

# VIBRANT RRHA

Summer 2023 Newsletter

## CEO Corner

As CEO of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, I am very excited about all of the great things that are happening here at RRHA. In the nine months since I took the helm, we have undertaken some ambitious goals and are now seeing them through—piece by piece and step by step. Although these changes might not be seen overnight, they will offer advantages and benefits to our public housing families, voucher holders, stakeholders, and partners for years to come. We have supplemented our able team by bringing on quality talent to offer strategic guidance in areas of Real Estate, Finance, and Operations. We have relocated our administrative offices to provide our customers with a centrally located office for walk-ins to get their concerns addressed. In July we announced the coming of a historic homeownership program for public housing residents and voucher holders, and we are on the verge of bringing a package of Hope, Jobs & Security to our public housing residents!

**Steven B. Nesmith**  
RRHA CEO



## RRHA'S NEW ADDRESS

We've completed our big move! You can now find the RRHA administrative offices on the 4th and 5th floors of the 600 E Broad Street building. If you need to visit the office, for example to apply to a waitlist or get a recertification, you can make an appointment or stop by during walk-in hours.



WALK-IN HOURS ARE:

**Tuesdays from 9 AM to 12 PM**

**Thursdays from 1 PM to 4 PM**

## BOARD MEMBER Spotlight

We have a double spotlight on two of our newest Commissioners!



**Kyle Elliot**

First, Commissioner Kyle Elliot, who joined RRHA's Board in November of 2022. A lawyer and a proud resident of Church Hill, Mr. Elliot serves as the General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer for Virginia Community Healthcare Association, a non-profit organization that supports Virginia's Federally Qualified Health Centers in their mission to provide access to health care regardless of geographic location or ability to pay. His many contributions to the city of Richmond were recognized this spring as he was named to Style Weekly's 40 Under 40 list. You can check out the full article at [rrha.info/swke](https://rrha.info/swke)



**Dyanne Broidy**

We're also delighted to introduce new Commissioner Dyanne Broidy! Ms. Broidy joined RRHA's Board as a resident commissioner on June 23, 2023. A resident of Fairfield Court since 2012, she is actively involved in serving her community as the president of Fairfield's Tenant Council and as Vice President of the Richmond Tenant Organization. A Richmond native, Ms. Broidy attended Henrico Public Schools and is currently employed as a lunch monitor within Richmond Public schools. She is the proud mother of six children—three boys and three girls. Her goal as a commissioner is to help build a stronger relationship between RRHA, the Tenant Councils, and RRHA families.

View all Commissioners and learn about public meetings at [rrha.com/about/board](https://rrha.com/about/board)

# RRHA RESIDENT LAUNCHES NEW CAREER WITH SECTION 3 JOB



Autumn Doswell thought learning job skills while earning a paycheck sounded like a great opportunity. So she responded to an email from her Property Management Office about section 3 hiring opportunities. That decision helped lead Autumn, a resident of Gilpin Court for the past three years, to a new career.



Since beginning her job as an electrician's helper with Starlight Solutions, Doswell has learned how to wire light fixtures, the difference between a ground wire and a hot wire, and more. Her introduction to electrical work, with on-the-job skills training from experienced contractors, has sparked her interest in further expanding her skills.

**"I've learned about different tools and how they are used for different things. I had no knowledge of this before starting the job,"** says Autumn.

**"We like helping people find jobs and build relationships,"** says David Downs, the owner of Starlight Solutions.



As a section 3 contractor, Downs employs public housing residents, providing on-the-job training along with a paycheck. As a business owner, he relies on having skilled and properly trained employees, and the chance to employ RRHA residents helps streamline his staffing needs. Furthermore, it gives Downs the chance to do what he loves, which is "working with people in general," and helping them build their skills.

Autumn Doswell's success in her current role shows just how beneficial Section 3 hiring can be for our residents. Not only can it be an opportunity, but also a catalyst towards a new career and learning something new.

Learn more about Section 3 at [rrha.info/sec3](http://rrha.info/sec3)



Our students have been engaging their minds and their creativity at STEM events throughout the year. With the help of CODE VA, RRHA's resident services coordinators have been organizing fun and stimulating events for some of our youngest community members.



It's not just kids who love having special events to attend! Our seniors have been finding community through breakfasts, craft days, cards and other games. If you want to take part, get in touch with your Resident Services Coordinator to see what good times are coming up in your community!



RRHA staff and leadership pitched in throughout the year to help beautify our senior communities. Many brought family and loved ones along to join in the work of landscaping, planting, and generally bringing an extra dose of beauty and community spirit to each of RRHA's 6 senior communities.

## JWCP UPDATE



### THE JACKSON WARD COMMUNITY PLAN DRAFT IS READY FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

It will be easiest to read the plan and make your comments from a computer. Visit [rrha.info/jwd](http://rrha.info/jwd) and click anywhere on the interactive plan where you'd like to leave a comment—**just make sure you do it before the open comment period closes on August 27, 2023!**



For an overview of the plan themes, goals, and strategies visit [rrha.info/jw1p](http://rrha.info/jw1p).



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