



CONGRATULATION Class of 2023

COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF THE 2023 GRADUATING SENIORS LIVING IN OUR UNITS. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT (662) 328-4236 AND GIVE US THE NAME (S) OF YOUR GRADUATING SENIOR. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!!



Columbus Housing Authority CHA Neighborhood News

From the Desk of the Executive Director

On August 9, 2021, Mayor Gaskin instructed Columbus residents to stop placing furniture, mattresses, appliances construction rubbish, electronics, and other debris curbside. The only items that can be picked up by Columbus Public Works are vegetative debris. “We can only pick up tree limbs and branches, and they need to be 60 inches or shorter, said Casey Bush of Public Works.” We can also pick up; leaves, but they must be bagged and on the curbside, “he added.” “The easy way to remember is that if it didn’t grow in your yard, we can’t pick it up. All other debris need to be disposed of in other ways.” The Public Works Department has worked out an arrangement with Waste Pro USA to allow citizens to drop items such as old mattresses and televisions at no charge to city residents during business hours between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The drop-off receives up to 30 tires a month can be dropped off at no charge by city residents. Please call 328-5528 to check the status of the tire recycle truck before dropping off tires. Recycled goods can be dropped off at no charge to three Columbus locations of Gateway Shopping Center in East Columbus, the Hitching Lot downtown, and Joe Cook School on 7th street. Used electronics, including old televisions, can be dropped off at 701 Sixth Street South also for recycling. Residents that discard materials on the curbside or there areas are illegally dumping and can be ticketed and fined. Hazardous materials such as paint and chemicals should be stored for the once-a-year drop off event at the Golden Triangle Landfill each spring. We will promote that event here each year. This year’s event has already been held, so please hold hazardous material until notified.

Summer Edition

June 2023



DEBRA TAYLOR

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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DISPOSE?

COLUMBUS RUBBISH LANDFILL
ARMSTRONG ROAD
PHONE NUMBER: 662-329-5115

**FURNITURE OR APPLIANCES
CONSTRUCTION WASTE
TREE LIMBS AND VEGETATIVE DEBRIS
CREATED BY CONTRACTOR**

HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE:
PICKED UP TWICE A WEEK AT CURBSIDE.
LEAVES MUST BE BAGGED AND PLACED ON CURB WITH HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

HAZARDOUS WASTE

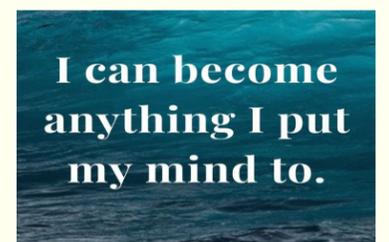
E-waste

**DISCARDED TIRES:
UP TO 30 A MONTH AT NO CHARGE
DISCARDED ELECTRONICS:
CALL 662-328-5528**

TREE LIMBS AND VEGETATIVE DEBRIS CREATED BY HOMEOWNER:
PICKED UP BY CITY OF COLUMBUS PUBLIC WORKS ONCE A WEEK AT CURBSIDE. LIMBS MUST BE CUT INTO 5 FEET LENGTH OR SHORTER.

THREE FREE RECYCLE LOCATIONS
24-HOUR DROPOFF LOCATIONS:
JOE COOK SCHOOL (2217 7TH ST N)
GATEWAY SHOPPING CENTER (201 ALABAMA ST)
MAIN STREET HITCHING LOT (300 MAIN STREET)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE CITY OF COLUMBUS ACTION CENTER AT 662-329-5147



GIRL SCOUTS TROOP #20400 FUNDAY & AWARD CEREMONY



MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Welcome Cook's Pest Control Company our new pest control company.



> **Warning:** Parking vehicle on the grass.

- ◇ \$25 fine
- ◇ Lease violation
- ◇ Vehicle can be towed at the owner's expense.

CONSTRUCTION WORK COMING SOON!

- Increased noise level during construction
- Please monitor your child/ children at all times.
- Be mindful of nails, debris, and workers if you are in the area.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN OR AROUND OUR PROPERTIES!

- ◆ Gambling
- ◆ Vandalism
- ◆ Theft/Robbery
- ◆ Breaking and Entering
- ◆ Guns/knives/weapons
- ◆ Fighting
- ◆ Drugs
- ◆ Alcohol
- ◆ Assault & Battery
- ◆ Murder
- ◆ Stalking/ Harassing/Intimidation
- ◆ Rape/Molestation

Please call 911 if you witness any of these crimes. The local authorities will provide the CHA office with a police report. Any tenants involved, arrested, and convicted of any of these crimes are in violation of your lease and may face termination.



Shared Health Care: June 7th, 2023



Jesse Carter

11:00 A.M.

