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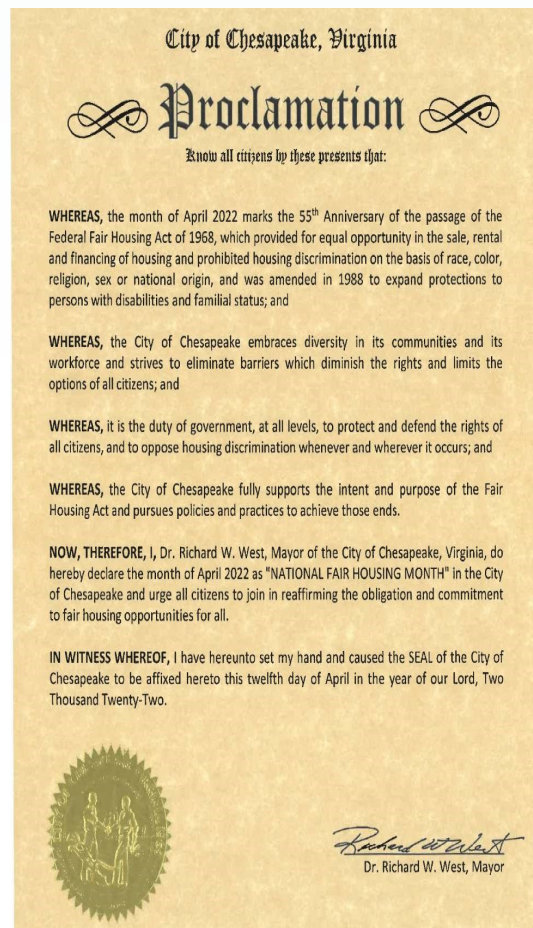


Latest News

Fair Housing Proclamation—April 2022

On Tuesday, April 12, 2022, the Honorable Mayor Richard West declared the month of April Fair Housing Month and urged all citizens to take part.

April is National Fair Housing Month, which aims to raise awareness of fair housing rights and help increase efforts to end housing discrimination. CRHA is committed to investigating and explaining the impacts of systemic racism and the intersection of race and housing. Redlining and other forms of systemic discrimination laid the foundation for a deeply unequal housing experience among Americans, and the consequences are still being felt today. We have developed a brand new [brochure](#), and we encourage you to read and share it.



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- CRHA Basketball Teams win City-wide Championship
- FSS Graduating Class 2021

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Dr. Deborah (Debbie) Hunley-Stukes Appointed - Newest CRHA Commissioner

CRHA is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Debbie Hunley-Stukes by Chesapeake City Council on February 23, 2022.

Dr. Hunley-Stukes retired from public education in July 2021, after serving with Chesapeake Public Schools for 39 years. She served in several capacities (Teacher, Work Experience Coordinator, Assistant Principal, Staff Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Elementary School Principal, Middle School Principal, Program Administrator for Adult & Continuing Education, Director of Middle Schools/Curriculum and Instruction, and current position as the Director of Academic Support and Career Readiness).

Dr. Hunley-Stukes received her undergraduate degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in Marketing and Distributive Education, a Master's Degree from Norfolk State University in Educational Administration, and a Doctorate Degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Va. Tech) in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. She is a school practitioner who has a true passion for working with educational leaders who aspire to become school administrators. Dr. Hunley-Stukes has worked as an Adjunct Professor for more than six years.

For her official bio, click [here](#).

Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

The Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners consist of nine (9) members, one of whom serves as Resident Commissioner.

The members are appointed by the Chesapeake City Council and may serve up to two consecutive 4-year terms from the date of appointment.

The Commissioners are the governing officers of the Authority. Their responsibilities include setting policies governing the operations of the Authority, charting the direction of current and future programs and development, and approving contracts entered into by the Authority.

The Board of Commissioners hires the Executive Director, who serves as Board Secretary and is responsible for managing the Authority's day-to-

Board of Commissioners Meeting Information

The Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners convene on the fourth Wednesday of each month, with the exception of November. Meetings begin at 5:00 p.m. and typically take place at the Authority's Administration Office located at 1468 South Military Highway in Chesapeake, Virginia.

Special meetings may occur at any time throughout the year. Special Meeting notices will be distributed at least five (5) days in advance should this occur.

The next three (3) meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Click [here](#) for driving directions.



