

The **COMMUNITY** Connect

REACHING FOR THE STARS

JOBS PLUS BANQUET

THE WINNING HACG HORNETS
CARVER HEIGHTS DANCE TEAM

INSIDE: Information on
the City's Summer Youth
Employment Initiative

WINTER EDITION 2018

hacg directory

HACG

700 N. Jefferson Ave.
Goldsboro, NC 27530

Sharita Oates

ROSS Coordinator / Editor
(919) 736-7533

Fairview Apartments

1729 Edgerton Street
Goldsboro, NC 27530
(919) 735-5650
Fax: 735-1848

Lincoln Homes

1009 Slaughter Street
Goldsboro, NC 27530
(919) 735-4747
Fax: 587-9520

Elmwood Terrace

409 Hinson Street
Goldsboro, NC 27530
(919) 734-2251
Fax: 587-9519

West Haven Development

701 West Oak Street
Goldsboro, NC 27530
(919) 736-7566
Fax: 736-1662

GHA Maintenance

Emergencies
(919) 735-4080



Our Girl Scouts recently enjoyed the Disney on Ice in Fayetteville, NC and the Nutcracker Ballet in Raleigh, NC. We're looking forward to more exciting experiences in 2018!



WWW.HACG.ORG

RESIDENT NEWS

THE INFORMATION
THAT EFFECTS YOU

▼ We're Social

HACG has gone social. To ensure that you receive all important news, updates, and program information, please be sure that you like and follow us on your favorite social media sites.



@goldsborohousingauthority



@hacg_goldsboro



www.hacg.org



▼ Security Cameras

The HACG Board has approved a request to add security cameras at Lincoln Homes to increase the safety and security of HACG Residents. We are excited to move forward with this worthwhile project! Protecting our residents is a top priority.

▼ Internet Access

ConnectHomeUSA is a movement to bridge the digital divide for public housing residents in the United States, making them a platform for change. ConnectHomeUSA has recently selected the Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro as one of its newest communities. This movement will help residents in participating communities to get connected to the internet at home and provide residents with access to digital literacy training and educational content at a free or very low cost.

HACG is excited to begin implementing this project throughout our various communities.



▼ RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Shanika Lewis, Ross participant, completed her NA II class and passed her state exam!



COMMUNITY HOLIDAY LUNCHEONS

Celebrating Our Seniors



WESTHAVEN
FAIRVIEW
LINCOLN
ELMWOOD
LITTLE WASHINGTON



DUPONT CENTER & JOBS PLUS

Thank you to everyone who made our Dupont Center Open House a success! Missed out on the fun? No worries!

Stop by and meet our onsite Jobs Plus staff, learn about our programs, and tour the facility!

The Jobs Plus Annual Banquet was a great success. We celebrated so many rising stars for their employment and educational achievement.





fight the FLU

— via Kidshealth.org

The flu is annoying enough on its own. To avoid missing out on sports events, school, and other New Year fun, follow these tips:

Get the flu vaccine. It's the best way to protect yourself against the flu. Getting vaccinated doesn't just protect your own health. It also helps the people around you because there's less chance you'll catch the flu and pass it on.

Wash your hands often! Hand washing also helps protect against other germs and illnesses that there aren't vaccines for, like the common cold. The great thing about hand washing is it's easy protection. So get in the habit of washing your hands when you come home from school, the mall, a movie, or anywhere else where you're around a lot of people.

Keep your distance if someone is sick (coughing, sneezing, etc.). Flu viruses travel through the air, so try to stay away from people who look sick. Of course, people who have the flu virus don't always look sick. That's where vaccines and hand washing come in.

It's also a good idea to avoid touching your nose, eyes, and mouth — three places flu viruses can easily enter the body.

Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow — not into your hands. That way, you're not spreading the virus when you touch surfaces that other people may touch too.

Stay home if you have the flu. You don't want to pass your germs to someone else. Staying home is a great excuse to curl up and watch your favorite movie, play video games, or read. Rest can help the body recover faster.

