

VIBRANT RRHA

Winter 2024 **Newsletter**

CEO Corner

As CEO, there's nothing I love more than working with my team to turn a lofty idea hatched around a conference table into a tangible program to support change.

This month ambitious plans are becoming reality as our "ComeHome" Homeownership Initiative for public housing residents and voucher holders began taking applications after an inspiring launch event on March 5. This groundbreaking program will lower barriers to mortgage qualification and provide financial assistance, moving residents to a place of self-sufficiency and wealth creation. We are proud and thankful for the community partners who share our ambitions to make home ownership a tangible possibility for so many more Richmond residents.

Many of our public housing residents and voucher holders have a consistent rental payment history and will qualify for the ComeHome program. I encourage them to attend an upcoming Housing Education Workshop to learn more.

If you're an RRHA family behind on your rent, I urge you to work with your Property Manager and Resident Service Coordinators to get back on track, stay housed, and take advantage of these opportunities.

With spring bursting into life around us I hope every resident finds new hope and possibility in our vibrant community.

Steven B. Nesmith
RRHA CEO



Town Hall Housing Education Workshops

For public housing residents and Housing Choice Voucher holders interested in buying their first homes!

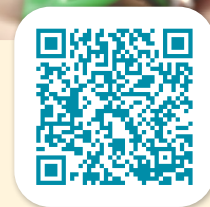
March 18
Fairfield
10 AM

March 19
MLK Middle School
6 PM

March 20
Fairfield
10 AM

March 21
MLK Middle School
6 PM-8 PM

March 23
Calhoun Center
12 PM



Event details at ► rrha.info/cth

More about ComeHome at ► rrha.info/home



SAVE YOUR WAITLIST SPOT BY MARCH 29

Are you on an RRHA public housing or voucher waitlist? Want to stay on it? **You must log in to the RRHA Applicant Portal between 3/1 – 3/29** and update your contact information.



You will be removed from the waitlist if you do nothing.

Call 804-780-4200 for more information.

SAVE YOUR SPOT!



Log in today at ▼
rrha.info/applicant-portal

RESIDENT TENANT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Seeking President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant At Arms Officers

We strongly encourage residents to participate in their community's resident council! All public housing residents over the age of 18 may run for a position and/or vote for candidates. As an officer, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Respond to resident needs in the community
- Create programs and community partnerships
- Help plan special events and activities
- Provide input in the design of Agency programs and plans
- Represent residents and communicate with RRHA management

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT ► **Calandra Trotter**
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**March 15
5 PM**

Nominations Deadline

Pick up a nomination form at your Property Management Office or complete one online today at rrha.info/rc

**March 27
8:30 AM
–5:30 PM**

Resident Tenant Council Election Day

Vote in person at your Property Management Office's polling station or online at rrha.info/rc

RECENT EVENTS



"Our students will not be left behind" - RRHA CEO

On February 22, we cut the ribbon on the Hillside STEM Lab. The lab will host projects like computer coding and gaming, as well as other activities like resume writing, basic computer skills for adults and seniors, budgeting for youth and adults, and photography. Classes will take place Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 2–6 PM. rrha.info/STEM-hillside



It's good to get involved in your community! On January 13, twenty of our residents participated in flower bed cleaning at the Calhoun Center. Thank you to all who came out to participate!



On February 13, RRHA held its second roundtable event focused on increasing minority business participation in development and capital projects. Local minority business owners and contractors discussed banking, licensing, and community development with experts over breakfast, a panel, and an open forum. The Metropolitan Business League committed to a free one-year membership for all attendees.

Redevelopment Updates

Creighton Court

In December, we closed on the first phase of vertical construction for Creighton Court in partnership with The Community Builders (TCB) and the City of Richmond. We are moving forward with the construction of the initial 68 affordable housing units, 21 of which will be Project Based Voucher (PBV) units for Creighton families. After the first 68 units are constructed over the next 18 months, an additional 72 units will follow.

THE **COMMUNITY BUILDERS**

READ THE PRESS RELEASE AT ► rrha.info/prcg

INFO LINE ► 804-780-4343

**April 4
10 AM**

Creighton Court Groundbreaking Event
2101 Creighton Rd. Richmond VA 23224

Mosby Court

The Mosby South community recently completed a community survey. Many of the residents rated the community "very safe" or "pretty safe," and a majority also feel crime happens "sometimes" or "rarely." Respondents were interested in youth violence/crime prevention programs and more neighborhood events. A community engagement session was held on February 27 to discuss the survey results and more.

THE **RICHMAN GROUP**
DEVELOPMENT CORP.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ▼

Steven Atkins, Project Manager

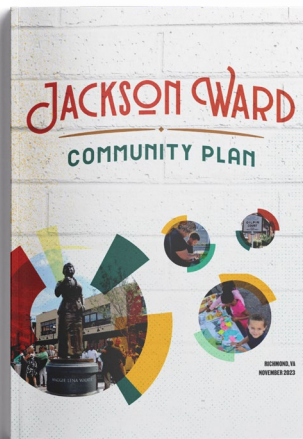
804-780-4818 or Steven.Atkins@rrha.com

Gilpin Court

We're thankful for our engaged community over the past couple of years. The final Jackson Ward Community Plan was submitted to HUD in November, a developer has been selected, and we'll be putting the plan into action soon.

MORE AT ► jacksonwardchoice.com

QUESTIONS? ► JacksonWard@RRHA.com



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for upcoming events



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