Virginia Rent Relief Program

The Virginia Rent Relief Program (RRP) is designed to support and ensure housing stability across the commonwealth during the coronavirus pandemic. Depending on availability of funds and household need, the RRP may provide financial assistance for rent payments for eligible households. This includes financial assistance for rent payments past due beginning April 1, 2020 and onward with the opportunity for renewal based on availability of funding and the household's need for additional assistance and continued eligibility. This assistance does not have to be repaid.

Effective Dec. 1, 2021, RRP transitioned to a one-application system for both landlords and tenants to initiate and apply for rent relief. An updated, secure, and user-friendly portal known as Gov2Go allows you to access the Rent Relief Program on virtually any web-enabled device. Assistance for tenants and landlords is also available by calling the RRP Support Center at 1-833-RENT-RELIEF (1-833-736-8735). Status on applications submitted through Gov2Go can be checked on the platform or by calling the Support Center.

Rent Relief Results

To date, Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority has received \$480,000 in Covid rental assistance payments to assist residents in becoming current on any outstanding debts owed to the Authority.

CRHA will continue to assist residents until all remaining Rent Relief funds are exhausted.

CRHA Residents:

To complete the application for Rental Assistance, click the link below:

<https://dmz1.dhcd.virginia.gov/RMRPEligibility/>



Newest Programs & Opportunities

MyHousing Applicant Portal

In January 2022, CRHA launched the MyHousing Applicant Portal for current and future wait list applicants to access their account information and wait list status online. This will allow applicants to check their status or provide updates as often as they like.

In order to register, applicants will need the following information:
**Valid Email Address, Social Security number, Entity ID number
or Application confirmation number.**



Please visit this website to register for the MyHousing Applicant Portal:
<https://crhava.myhousing.com/Registration>

Upon successful creation of an account, participants may log into the Applicant Portal. Should you have any issues accessing the portal, please contact our office at (757) 233-6401 for HCV or (757) 470-5860 for Public Housing.

If you are a person with a disability and require an accommodation to assist you in registering for the MyHousing Applicant Portal, please inform our Admissions Department at (757) 523-0401 and CRHA can arrange for the accommodation.

Aspire360 Jobs Plus Initiative Program

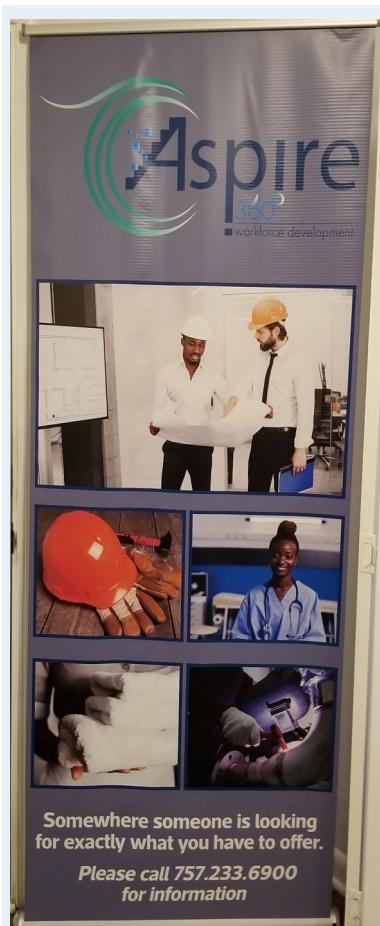
Aspire360 Jobs Plus Program Kickoff

In January 2022, CRHA's Aspire360 Jobs Plus Program kicked off with approval of its six-month startup budget, four-year work plan and the hiring of essential staff to successfully launch the Jobs Plus program. The program is a four-year commitment. The immediate objectives involved marketing, recruitment and enrollment.

In February, Aspire360 established social media platforms to spread the word ([Facebook](#), Instagram and TikTok) and staff began enrolling program participants following their assessments.

In March, the Jobs Plus team and community coaches created a newsletter, entitled "Aspire360 Buzz." The newsletter helps spread the word and get people involved in activities and programs, and creates effective communication throughout the communities. The newsletter includes activities for families and children. To date, twenty-nine (29) clients have been enrolled, assessed, and offered services. The first Quarterly Job Fair will be scheduled in the very near future.

For additional information, please visit us on the website [here](#) or by calling (757) 233-6900.





