



Prichard Housing Authority At Your Corner Newsletter



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INTERIM CEO - KIMBERLY LEVINGSTON

A Message from our Interim CEO...

I am Kimberly Levingston, the Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Authority of the City of Prichard.

The Housing Authority of the City of Prichard was created in 1940 with the commitment to providing safe, sanitary, and affordable housing for low to moderate income citizens. Today, the Housing Authority continues to encourage economic independence and homeownership opportunities for its residents and program participants.

Our goal is to always provide high-quality service and effective programs to uplift and inspire our residents and program participants to greater heights accompanied with the same zeal and enthusiasm. Our residents and program participants are very special and dear to us and we are truly humbled to be of service to them.

We will continue to provide resources for better opportunities and encourage self-sufficiency for our families. We are committed to maintaining an environment that meets these goals and we hope you find it to be so. If you visit our website you can find many tips such as how to apply for housing, tips about maintenance and how to contact staff. You can even pay your rent and complete annual recertifications online through the RentCafe portal.

Due to ever-changing HUD regulations and legislations, we encourage you to visit our website for the latest information about our programs and business opportunities.

We hope you feel at home with us!


Mrs. Kimberly Levingston
Interim Chief Executive Officer

WHAT'S NEXT...

Resident Council
Oaks at
Chancery
7/18/24

ROSS Men's
Wellness Day
2024
7/22/24

Back- to- School
Bash 2024
7/26/24



Supportive Services and Community News

Supportive Services provides assistance with everyday activities and help make it possible for our residents including those who are disabled and older adults to live in their chosen housing environments and participate in activities that promote socialization and healthy living in their communities. Health and Wellness activities, community help referrals, wellness checks, tenancy support, and recreation are just a few examples of services provided, to help our residents thrive in their communities.



Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency

The ROSS program held its first National Minority Health Walk on April 27, 2024, at the William Bill Clark Family Life Center. The purpose of the walk was to spread awareness about the importance of improving the health of racial and minority communities and reducing health disparities among those groups. There were also several community partners on hand ready to help. It was a beautiful day for a beautiful cause. For more information about the ROSS program, contact Fritzi Oliver, 251-283-0111, Ext 126, by email at foliver@prichardhousing.com.



Multifamily

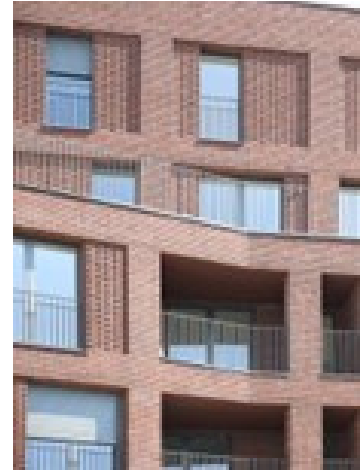
Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones

Multifamily recently welcomed Mr. Jemal Neal to Ridge Manor Homes to discuss the importance of Life Insurance and how to protect your family from financial loss. Mr. Neal also talked about health insurance and helped residents choose the right health insurance for their needs. To learn more about Multifamily Services, contact Ms. Matthews, 251-283-0111, Ext 162, by email at lmattews@prichardhousing.com.

Family Self-Sufficiency



Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) is a program that enables HUD-assisted families to increase their earned income and reduce their dependency on welfare assistance and rental subsidies. You must be a Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) or Public Housing participant to be eligible for FSS. The program is open to all adult members of the household. The only requirement is that you be willing and able to work and in good standing with the housing authority. For more information about the FSS program, contact Delia Ingram, 251-283-0111, Ext. 122, dingram@prichardhousing.com or Katina Lee, 251-283-0111, Ext 108, klee@prichardhousing.com



Housing Choice Voucher

The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program, also known as the Section 8 Program, provides tenant-based and project-based assistance, in the form of a voucher, to low-income families, seniors and persons with disabilities for rental units chosen by the tenant in the private market.

The program requires a partnership between the Housing Authority of the City of Prichard, the assisted family and the property owner. Eligible families choose from a variety of housing options, such as apartments, duplexes, single-family homes or townhomes. The design of the program not only allows, but also encourages mobility. Participants pay only a portion of the rent, based on income, utilities and other factors. The housing authority provides payments directly to participating property owners to offset the cost difference between tenant payment and unit rent.

Recreation



Prichard Housing Authority's Prichard Force Youth participated in the 30th Annual SERC Martin Luther King Youth Basketball Tournament Opelika, Alabama Final Four Appearance. Head Coach: Theris D. Howard Assistant Coach: Levon Williams



Housing Authority of the City of Prichard and the Boys & Girls Club of South Alabama Summer Enrichment Program 2024

Housing



Rent Café Registration Information

Prichard Housing Authority would like to encourage all residents to log into the Rent Café portal and register. This will help you to complete rent payments, sign housing contracts, lease renewal and more. To begin this process, you will need an email address, if one is needed our staff can assist you to create one. An invite will be sent to your email to register your account. It's crucial for housing to keep residents, families and staff connected online. Rent Café is a solution that's mobile-friendly, intuitive to use and completely secure. The Rent Cafe software will make around-the-clock communication effortless while offering a convenient place for all parties to complete important tasks. Help us help you by registering online. Our friendly staff is ready and willing to assist you with creating your account. For more information about Rent Café visit us at www.prichardhousing.com



Maintenance Tips

Hotter days are here and we would love to share some important HVAC tips that can help keep your a/c running great and your energy bill down:

- Never set your thermostat down below 70 degrees
- During the middle of the day and no one is home, set your thermostat to 76 degrees
- Make sure the a/c filter is clean, change every 30 days
- Keep overgrown vegetation cut from around the a/c unit, it needs to breathe.
- If you notice water on the floor near your a/c closet, please call, possible a/c drain clog.

Protect Your Health: Preparing for Extreme Heat



During periods of extreme heat, your body has to work harder to keep you cool. Use these tips to prepare for extreme heat and stay safe when it is hot outside.

Preparing for Extreme Heat

Do	Don't
Check on neighbors, older people, and loved ones.	Don't leave pets or children unattended in cars.
If you are outside, find shade and wear loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothing. Wear a hat and apply sunscreen.	Don't use sunscreen as your only defense against extreme heat.

Preparing for Extreme Heat

Do	Don't
Drink water.	Don't choose sugary drinks, energy drinks, or alcohol instead of water.
Take cool showers or baths.	Don't use the oven frequently.

Do	Don't
Use an air conditioner to cool your home, if possible. Cover windows with drapes or shades and add weatherproofing strips around windows to keep in cool air.	If possible, don't rely on cooling fans as a primary cooling device.
When possible, stay inside an air-conditioned space.	Don't do high-energy activities outdoors, if possible.



We Make Dreams Come True...

The Housing Authority of the City of Prichard is privileged to serve our great community and strives to consistently provide high-quality service. Currently, we assist over 3,000 families with a vast array of rental programs and homeownership opportunities.

Annually, we provide over \$14 million in housing assistance payments to many of these families through our High Performing Housing Choice Voucher Program. HACP offers programs and services that extend beyond housing. From our Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program to the William "Bill" Clark Family Life Center, our goal is to be a vital resource that meets various needs of our residents.

Please take the time to look around our website and see all that we offer. If we can be of any additional assistance, be sure to let us know.

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