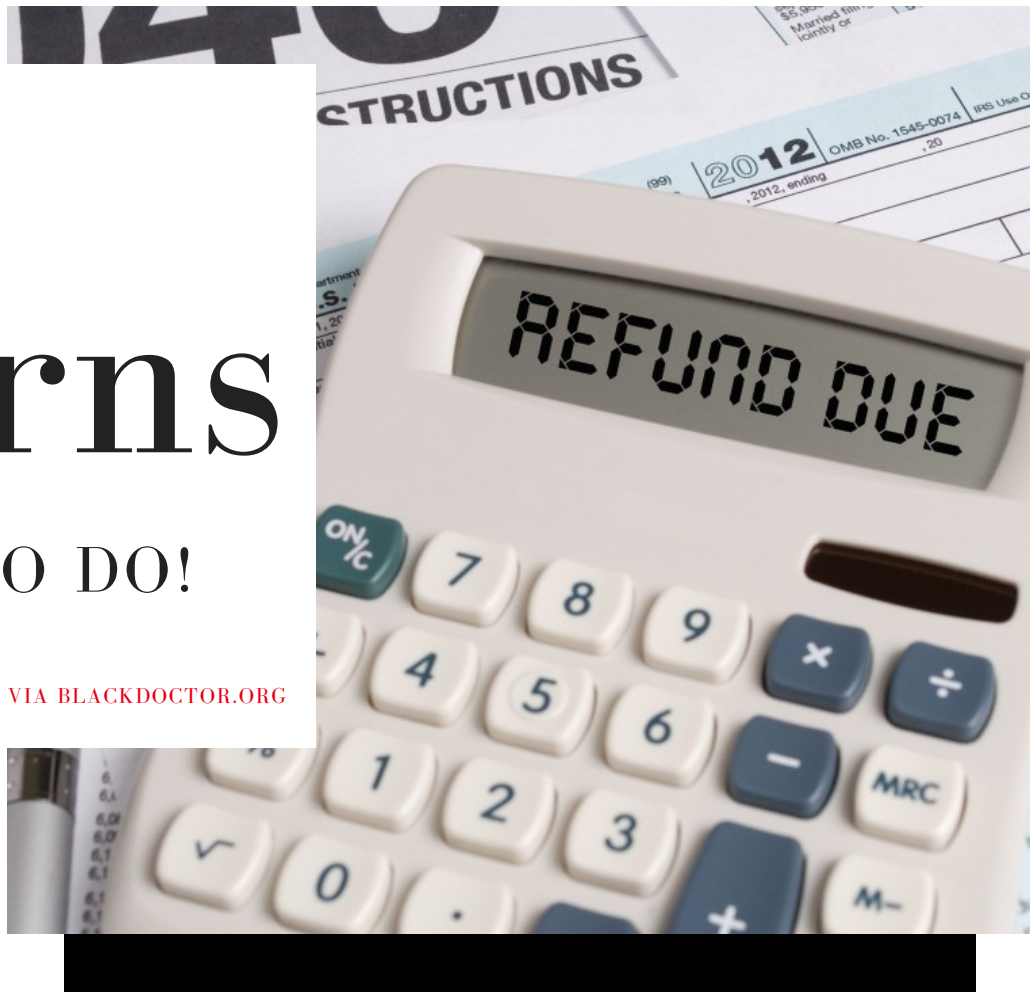
You also can fight the flu on a daily basis by keeping your immune system strong. Some great immune boosters are getting enough sleep, eating healthy foods, drinking plenty of fluids, and getting regular exercise.

Don't let the flu mess with your fall and winter fun. Fight back!

tax returns

WHAT NOT TO DO!

VIA BLACKDOCTOR.ORG



1. Get a new car. Income tax returns often mean automobile upgrades. But if the current one was still running fine, why upgrade and get into debt?! If you must buy a car for something important like your job, then buy for it cash. Do not have a car note (I repeat, DO NOT have a car note). If you finance the car, then you are setting yourself up to be right back in the same place that you were before you had this mountain of cash.

2. Buy new outfits. We see this time and time again. As soon as we get a little money, we go out and buy some clothes so that it LOOKS like we got a little money, but then there's no money in the bank, (shaking my head). Instead of buying that outfit that you had your eye on for awhile, do an inventory of your closet: do you really need a new pair of shoes or does your credit card being paid off sound better?

