. **Floor maintenance**—Sweep, vacuum, or mop floors weekly to reduce dust and allergens.
6. **Appliance Upkeep**—Clean stovetops, ovens, and refrigerators to keep them working effectively.
7. **Laundry Etiquette**—If using shared laundry facilities, remove clothes promptly and wipe machines after use.
8. **Pest Prevention**—Store food in sealed containers and report any pest sightings to management immediately.
9. **Outdoor Spaces**—Keep patios, balconies, and yards tidy; avoid clutter outside.
10. **Respect Quiet Hours**—Maintain a peaceful environment by keeping noise to a minimum during designated times.
11. **Pet Policy**—If you have pets, please promptly clean up after them in all outdoor areas.
12. **Outside Décor**—Ensure all personal items and décor that you may have outside is neat and secure.
13. **Declutter**—Avoid storing items outside that are not allowed, such as excess furniture or unwanted items.
14. **Outside Trash**—Avoid littering. Please take all items that need to be thrown away inside your unit to be disposed of if there are no designated waste bins on your property.
15. **Stray Animals**—Please do not feed, touch or play with stray animals. Interacting with them can pose health and safety risks and feeding them can encourage them to remain on the property.

Hobson City Apartments

Effective April 6, 2026, the Hobson City Apartments management office will operate *on site* two days a week. Office hours of operation are as follows:

Monday's & Wednesday's 8:00am – 5:00pm

(closed for lunch 12:00pm-1:00pm)

The office hours located in the Glen Addie property will remain the same.

DID YOU KNOW?
Housing discrimination is illegal in nearly all housing, including private housing, public housing, and housing that receives federal funding.

WHO IS PROTECTED?
The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of:

- Race, Color, National Origin, Religion, Sex, Familial Status, Disability

Family Self-Sufficiency (F.S.S.) Program

The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program is a HUD initiated program for Anniston Housing Authority residents living on the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program and Public Housing Program that are unemployed or under employed. This is a voluntary 5-year program that allows participants to work with a case manager to set goals in their journey in becoming self-sufficient. Once employed, rent will increase. Increased rent enables a participant to save money in an escrow account when their income increases through employment. When participants graduate from the FSS Program, they receive a check in the amount of their escrow balance.

Staff Spotlight

The Anniston Housing Authority is deeply saddened by the passing of our colleague and friend, Doretha Bridges. Ms. Bridges joined AHA in 2023 and served as a dedicated Housing Clerk in Norwood Homes. Known for her warm personality, kindness, and welcoming spirit, she was truly loved by residents and coworkers alike. Doretha's presence brought joy to those around her, and her impact will be remembered fondly by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Employees' Years of Service

April

Terri Lloyd, 26 years

May

Doug Brooks, 33 years

Kyle Jones, 17 years

Tanika Sykes, 6 years

Terry Young, 5 years

Tara Payton, 4 years

LaKeisha Meadows, 2 years

June

Curtis McGhee, 38 years

DeShawn Triplett, 9 years

Janice Finley, 9 years

Mary Nation, 5 years

Paul Coleman, 5 years

Rent payments are due on the 1st day of each month. Keep in mind a $25.00 late fee will be applied after the 6th day of the month

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

- **Memorial Day**
  May 25, 2026
- **Juneteenth**
  June 19, 2026

HOUSING HAPPENINGS

The Anniston Housing Authority has *new office hours*!

Monday 8:00am – 5:00pm

Tuesday 8:00am – 5:00pm

Wednesday 8:00am – 5:00pm

Thursday 8:00am – 5:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm

(closed 12:00pm-1:00pm for lunch)

To better serve our residents and community, we are extending our office hours on Fridays. We hope these extended hours provide added convenience for those who may not have been able to visit during our shorter Friday schedule. Your time matters to us, and we're committed to improving access and service for our community!

COMING SOON....

Resident Council Meetings for AHA will start soon! We encourage anyone who would like to attend these meetings to please come. Your voices and opinions matter! Dates, times and locations will be announced soon!

City of Anniston Parks & Recreation Summer Day Camps:

Carver Community Center
(256) 231-7630

Hodges Community Center
(256) 231-7627

South Highland Community Center
(256) 231-7659

Wiggins Community Center
(256) 231-7628

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF EAST CENTRAL ALABAMA

Constantine Location
Sonya Elston
(256) 831-6264

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(256) 238-9622
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To all our 2026 Graduates! We are so proud of you!!

Special Days