



**READY TO MOVE IN**

**ONE BEDROOM  
APARTMENTS**

### **SEASONS OF COLUMBUS ( old Palmer Home)**

**Eligible individuals** must be at least 62 years of age, mobile or able to get around, manage self care, in stable health, can live alone, pass criminal background screenings, and have proper income to meet living requirements. Must also be able to live in a setting with different people.

#### **Amenities include:**

The area is gated, has a large dining hall, commercial kitchen, gymnasium with exercise equipment and music/art therapy room, outdoor pool, tennis court, walking track, horse stable, two on campus storm shelters, outdoor pavilion, well - manicured property, centrally located and in close proximity to downtown area, university, attractions, restaurants, shopping, emergency services of fire, police and ambulance, planned events.



## CHA NEWS

COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY

*Happy New Year*  
2023

We would like to wish each of you a new year that is rich with the blessings of love, joy,

warmth, laughter, good health, happiness, and success in the coming year and always.

As a housing agency, we strive to provide services that are beneficial to all of our residents. One of the challenges we face is having programs available and residents not take full advantage of them. This year we are encouraging you all to take the time, read newsletters, and flyers and contact our Service Coordinators for more information because a lot of information and resources will be provided that are **FREE AND OF NO COST** to our residents.

Starting January 10th, our ACTNow Computer Classes will begin. Participants who attend and complete the eight hour training will receive computer training along with a **FREE Laptop and protective case**. Call Jacklyn Weir at 662-251-7426 for more information or to enroll



JANUARY  
2023



#### Friendly Reminder

The office will be **CLOSED January 16, 2023** in observance of MLK Day.

#### Plans for the New Year

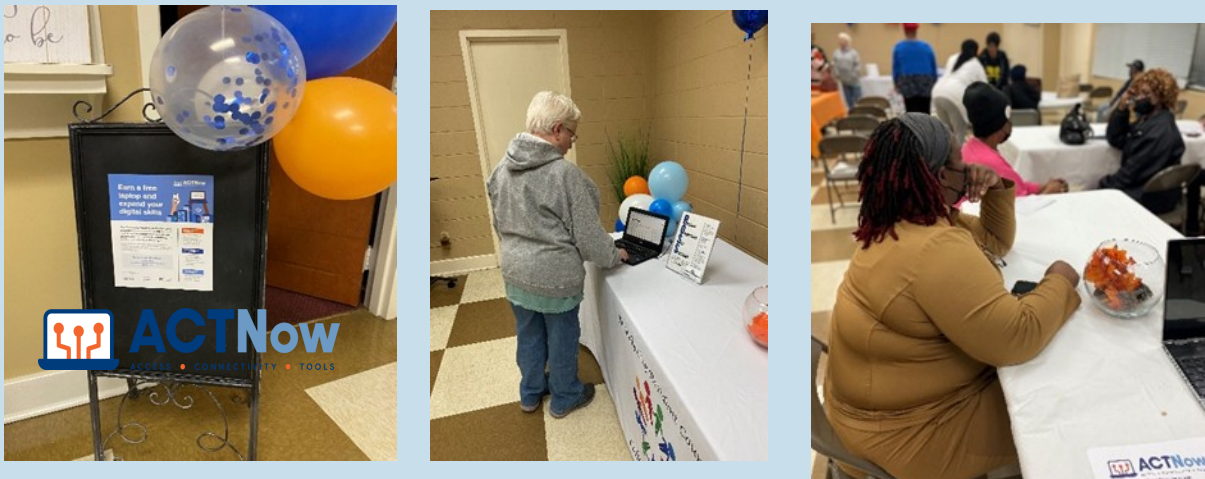
We are in the process of planning to renovate our public housing units. As we do so, notices will be delivered to our residents informing them of **REQUIRED MEETINGS** to be attended by all households.

The purpose of these meetings will be to keep all residents, and the community informed of actions we take.

These meetings will be an opportunity for input and suggestions to be made and questions asked and answered.



# Community Partners brings programs and activities to the residents



**HOMEBUYERS SEMINAR** WAS HELD IN OCTOBER AT THE SHIELD SIMS CENTER. DO YOU DREAM OF OWNING YOUR OWN HOME? LEARN THE STEPS TO HOMEOWNERSHIP. THE SEMINARS HELP PEOPLE AVOID COSTLY AND TIME-CONSUMING MISTAKES AS THEY BUY THEIR FIRST HOME. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ROSS SERVICE COORDINATOR AT 662-251-7426.



Legacy Hospice was honored in recognition of National Home Care and Hospice Month. Legacy Hospice Hosts a grief support Group every 2nd Thursday of the month.