(Summarization and recommendations of health care plans, free phone, and iPad)

Upcoming Events: Times and Dates-TBA

TRACK TIME (walk, run, jog, or just sit and look. Food, music, and fun)



PAMPERING SESSION (EMCC Cosmetology)



TENNIS SHOES TURNUP (Semi formal event, with your favorite pair of tennis shoes)



Shirley Colman

4 Winds Outreach Ministry

serves delicious meals to the tenants who resides in the

William Roberts Terrace

Community. Donations are welcomed!



LOVE THE BLOCK

WILLIAM WASHINGTON & MLK CENTERS
EVERY 1ST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
VIBRANT CHURCH





WHAT HOME MEANS TO ME POSTER CONTEST 2023

Deasyia Griffin (13), Zynoviah Bogan (7), Kaleigha Wilson (Kendra Sanders) (9)
 Vanessa Walker (Youth Service Coordinator), Jamella Bogan (Parent)
 Deasyia Griffin won 2nd Place in the MAHRO Regional Competition in Biloxi, MS.

Tennis Shoes Turnout: On May 17, 2023, the CHA Seniors sponsored a Tennis Shoes Turnout, and what a turnout it was. Doctor Eljenette West was our guest speaker. She gave out useful information concerning the care of our feet. She told us that purchasing the right size plays a significant part, as well as the type of shoe that you purchase. She stressed that as we age the proper footwear helps with your balance. This might include having to get rid of that old worn-out pair that you love so dearly. After accurately measuring everyone's feet that attended, Doctor West provided everyone with a new pair of SAS shoes.



6 STEPS TO PROTECT YOUR FEET

- 1 Avoid walking barefoot.
- 2 Avoid flat and tight-fitting shoes, including flat sandals and flip-flops.
- 3 Wear soles that offer solid footing and don't slip. Thick soles cushion your feet on hard surfaces.
- 4 Select a good quality, podiatrist-recommended shoe or sandal that offers arch support.
- 5 Replace shoes when they show signs of wear and tear.
- 6 Practice good foot hygiene. Look for cuts, blisters and ingrown toenails. If you have diabetes, check your feet every day for sores or any signs of infection, such as redness, swelling and pain.

Visit share.kp.org/footcare





Seasons of Success
21st Century Community Learning Center
912 11th Ave. South, Columbus, MS 39701
662-657-1590 or 662-657-1600
Dr. Jackie Stennis, Project Director Mrs. Rochelle Brown, Project Coordinator

The Mississippi Department of Education, through the Office of Federal Programs, selected Columbus Housing Authority's Seasons of Success to receive funding for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant. Seasons of Success (SOS) provides opportunities for academic and enrichment activities to students and their families while school is not in session. The primary focus of the program is Reading and Math instruction and remediation. However, character education, drug and violence prevention programming, physical and recreational activities, STEM, and fun field trips are also available to 21st CCLC participants. All 2nd - 5th grade students currently enrolled in Columbus Municipal School District are eligible to attend. However, students living in Columbus Housing Authority have enrollment priority. SOS Summer program will operate Monday - Friday beginning June 6 and ending on June 30, 2023. Hours of operation are from 9:00am - 2:00pm.

Seasons of Success had an extremely successful first year...we served 100 students from Columbus Municipal School District. As stated above, our primary focus is on Reading and Math remediation and intervention. However, we also focus on the whole child, and we believe that the social & emotional learning of a child significantly impacts their academic levels. Additionally, we incorporate activities that promote school attendance. It has been proven that students who arrive at school on time and are present every day perform at a higher level. Financial Literacy, Nutrition and Wellness, STEM activities, Cultural Awareness and other youth development activities that promote student success are also included in our curriculum.

The following are the three overarching goals that guide the daily activities of Seasons of Success and its program implementation each program year for the duration of the program.

Goal 1 - Improve academic achievement.

Goal 2 - Youth development activities will improve non-academic achievement.

Goal 3 - Improve family partnerships and engagement.

Additionally, an independent, third-party evaluation will be conducted annually by our independent evaluator, Dr. Sean Owen, Research Professor, Mississippi State University. A comprehensive evaluation report to stakeholders describing and documenting the implementation of the program, any significant barriers that were encountered along the way, and outcomes that we can attribute to the strategies and activities conducted as part of the program during Year 1 will be presented annually.

COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY

**SUMMER
CAMP**

OUR ACTIVITIES

**VBS, FIRE CAMP,
CRAFTS, GAMES,
KARATE, 4-H,
DANCE, FOOD,
FREE PLAY
AND MORE**

**> JULY 5-21
> 8:00AM-2:00PM**

**> OPEN TO AGES
5 TO 15**

**PALMER HOME GYM
912 11TH ST. SOUTH COLUMBUS, MS 39701**

CONTACT MRS. WALKER AT (662) 386-4736 OR (662) 328-4236

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Youth NEWS AND EVENTS



NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY



SEASONS OF SUCCESS SUMMER PROGRAM

**GRADES
2-5**

**June 6 - 30, 2023
Monday - Friday
9:00 - 2:00**

Schools Served:
Cook, Fairview, Franklin
Sale, Stokes Beard

WHAT WE OFFER

- FOCUS ON READING AND MATH
- HELP WITH HOMEWORK
- INTENSIVE LEARNING
- GREAT TEACHERS
- PE AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- CHARACTER EDUCATION
- SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING



**ENROLL
TODAY!**

IN MOST CASES, TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED
REGISTRATION: ALL SERVICES ARE FREE
 CALL OR STOP BY: PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO RESIDENTS OF
 COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY

COME TO OUR
**HOME
BUYER
SEMINAR**

**FREE
EVENT**



Perfect for Everyone who
Plan to Buy A Home

SHIELDS SIMS CENTER
1515 4TH STREET SOUTH

THURSDAY JUNE 22
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

GET INFORMED ABOUT

- PROCESS OF BUYING HOME
- FINANCING OPTIONS
- WHEN TO FIND HOME
- CRITERIA FOR THE RIGHT HOME
- AND MUCH MORE

CALL JACKLYN WEIR
TO RESERVE A SEAT **662-251-7426**

Email: jweir@friendlycityresidentcouncil.org

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JUNE

- ◇ 3rd-(10 am-12 pm) **LOVE THE BLOCK** (Martin Luther King Center & William Washington Center-*Vibrant Church*)
- ◇ 5th- (3 pm-4 pm) **Girl Scouts Meeting** (William Washington Center)
- ◇ 6th-30th-(9 am-2 pm) **Seasons of Success Summer Camp**
- ◇ 7th- (11 am-12 pm) **Shared Health Care** (Martin Luther King Center)
- ◇ 10th (12 pm-4 pm) **Girl Scouts Funday & Awards Ceremony** (Walker's Home)
- ◇ 14th (11 am) **Father's Day Luncheon** (Jessie Center)
- ◇ 15th (12 pm) **Men Matter Luncheon** (Shield Sims Center)
- ◇ 19th **Juneteenth Holiday**
- ◇ 22nd (5:30 pm-7:30 pm) **Home Buyer Seminar** (Shield Sims Center)
- ◇ 26th (6:00 pm-7:30 pm) **Family Bingo Night** (Martin Luther King Center)
- ◇ 30th (2 pm-5 pm) **Community Block Party** -(William Roberts Terrace Area)
Love Live Christ Church

JULY

- * 1st-(10 am-12 pm) **LOVE THE BLOCK** (Martin Luther King Center & William Washington Center)
- * 4th **Independence Day**
- * 5th-21st (8 am-2 pm) **CHA Summer Enrichment Program**
- * 27th **First Day of School**
- * 31st (6 pm-7:30 pm) **Family Bingo Night** (Martin Luther King Center)

AUGUST

- * 1st-(10 am-12 pm) **LOVE THE BLOCK** (Martin Luther King Center & William Washington Center)

R.O.S.S. SERVICE COORDINATOR PROGRAM

Happenings!



The ROSS Service Coordinator, Jacklyn Weir, and the Mississippi State Department of Health Community Health Director, Elois Smith facilitated A Matter of Balance Fall Prevention class in April and May at Seasons of Columbus. The eight weeks two-hour class (MOB) is specifically designed to reduce the fear of falling and improve activity levels among community older adults.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!



Five Housing Authority residents completed an 8-hour training in April and May ActNow Digital Literacy Classes at Shields Sims. Each participant received a Chromebook and a case. Congratulations, **Victoria Sharp-Whitfield, Lillie Washington, Bobbie Johnson, Clara Sherrod, and Freddie West**. Congratulations to everyone who completed the classes. Special thanks to our community partners, EMCC ABE/GED Program and Cadence Bank, and volunteers- Martha Boyd, Jasmine Kelly, and Tori



MEN MATTER WELLNESS

Did you know?
 5 years less life expectancy for men with depression
 30,000 men die from heart disease each year
 1 in 2 men have depression
 1/2 of men with depression do not seek treatment
 Nearly 1 in 10 men experience symptoms of depression or anxiety but have not had any treatment.

Join us for a **Men's Health & Wellness Luncheon** **JUNE 16, 2023** **STARTS AT 12:00 NOON**

SHIELDS SIMS CENTER 1515 4TH STREET SOUTH
 LIMITED SEATING. Email jacklyn@hshd.org to reserve a seat.

GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

GRIEF CAN LEAVE YOU FEELING LOST AND ALONE

This group is an opportunity to meet others who may be grieving, share experiences, and coping strategies

EVERY 2nd THURSDAY
12:15 pm
 Shields Sims Center
 1515 4th Street South

For more information contact Jacklyn Weir
 662-757-7426

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