



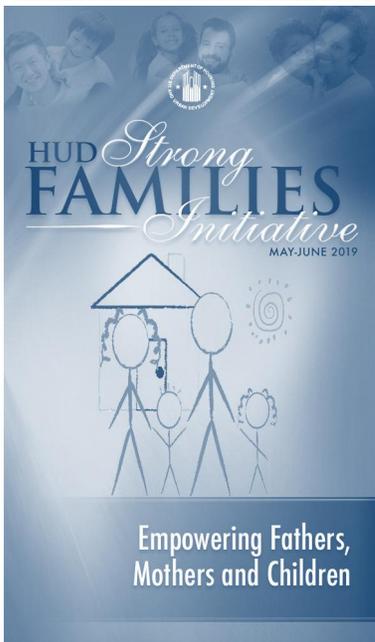
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TROY HOUSING AUTHORITY IS TAKING PART IN HUD'S STRONG FAMILIES INITIATIVE

The Troy Housing Authority is very actively participating in "The Strong Families Initiative" of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Through this initiative we are hosting events during May and June that are designed to strengthen family bonds, empower parents and support children. We are also including an event for our senior citizens this year.

Events will be held at several locations throughout the City of Troy. Troy Housing Authority tenants may participate at any event at any site. Events are intended to serve as a way for families to have fun together and learn about programs and services. More information about each event is included in a brief article within this edition of Neighborhoods.

All we ask is that you sign up in advance at your site office so that the people running these program are prepared for everyone attending. More events may be scheduled. Check your site office for details.

May 28, 2019 2PM-4PM Kennedy Towers	May 31, 2019 3PM-6PM Fallon Rainbow Center	June 14, 2019 1PM-2PM+ Griswold Heights
Senior Citizen Service Fair with Rensselaer County. Learn about various services provided to senior citizens in Rensselaer County during this informative afternoon program.	I Scream for Ice Cream with The Ark, Inc. Open House for the After School Education Enrichment Program and learn about and Sign-Up for the Summer Safe Harbor Program.	Sensory Path Dedication with the Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO). The Sensory Path will be open and dedicated and families will learn about CEO services.

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TROY HOUSING AUTHORITY CELEBRATES EARTH DAY

Residents and staff of the Troy Housing Authority at several of our sites celebrated Earth Day recently by cleaning up our yards and planting flowers. We encourage everyone to make every day Earth Day by taking care of the one and only earth that we have.



From the desk of the Executive Director Deborah A. Witkowski



The mission statement of the Troy Housing Authority ends by saying that we recognize that our residents are our most valuable asset. This issue of our newsletter, *Neighborhoods*, is a great example of the many ways we show how much we appreciate our residents.

This edition is filled with ways we engage residents to create happy and vibrant neighborhoods. Recently, THA Administration, Staff and Residents worked hand in hand on Earth Day to help clean up our sites and bring beauty to our neighborhoods.

Additionally, we are working with community partners to bring programs, services and events to our families, seniors, and youth. Like last year, THA has once again committed to being a part of HUD's Strong Families Initiative, and will be hosting several events for our families and seniors.

We also seek input from residents about the way we manage the Troy Housing Authority. At every board meeting there are two opportunities for our residents and the public to offer comments to Board of Commissioners. Before each board meeting persons are invited to comment on any item on the agenda. After the board acts on the agenda items anyone is invited to offer comments on any topic.

We also strongly encourage our residents at all of our sites to organize a resident organization that can offer input to management on the way their site is managed. To find out about the Tenant Association at your site, or to find out how to form one if there is none now, stop at your site office.

With personal regards,

Deborah A. Witkowski,

Executive Director

Troy Housing Authority Mission Statement

"The Troy Housing Authority strives to improve the quality of life within the City of Troy by providing decent, safe and sanitary homes to the families and individuals who choose to live in our settings; increasing the availability of economic opportunities and affordable housing to promote self-sufficiency and homeownership; and assuring equal access to fair housing for everyone in the community.

Recognizing that efficient operations are essential in order to continue to perform the vital role that we play in the community, we commit ourselves to open communication, professionalism and fiscal responsibility as we develop partnerships with others to best meet the needs of our residents, whom we recognize as our most valuable asset.

SENIOR SERVICES FAIR MAY 28, 2019

Senior Citizens are invited to come to **Kennedy Towers** on **Tuesday, May 28, 2019, from 2:00PM to 4:00PM** to learn about programs and services available to them through Rensselaer County.

Information will be available about **Group Dining** and other services at the **Troy Senior Center, Home Delivered Meals, Medicaid, Transportation, Public Health Services** (prevention, nutrition, immunizations, etc.), **Mental Health and Wellness Programs** and the array of **Long Term Supports and Services** available through **NY Connects**.



The Troy Housing Authority will be providing rides to and from Kennedy Towers to our residents at Conway Court and Kane Apartments so that all of our residents in senior housing have an opportunity to attend this important event. For more information, or to sign up for a ride, talk with the staff in your site office. We hope many of you will attend.

2019 BOARD MEETING REMAINING SCHEDULE

The Board of Commissioners hold regular meetings every six weeks on Thursdays at 4:30PM. At the start of each meeting persons who are interested may offer comment on any agenda item. Later in the meeting comments are taken on any topic.



Remaining 2019 Schedule

June 27, 2019 - Kennedy Towers
August 8, 2019 - Fallon Apartments
September 19, 2019 - Conway Court
October 24, 2019 - Corliss Park
December 12, 2019 - Martin Luther King Apartments

Agendas for meetings are posted a few days in advance at each Troy Housing Authority location and on the THA website (www.troyhousing.org) and Facebook page. Please check for updates.