Other Scholarship Opportunities

National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Poster Contest

Eligibility and Selection Categories:

Contest participation is open to all children in grades K-12 residing in affordable housing assisted directly, supported under community development, or participants in affordable housing programs administered by a NAHRO member authority (i.e., public or Section 8-assisted housing CDBG, HOME, LIHTC).

National Prizes

The grand prize cover winner will receive an **iPad** and a **framed copy of their original artwork**. The cover winner and one legal guardian will also win a trip to Washington D.C. to attend NAHRO's Washington Conference where he or she will be honored. The 12 national winners will each receive a **\$100 Visa gift card** and a copy of the calendar.

Scholarship

Opportunities

CRHA Scholarship for Graduating Seniors

In partnership with The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, CRHA will award a \$1,000 scholarship to one (1) graduating senior.

Eligibility:

Student must reside in a Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority (CRHA) community OR participate in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program to apply.

**Application Deadline is
May 30, 2022**

Additional application details can be found [here](#).



Youth

Engagement



The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation Annual Scholarship Breakfast

CRHA will support The New Chesapeake Men for Progress **Annual Scholarship Breakfast** on Saturday, April 30, 2022.

This annual event highlights the positive examples and role models in the city of Chesapeake by recognizing youth who have excelled. CRHA is honored to provide sponsorship again this year and will transport CRHA Basketball Team members and coaches to the event.



After School Tutorial Program

The After School Tutorial Program at Peaceful Village allows students to work on homework, school projects, and class assignments throughout the school year.

Students also have access to the Peaceful Village computer lab for research purposes, use of printers, and engage in learning activities during this assigned time.

Instructor:
Mr. Baron Freeman

When:
Wednesdays from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Where:
The Dr. Clarence V. Cuffee Community Center and Library (Peaceful Village Community)

Youth Leadership Development Mentoring Program

Empowering Youth for the Sustainability of Society

The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation is offering a 10-month Youth Leadership Mentoring Program to include one-on-one mentoring, cooperative learning sessions, field trips to develop new skills, and exposure to amazing leaders to emulate and make a difference in the community.

The Youth Leadership Mentoring Program will be structured around four (4) core mission components:

- Development for Academic Success
- Empowerment
- Leadership
- Career Readiness, College and Financial Stability

With parental consent, interested youth may complete the Youth Pledge and Mentee Application for the program [here.](#)



Youth Sports and Activities



CRHA PYBL Superstars (Ages 13-15)



CRHA PYBL Superstars (Ages 10-12)



City-Wide Basketball Championship Wins



On Wednesday, March 30, 2022, the CRHA Boys Basketball teams in both age categories (10-12 and 13-15) brought home the city-wide Championship trophies. CRHA is extremely proud of the commitment and hard work displayed by these young men. Mr. Baron Freeman and Ms. Beverly Harris coach both teams.



Community Engagement

HomeOwnership (HOP) Program

HOP will work individually with families in both the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV-HOP) and Public Housing (HOP-PH) programs to assess the current level of homebuying readiness, determine steps needed to reach readiness, provide, or refer the family to training, classes, and/or resources upon completion of preparedness. The family will then be directed to local lenders and realtors to purchase their own home.

For additional information, please click [here](#) or contact Ms. Nellie Sanchez, Housing and Community Development Specialist at (757) 233-6403.



Holiday/Office Closures



All CRHA Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of [Memorial Day](#) and Monday, June 20th in observance of [Juneteenth](#).

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



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Pick Up Only
Every 3rd Wednesday Of The Month

- BroadLawn Park Rental Office
 - MacDonald Manor Rental Office
- Beginning
Wednesday
April 20, 2022

Pick Up Only
4th Wednesday Of The Month

- Peaceful Village Rental Office
 - Owens Village/Geneva Rental Office
- Beginning
Wednesday
April 27, 2022

Time: 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.



Please Contact
Resident Services:
757-673-0276

- Meat Boxes
- Non-Perishable
- Fresh Fruit

Food Boxes May be Heavy!
(Bring Extra Hands or Bags)

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Graduation

Congratulations to the latest round of FSS Graduates for the Class of 2021.

In November 2021, one (1) participant completed all of her goals and successfully graduated from the Family Self-Sufficiency program. Despite the challenges Covid-19 and its numerous variants presented, **Ms. Latoia Smith** persevered to complete all of her goals and objectives. She now has her sights set on homeownership.