This year more frequent inspections will be conducted to ensure the units are safe, decent, clean and in good repair.

Prior to entering units, our presence will be announced. If residents are not present, we will still enter, complete inspections or repairs.

While present please know that we will do visual inspections and if issues or concerns are observed, we may make additional repairs in different areas of the unit. After we are finished a door hanger will be left stating we have been inside your unit.

Advance notice may not always be provided prior to our entrance, especially in emergency cases.



**The following things can lead to fines and even lease termination**

- Failure to keep your unit clean both on the inside and the outside
- Trash or items in the yard other than outside furniture
- Working on vehicles
- Excessive damages to units and not reporting them
- Using abusive/disrespectful language towards housing employees, representatives, or contractors
- Tampering with smoke alarms
- Smoking inside units or within 25 feet of buildings
- Refusing to allow employees to enter to inspect or complete repairs





# Senior Corner

(Ages 55 and up)

Society has deemed that Senior Citizens are near useless or no longer useful. But, contrary to those thoughts, wisdom and experience comes in a variety of ways, such as talents, interests and ideas that can be used to form togetherness.

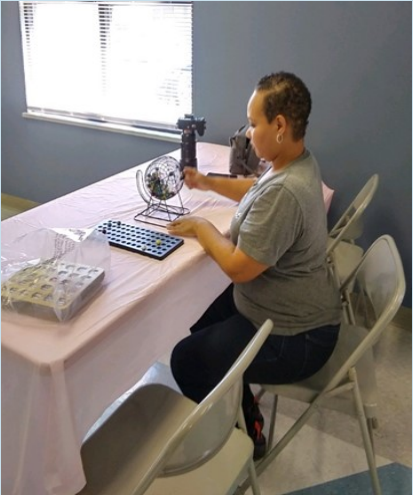
Having said that, the Columbus Housing Resident Service along with the Senior Citizens have formed what is called the Seven E's.

- Embrace
- Enhance
- Enlarge
- Expand
- Explore
- Empower
- ENJOY

If you are interested in knowing how the Seven E's work and would be of benefit to you or a Senior Citizen of Columbus Housing Authority, please call the office and add your name to the list, Please give your name, address and phone number expressing your interest of being a part of the senior citizens program. If there is no answer, Please leave a message. Also, request transportation if needed.



## LAUNCHPAD PROGRAM FAMILY DAY



Presenter Takivia Bell, Executive Director of S.A.F.E., Inc. and her team spoke on seasonal depression, steps of grief and living through grief on December 9, 2022 at the Jeans, Jams and Jambalaya. Pictured with Mrs. Bell is ROSS SC agency partner, Keith Worshaim.



# Seasons of Success

21<sup>st</sup> Century Community After School Learning Center

Columbus Housing Authority

912 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. South, Columbus, MS 39701

**Monday – Thursday**  
**2:30pm – 5:30pm**



## Seasons of Success Provides

Focus on Reading and Math  
Social and Emotional Learning  
Physical Education and Wellness  
Financial Literacy

Help with Homework  
Bullying and Drug Prevention

**Excellent Teachers**  
**NO COST TO PARENTS**  
**Fun! Fun! Fun!**

Serving Students Who Attend  
Cook, Fairview, Franklin, Sale, and Stokes-Beard

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades**

**Contact:**

**Dr. Jackie Stennis, Project Director**  
**Mrs. Rochelle Brown, Project Coordinator**

**662-637-1600 or 662-637-1590**

## YOUTH PROGRAMS



**Girl Scouts Troop #20400** In December, Girl Scouts Cookie sales began, giving girls an opportunity to be entrepreneur! Girl Scouts Cookie Sale will end in March 2023.



**Girls Scouts** is for girls ages 5 to 17 years old. It exposes them to sisterhood, mentorship, travel, self-development, and more. Currently, there are 20 girls and 8 volunteers in our program.



**Family Bingo Night:** Family Bingo Night has been a hit! Families from each site come and enjoy an evening of food, fun, and prizes. This event is held monthly at the T.V. James Terrace aka Martin Luther King Center. Columbus Housing Authority, local businesses, and private donors make this event possible.



was October 27, 2022, from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Fourteen partners participated and over 200 people attended this event.



**Boys to Men Mentorship Program-** This mentorship program is currently accepting mentors and mentees to be a part of this program to provide guidance, encouragement, life lessons, inspiration, and mentoring to boys five (5) to seventeen (17) years of age. We are soliciting entrepreneurs, businessmen, ministers, fraternities, fathers, and young men to serve as mentors. Applications can be picked up at the main office.