Any changes to the schedule of these meetings will be posted on our website and at all site offices.

2019 SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM PROVIDES BREAKFAST AND LUNCH TO CHILDREN

In cooperation with the Rensselaer County Department for Youth the Summer Nutrition Program is continuing for 2019 in Community Centers at: Griswold Heights, Taylor Apartments, Corliss Park, and Phelan Court. At Fallon Apartments children attending The Ark, Inc. Summer Program (see below) will receive meals through that program.

From June 29, 2015 through September 4, 2015 Breakfast will be available each weekday (except July 3) from 7:30 to 8:30AM and Lunch will be available from 11:30AM to 12:30PM.

This program is open to all children ages up to 18. Children under 6 must be with by an adult. Activities will be available between breakfast and lunch

Please stop by your site office to fill out a permission slip for the program and to learn more about other programs available to you in the community.



ADULTS: Don't feel left out - Volunteers are needed to help in the program. Sign up at the site office.

2019 ARK, INC. SUMMER PROGRAM

The Ark, Inc. Safe Harbor Summer Program will operate again this year at the Fallon Apartments Rainbow Center. This six week program, which is sponsored by Troy Savings Bank Charitable Foundation, runs from July 8, 2019 through August 16, 2019. Up to 60 children are expected to enroll in this program that operates from 8:00AM to 5:30PM each weekday.

There are 20 free spots reserved for children from the Troy Housing Authority on a first come first served basis. Please obtain a registration application from your site office. Other participants will pay a \$25 non-refundable registration fee and pay \$45 per week for one child or \$75 per week for two children.

The program provides cultural enrichment; character and leadership development; sports, fitness and recreation; weekly field trips; performing and visual arts; weekly themes; family engagement and outcome based program.

On May 31, 2019 The Ark, Inc. will host an "I Scream for Ice Cream" Open House from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Fallon Apartments Rainbow Center. In addition to enjoying ice cream, participants will have an opportunity to learn about what has been happening during the After School Summer Enrichment Program and sign up for the Summer Safe Harbor Program.

**May 31, 2019 3PM-6PM
Fallon Rainbow Center**

I Scream for Ice Cream with The Ark, Inc. Open House for the After School Education Enrichment Program and learn about and Sign-Up for the Summer Safe Harbor Program.



CEO SENSORY PATH AT GRISWOLD HEIGHTS



**June 14, 2019 1PM-2PM+
Griswold Heights**

Sensory Path Dedication with CEO and Troy Boys and Girls Club. Activity and snack. The Sensory Path will be open and dedicated and families will learn about CEO services.

An outdoor sensory path, much like the one pictured above, is being installed at Griswold Heights in the area in between the community center and the splash pad.

The Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) is creating the sensory path as part of their annual community action campaign.

A sensory path is a colorful, creative and playful way for kids to develop skills like balance, hand-eye coordination, spatial awareness and cooperation.

The sensory path created by CEO will be used during their Head Start Program*, which operates on school days during the school year, and by the Troy Housing Authority Help With Homework Club and Summer Nutrition Program. When the path is not in use by these programs it will be available to all of our residents.

Troy Housing Authority is grateful to CEO for providing us with this new resource during their day of community action.

* CEO's Head Start Program at Griswold Heights is recruiting 3 & 4 year old children for 2019 school year. Apply at CEO's website <https://ceocap.mycopa.com/recruitment/welcome.epl> or contact CEO staff at **518-272-6012 ext. 206**.



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Un trabajador social de intérpretes en español esta disponible en la vivienda de troy para ayudar a los inquilinos y solicitantes que hablan español. Hágale saber al personal si necesita esta ayuda.

(A Spanish Interpreter Caseworker is available at Troy Housing Authority to assist Spanish speaking tenants and applicants. Let staff know if you need this assistance).



Summer Youth Employment



TROY HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Troy Housing Authority will be hiring a limited number of youth to work in the Summer Nutrition and Recreation Program this year. Motivated resident youth, ages 14-17, who are eager to work are encouraged to apply at the site office where you live. Not everyone who applies will be hired. Applicants will be screened to select those most willing to work. Applicants that seem most suited for employment will be interviewed by your Site Manager for further screening.

At the interview be prepared to discuss why you are the best candidate for a job, and whether or not you have other commitments this summer (summer school, sports, camps, etc). Youth hired will work up to 20 hours per week with assignments beginning as early as June 24, 2019 and continuing through August 30, 2019. Any eligible youth not initially hired will be placed on a waiting list. The work involves setting up for breakfast and lunch, serving breakfast and lunch, cleaning up after breakfast and lunch and leading activities between meals. See your Site Manager to complete an application.



Working for a Better Future

Because the Troy Housing Authority is limited, all youth are also encouraged to apply to the Rensselaer County Summer Youth Employment Program

RENSELAER COUNTY

The Rensselaer County Summer Youth Employment Program offers eligible youth, ages 14-18, paid job experiences during July and August. Work locations may include Troy Housing Authority sites.

Applications are available through, and should be returned to, School Guidance Offices or by calling **270-2860** (Rensselaer County One-Stop Employment Center).

Opportunities in the Rensselaer County Program are limited, so apply as soon as possible. Completing an application does not always guarantee employment.

Those youth who complete the **entire application** and submit it by the deadline are eligible to **competitively interview** for a position this summer. At the interview be prepared to discuss what kind of work you would like to do this summer, the transportation you will have to and from work, why you are the best candidate for a job, and whether or not you will be attending summer school.