

# Prichard Housing Authority At Your Corner Newsletter



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NEW YEAR!





"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 ours...Let's make it **GREAT!**"









A prayer for my staff.....

Dear Lord,

I pray that you would give all employees wisdom and strength for the tasks at hand and that you would guide their steps and their decisions. Help them to work together in harmony and to support one another in times of need. I ask that you bless our work environment and community at large and bring about positive change where it is needed. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

# HACP Highlights...



Congratulations to Mrs. Levingston, our CEO, on being honored with the "Outstanding Service Award" by the Port City chapter of Blacks in Government at the 35th Annual Commemorative Breakfast, which was held in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Your heartfelt commitment to community service is exemplary, demonstrated not only within our agency but also beyond it.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the staff, we are proud of you and your dedication to making a positive impact in the community.



Whoop, Whoop, Congratulations on another home closing with HACP!!!

Congratulations to Ms. Crenshaw on taking this big step toward homeownership. May it be blessed with happy memories and cherished moments. If you ever need advice or assistance, our door is always open.

Special thanks to the HACP Homeownership Team, Hancock Whitney Bank, and Surety Land Title.



The Housing Authority of the City of Prichard has another victory in making homeownership a Dream Come True.

A heartfelt congratulations to the Kirksey family!!! We are so happy for you all!

Many blessings to be filled with happy memories and cherished moments. As always, if you ever need advice or assistance, our door is always open.

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Congratulations to our Commissioners!!!

We are proud to announce that Ms. Bennie McConnell has been reinstated as the resident Commissioner of the Housing Authority of the City of Prichard for another five years. She was sworn in last week during the regularly scheduled Annual Board of Commissioners meeting. We are also proud to announce that Chairman Hunt and Vice-Chairman Woods will continue to serve in their elected roles on our Board. We are fortunate to have the leadership and vision to continue to fulfill the mission of providing affordable, safe, and sanitary housing in our community. We ended the Annual Meeting with great food and fellowship with the Commissioners, CEO, Executive team, Lead

Cheers to another year of positive change and Leadership!!!

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." —Barack Obama.



management, and the Mayor.

#### Staff Development Day: "Succeeding Through Leading"

The Housing Authority of the City of Prichard recently hosted an inspiring Staff Development Day, "Succeeding Through Leading," facilitated by dynamic speaker Leavie D. King, III, MS, from Culture CoachedUp (CUP) Development. Mr. King emphasized the importance of effective communication, commitment, and trust to enhance workplace interactions and customer care.

The key strategy discussed, Customer Care, highlighted that open communication is vital in creating a trusting and honest environment. Attendees learned practical approaches for boosting customer confidence, handling conflicts with an open mind, and pursuing win-win outcomes.

Participants appreciated the interactive nature of the session, noting how effectively the content connected to daily work practices and team dynamics. The day concluded with staff recognizing the value of teamwork and understanding that "working together works."

For the full article, visit [insert link].

"I want to take the moment to thank Mrs. Levingston for providing us with an incredible training session. It was truly inspiring and insightful, and I appreciate the time and effort you put into making our team more efficient! Mr. King's passion and expertise were evident throughout, and I walked away feeling more motivated and equipped to contribute to our team success. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn, and I am grateful for the knowledge and perspectives he provided.

Thank you again for providing such a meaningful and impactful session. I look forward to applying what I learned! Great day team PHA!"—S. Weaver, Accounting

# "HACP/GWMC YOUTH CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT"





Friday, Jan 3, 2025, the Housing Authority of the City of Prichard and Groundwork Mobile County hosted an incredible Youth Climate Change Summit at the William "Bill" Clark Center, where 41 young leaders participated.

HACP is deeply committed to fostering community engagement and empowering youth voices. By co-hosting this summit with GWMC, HACP affirmed its dedication to nurturing environmental stewardship and civic responsibility among young residents. The event provided a dynamic platform for youth to discuss specific needs of the Prichard community.

## "Stepping Into Health and Friendship: Seniors Walk Daily!"











Every weekday at 7:00 a.m., seniors gather at the William "Bill"

Clark Family Life Center for their daily walking routine. Rain or shine, they enjoy friendly conversations and support each other in staying active and healthy. "Walking each morning keeps us healthy and connected," says one participant. "We look forward to seeing our friends and catching up!" This morning ritual strengthens both their physical health and friendships. All are welcome to join!





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### **CHEER TEAMS** BASKETBAL



A huge congratulations is in order!!!!! The Housing Authority of the City of Prichard Youth traveled to Columbia, South Carolina, to the SERC-NAHRO MLK Basketball and Cheer competition.

Both our basketball team (Prichard Force 15U division) and our Cheer team 12 & under won the championship/competition and brought the trophies back home to Prichard, Alabama.

A special shout out to HACP very own Recreation Coordinator/Coach - Mr. Theris Howard for his hard work in training and continued support to our youth. Much appreciation to our volunteer assistant basketball coach, Mr. Lavon Williams.

Cheers to HACP employee and volunteer cheer coach Ms. Angela Clarke.

The seeds that we sow in our youth will go further than the game. Keep up the great work!!



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## Black History Month: "Reclaiming Our History"

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced" Martin Luther King Jr.



On February 27, 2025, at the William Bill Clark Center, the Housing Authority of the City of Prichard held its Black History Program, "Reclaiming Our History." It was a beautiful evening of poetry, dance, and music. There were several speakers: Victor Scotty, Gary Grandison, and keynote speaker Leavie King of coached UP, reminding us all that there is great power in our names.









## **HOUSING**



Congratulations to the Housing Staff, QC Compliance Manager and Maintenance Team on the Heritage Estates MOR Audit February 17<sup>th</sup>& 18th and on passing the NSPIRE inspection at Ridge Manor. Keep it up the GREAT work!!!



# HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (HCV)

The Resident Portal is open for Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) participants to complete re-certifications and changes. There is also a computer located in the lobby of the Housing Authority of the City of Prichard for any resident who does not have access to a computer at home to complete any necessary changes or to complete recertification. The portal can also be used to email your specialists and if you need assistance, we are happy to help.







- Check Window Screens: Inspect screens for tears or damage and repair or replace as needed.
- Clean HVAC Filters: Replace or clean your HVAC filters to improve air quality and efficiency.
- Test Smoke Detectors: Ensure smoke detectors are functioning correctly and replace batteries if necessary.
- Check for leaks: Inspect water heater, pipes, and appliances for leak



#### **Agency Contact List**

The Housing Authority of the City of Prichard	251.283.0111
Prichard Police Department	251.452.2211
Prichard Fire Department	251.452.7817
Prichard Post Office	
Prichard Library	251.217.2606
Prichard Water	251.457.3396
Alabama Power	1.800.245.2244
Spire Gas	1.800.292.4008

## The Housing Authority of the City of Prichard



#### We Make Dreams Come True...



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