

GHA TODAY

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Community Garden

Thursday, March 2

Cone Park Library 9:45 am - 11 am
2801 E University Ave.

Come meet up and talk about how you could be a part of the community garden plans and enjoy a free recipe demo with samples.

- Grow fresh, healthy foods
- Enjoy time outdoors
- Get physically active
- Connect with your community
- Learn how to cook garden produce

For more info contact:
Karissa Raymond (866) 488-0018
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Spring Festival

Saturday, March 11

Sidney Lanier Center School
10 am - 1 pm
312 NW 16th Ave.

Join us for a fun and informational event for children with disabilities and their families. We'll have information from numerous community programs and businesses. There'll be snacks, arts and crafts, face painting, door prizes and lots of fun!

For more info contact:
Doris Tellado (352) 322-0441



Spring Cleaning

Our annual REAC inspection is April 25 and residents need to have their yards, porches and homes clean. Be sure to check your: bathroom, bedrooms, living room, kitchen, hot water heater, ceiling, doors, floors, walls, windows, lighting, electric system, fire safety, smoke detectors, and to not leave any garbage or debris.

For a full list of what we'll be checking for, follow the Public Housing tab on our website and download the Unit Inspection Form

gainesvillehousingauthority.org/public-housing/forms/

Cable Dishes and Internet

ATTENTION RESIDENTS! Cable dishes are not allowed on GHA property, but you do have alternative ways to watch your favorite shows! If you have internet provided by AT&T, COX or any other providers, you could stream Dish or Cable channels for FREE. All you need is a smart TV or a streaming stick (Roku, Amazon, Chrome. DirecTV NOW and Sling), which can be purchased for one-time fees.

Internet providers also offer discounted service for those with government assistance, and could provide you with internet fees as low as \$10 a month.

For more info on GHA residence rules and alternative options, contact Assistant Property Manager Elizabeth Kazanis. Ext. 7127

Reminders and Holidays

St. Patrick's Day: Friday, March 17

Spring Forward: Remember to set your clocks forward by one hour on Sunday, March 12.

Resident Appreciation Carnival: April 19, Pine Meadows, 2-6 pm.

Garden Project Meeting: March 2, Eastwood Meadows, 9:45-11 am

Staff Training: Tuesday, March 21 - Thursday March 23

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Black History Month Event Recap



Our JTEP Youth Program awarded students from the community at our oratory contest Saturday, February 25, in celebration of Black History Month as families and friends gathered in the Gainesville Technology Entrepreneurship Center to support them. Participants practiced with GHA staff for two weeks before presenting their speeches on the influential African American leader of their choice. Students were then evaluated by a panel of judges, Commissioner Angela Tharpe and University of Florida professors Kenneth Nunn and Vincent Adejumo, on their voice, body language, appearance and enthusiasm.



The winners:

Elementary School: Shaperia Ross, Angelica Gonzalez, and Amari Johnson

Middle School: Aniya Johnson, Tomiya Banks, and Michael Williams

High School: Asjia Johnson and Amber Johnson

The student speeches were followed by traditional African drum music and closing remarks from GHA Executive Director Pamela Davis.

"The Gainesville Housing Authority appreciates the opportunity to commemorate the contributions of current and past African American leaders through today's youth," says Davis. "We wanted to engage our youth while enhancing their knowledge on African American history and developing their confidence and public speaking skills. We believed that an oratorical contest was the best way to empower each child to carry on the legacy of those who came before them."

JTEP Youth Director Tavarous Parks said, "We wanted each child to learn the history of where they come from and know that there is no limit to how far they can go."

Davis is looking forward to hosting the event again next year and plans on working with the Gainesville academic and business communities to continue to engage and invest in community youth.



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