

# Prichard Housing Authority At Your Corner Newsletter

Kimberly Levingston Officially takes the Reign as CEO of the Housing Authority of the City of Prichard...

Kimberly Levingston has been selected to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Authority of the City of Prichard (HACP).

Joining PHA in 2019 as an HR Specialist and Manager, Kimberly was then promoted to the role of Chief Administrative Officer before being appointed as Interim CEO. Kimberly holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Faulkner University, as well as an MBA and a MHRM from Walden University.

Kimberly is committed to providing high quality service and effective programs to uplift and inspire residents and program participants to greater heights, accompanied by zeal and enthusiasm from the PHA team. "It is an honor to serve our residents in the explained capacity. It is a privilege to lead our team of gifted housing professionals as we go above and beyond to support our residents on their paths to self-sufficiency."

To keep up with PHA, please visit Prichardhousing.com

Kimberly Levingston



Mrs. Kimberly Levingston has successfully completed the New Executive Director Essentials Certification with the Nelrod company.

Her dedication in achieving this certification just months after being named in this leadership role showcases her commitment to excellence and high standards that she brings to our agency.



# LIVING THE DREAM OF HOMEOWNERSHIP...



#### Proud Homeowner

#### My Story of a Blessing

My name is Keaira O'cain. I'm a single mother. I went from being homeless, to living in housing from Prichard Housing Section 8 program, and now I'm a homeowner. Most people like me didn't know about the housing program that the Housing Authority of Prichard offer. "When I was first approached by my FSS worker about purchasing a home with my voucher, I was like I can't do that. Well, let me tell you, it is definitely possible". When I went to Prichard Housing to look at the homes they had for sell, I was amazed. They have beautiful brick homes with lots of space, stainless steel appliances, high ceilings, crown molding and upgraded lighting throughout the home.

Meet Ms. Morrissette a former Mobile, Alabama resident and a John L LeFlore graduate. After renting a small apartment in public housing for years she realized she wanted a yard and front porch to sit on and watch her grandkids play. So, she began exploring options. She heard about the Homeownership Program with the Prichard Housing Authority and decided to give it a try. After a year of disciplined saving and using the resources available through the classes at the Housing Authority, Ms. Morrisette finally purchased her first home.



## GIVE ME A "P," GIVE ME AN "H," GIVE ME AN "A"...



2nd Annual Halloween Cheer Clinic hosted by the John L. Leflore Varsity Cheerleaders/Coach.

Our kids were so energetic, learned general techniques and had lots of fun! We are ready for the up coming SERC MLK cheer competition in North Carolina.

### BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, LET'S THINK PINK

The Housing Authority of the City of Prichard was proud to support Ms. Tracy Walker 6th Annual "Let's Think Pink" Breast Cancer Walk in Prichard on Saturday, October 19, 2024.



## HACP HONORING OUR HEROES, VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST



On November 8, 2024 the Housing Authority of the City of Prichard proudly celebrated eleven remarkable individuals, including residents, board members, and staff, for their military service. Their sacrifices and dedication to protecting our nation and safeguarding our freedoms were recognized with deep gratitude.

To all veterans: The Housing Authority thanks you for your service. We salute you!

## Family Self-Sufficiency(FSS): Affordable Homes Workshop and Graduation



The Housing Authority of the City of Prichard (HACP) hosted an awesome workshop for Affordable Homes participants and a graduation for Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) participants who met the program requirements of increasing economic security and independence. HACP's Housing Counselor will teach you how to set and achieve financial and housing goals. Whether you're looking to save, budget or prepare for homeownership – our program is here to help you.

#### **2024 PRICHARD CHRISTMAS PARADE**

The 22nd Annual Prichard Christmas Parade, was held on December 9, 2024. The event, sponsored by our partners at the Prichard Organizational Committee (POC), brought the community together to celebrate the season with joy and excitement.

HACP is honored to support this cherished annual tradition, which reflects our commitment to community engagement and creating meaningful experiences for our residents.



We look forward to continuing our involvement in this vibrant celebration and thank everyone who helped make the 2024 Prichard Christmas Parade a success!



#### HACP Toy Drive

The Housing Authority of the City of Prichard Toy Drive was a beautiful way to bless families during Christmas.

This initiative brought joy and comfort to our residents (6 families) during Christmas, all while fostering community spirit and generosity. Thankful to everyone who donated.

### HACP Christmas Party 2024 A Magical Christmas

In our imperfect ways. In the ways we are beautiful. In the ways we are human. We are here. Happy New Year to you. Let's make 2025 our Greatest Year Yet!

Wishing you a Happy New Year!!!

From the Housing Authority of the City of Prichard CEO, Board of Commissioners and Staff!



### HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER: HCV SPECIALISTS



The Housing Authority of the City of Prichard congratulates Mr. Kalvin Boggs, Ms. Angela Clarke, Ms. LaShatca Fritz, Mrs. Terri Samuels, and Ms. Jamarria Smith for successfully completing the NanMcKay Housing Choice Voucher Specialist Examination.

## HACP HOUSING



The Housing Authority of the City of Prichard congratulates Property Managers Mrs. Sharli Pennington, Ms. Carle Smith, Ms. Taliba Taylor, Ms. Donnisha Barlow and Ms. Shulanda for earning the Certified Norwood. of Occupancy (CPO) Professional Certification in Management with the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA).

## Recreation: A Force to be Be Reckoned With

#### Prichard Force 10U Basketball Team

The Prichard Force 10U Basketball Team opened up the season with EF5 tornado force strength as they defeated the Prichard Cardinals 49-4 Saturday, January 4 to start the season with a home game win at the William "Bill" Clark Family Life Center. They move to a 1-0 start. The 15U will play Saturday, January 11, 2025 @ 2:00pm and the 12U team @3:00pm all at the William Clark Center.





# MAINTENANCE: **COLD WEATHER TIPS**



# **Quick Tips to Avoid** High Winter Bills

Looking to lower your bills this winter? Use the 10 tips below to conserve energy.



Open blinds and curtains during the day to allow sunlight in to warm your home. Close blinds and curtains at night to keep cold, drafty air out. Use power strips for multiple appliances, and turn off the main switch when you're away from home. Wash clothes in cold water, and use cold-water detergent



Replace incandescent light bulbs with LEDs, which use at least 75 percent less energy.



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# The Housing Authority of the City of Prichard



# We Make Dreams Come True...