



CRHA News and Recent Developments
August 2021



Greetings!

The summer of 2021 continued to be a busy, and somewhat tropical one with afternoon storms and unpredictable weather forcing alternate arrangements and postponed events, but the Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority (CRHA) Team is resilient and our commitment to residents unwavering.

We were thrilled to once again offer an abbreviated “Kids & Pros” football camp after missing last year due to COVID. “National Night Out” events in most communities were cancelled or postponed but we were able to hold the MacDonald Manor event. Owens Village and Broadlawn both had successful, rescheduled events, thanks to the kindness and generosity of our community and faith-based partners.

Staff has been working with the City of Chesapeake Health Department and other local health care providers to provide FREE COVID testing and vaccinations for our residents and communities. We strongly encourage continued social distancing and the use of masks, and self-monitoring for symptoms. CRHA offices are open, but we will continue safety measures and remain flexible as the situation fluctuates day-to-day.

As schools start back, please take advantage of the programs and resources CRHA has available to help your students excel in school. There are tutoring and reading opportunities, computer labs, expanded broadband and connectivity resources, and PC’s available for loan. CRHA staff is eager to help students connect to needed resources, to succeed and grow. And we are all looking forward to bringing back the CRHA Red Carpet Honor Roll celebration, so let’s start out the new year with stellar grades!

Stay well and enjoy your family time and long Labor Day weekend!

Nancy Tarkenton, Interim Executive Director

RECENT EVENTS

Kids & Pros Camp July 2021

On Sunday, July 18th, over 100 students participated in the Kids & Pros 2021 Football Camp at Oscar Smith High School. Buddy Curry, along with a few football legends/superstars including Chesapeake Council Member, Don Carey came out to support the annual youth event that focuses on character building as well as skills. Young athletes, aged 7-13 got the chance to meet and run drills with NFL Pros, and the event culminates with a motivational talk and an autograph session. We are looking forward to bringing back the full 3-day camp in 2022.



WALKING PATH RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

On Thursday, July 8th, The American Heart Association, in partnership with CRHA

Board Chairperson, Dr. Rebecca Adams joined Chesapeake Mayor Rick West, Reese Jackson, Chesapeake Regional CEO, and Dr. Ethlyn McQueen-Gibson of Hampton University in providing remarks and dedicating this walking path for the MacDonald Manor community.



CRHA is partnering with Chesapeake Health Department to host "Klckin' Out Covid Thursdays!"

For questions, please contact the Chesapeake Health Department at (757) 382-8631

KICKIN' OUT COVID THURSDAYS

AT GENEVA SQUARE


700 Geneva Ave.
Chesapeake

3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

FREE COVID Testing
FREE COVID Vaccinations*

Age 12+ • Adult must be present

First and second doses available. Pfizer,
Moderna and J&J. No appointment needed!
Just come on in! Call 382-8631 for more info.



The graphic at the bottom features a colorful illustration of a neighborhood with yellow, blue, and green houses, trees, and a winding road. To the right of the illustration is a circular logo for the "Office of the City Manager" with the text "CITY OF CHESAPEAKE" and "OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER". Below the logo is a QR code and a stylized blue coronavirus particle.

ForKids Executive Director, Thaler McCormick provided Board members and staff a "Behind the Scenes" tour of their brand new building and its many amenities in the South Norfolk section of the City, which includes the Housing Hotline center. From multiple classroom settings for various age groups, private residences, a central bus stop for school-aged children, art/crafts and other social activities and a complete commercial cafeteria, to a rooftop garden center to grow healthy herbs and vegetables... this facility has it all!!!

Many thanks to our partner, ForKids for allowing us a glimpse of the outstanding work they provide in support of our community.



On Tuesday, August 3rd, the MacDonald Manor community hosted its annual National Night Out event. Sponsored by Prince of Peace Praise Center, residents enjoyed plenty of great food and music, dancing and games, face painting, Girl Scout sign-ups and clothing and school supplies to start out the new school year. Local police officers and McGruff the Crime Dog joined the dance party and played a little basketball with the kids, and everyone enjoyed frozen

treats on this cloudy, tropical day.

The Owens Village community rescheduled their National Night Out to August 24th with a "Block Party" theme featuring a bounce house, refreshments and fun games for the kids, all supported by Bible World. Keys to Success sponsored Broadlawn's postponed event with school supplies and books, a bounce house and slide, and yummy treats!

Many thanks to our partners for their flexibility in rescheduling.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

[About | National Night Out \(natw.org\)](#)



COMMISSIONERS' CORNER

CRHA Board of Commissioners Welcomes a NEW COMMISSIONER!



There will be a public hearing and RAB meeting on Tuesday, September 7th, 5:00 & 6:00 pm respectively, to review CRHA's annual Agency Plan. The draft is available for review on CRHA's website. Public participation, comment and input is encouraged.

The **September 2021 CRHA Board of Commissioners meeting** will be held on Wednesday, **September 22nd** at 5:00 p.m.

Meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of each month (except November) at the CRHA Central Office located at 1468 S. Military Highway in Chesapeake, VA 23320.

[Welcome to CRHA, VA \(crhava.org\)](#)



On July 14, 2021, Chesapeake RHA welcomed its newest Commissioner! Please join us in welcoming Commissioner [Camron T. Phillips](#).

Commissioner Phillips is a native of Mercer County, Pennsylvania and was recently appointed to his first four-year term with CRHA.

He is an active duty military service member, husband and father with a passion for serving the community.

HELPFUL NEWS & INFORMATION



The latest news surrounding the Eviction Moratorium as of August 2021.

[CDC Eviction Moratorium Resources](#)



There are still several months left in the local Hurricane Season. Prepare now-gather emergency supplies, plan an evacuation route, follow local directives, and put together a family and communication plan. Do not walk, swim or try to drive through floodwater and assume any downed line is live.

[Hurricane Preparedness | Red Cross](#)



School is back in session Tuesday, September 7th. Visit: [Back to School Basics – Chesapeake Public Schools](#) 312 Cedar Road Chesapeake, VA 23322 • 757-547-0153 ([cpschools.com](#)) for important information, calendar, bus schedule, etc.



[Jobs Plus Initiative](#)



[Rent Relief Assistance](#)



[Virginia Tenant and Landlord Resources](#)

Technology



CRHA is a ConnectHome [recipient/partner](#) who in the coming months, courtesy of the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) Program will provide up to \$50 towards the monthly cost of in-home broadband service during the pandemic. The benefit also covers a one-time \$100 subsidy towards a computing device through community partner T-Mobile

[ConnectHome sends free high-speed internet to low-income families - YouTube](#)

Virtual Heal Series



Ongoing Health Literacy Classes [Optima Health \(optimahealthplans.com\)](#)

News from the Governor



For the latest news from Governor Ralph Northam, you may visit the link below:

[Virginia Governor Ralph Northam - August](#)



CRHA in partnership with the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore offer healthy and nutritious meals monthly at the four (4) CRHA communities. Geneva Square and Peaceful Village locations are serviced the 4th Wednesday of each month and Broadlawn Park & MacDonald Manor on the 3rd Wednesday.

Children's food boxes and fresh produce are provided for families.



[Buying a Home | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)