3. Pass down bad spending habits to others. Listen, if you have a family, don't share your bad financial habits with them. Once you get a refund check, think before you spend it. One good spending rule to live is this: if you want it, give it 72 hours. If you still want it after three days of thinking about it and the consequences surrounding it, then it should be open for you to purchase it. If there is any doubt in making the purchase, don't buy it. That's just the little angel on your shoulder trying to steer you in the right direction.

LEARN ABOUT BANK ACCOUNTS, BUDGETING, AND FINANCIAL PLANNING BY VISITING BANK ON WAYNE ON TUESDAYS!

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT



HACG will officially sponsor 10 students for the 2018 Summer Youth Employment Program. The Housing Authority is a key partner in the City of Goldsboro Summer Youth Employment Initiative which will offer at least 60 jobs this summer.

Duties and tasks will vary, depending on placement. A variety of positions will be available, and work may include office staff, light laborers, and recreation support. Office staffers will file, fax, copy and perform data entry. Typing and computer skills are required. Light labor participants will work in landscaping, painting and general maintenance. Recreation support will interact with campers and assist senior counselors with games, crafts and other camp activities. The above duties are examples, and other duties may be assigned as necessary to specific placements.

Individuals will also be required to participate in enrichment opportunities one day each work week. These opportunities will include two components: 1) Training and 2) Excursions. Training will consist of soft skills training provided by Wayne Community College and financial literacy training to enhance skills and provide a more comprehensive experience to the youth. Excursions will include trips to sites that will enhance learning and expose students to new experiences. Training and excursions will include paid time for youth employees.

Helping invest in our youth and increase their employment experiences is a high priority for us here at HACG. Youth interested are encouraged to apply and find our more information by visiting the City's website.



Congratulations to our **HACG Hornets** the 2018 SERC Basketball 12u Champs!



Carver Heights Dance Team



The Carver Heights Dance Team was created by Rainee Coakley, a junior at Wayne School of Engineering. While trying to settle on what to do to fulfill her school's requirements for community service hours, she made the decision do something meaningful and relevant to her life. For Rainee, that is dance. It was her desire to share her passion of dance to young girls who would not normally have the opportunity to do so, and she chose to focus her attention to the third graders at Carver Heights Elementary.

She has been able to take them to see the Nutcracker and will be introducing them to other local dance performances, such as Dance for Christ. The students were able to perform themselves at their winter PTA program and are already working on their dance pieces for their spring performance. Thank you, Rainee Coakley, for believing our children and dance matter!



APPLE MATH & READING NIGHTS

These reading and math nights provide children and parents with activities that will assist with preparation for the EOG's and Benchmark assessments. It's fun and prizes for the whole family. Pictured above are winners of \$50 gift cards, other giveaways included bikes and laptops. We hope to see you at our next night geared towards learning and education!

**DILLARD MIDDLE &
CARVER HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY**



Help Your Child Succeed in School: **Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early** School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

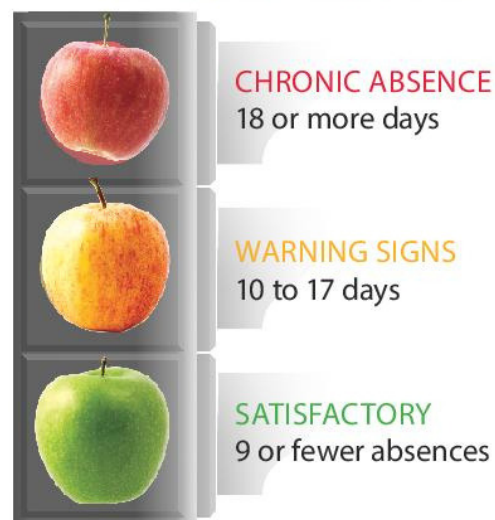
- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

For more on school readiness, visit attendanceworks.org and reachoutandread.org



TIPS | for parents of Third Graders

Read about it, talk about it, and think about it! Find ways for your child to build understanding, the ultimate goal of learning how to read. The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child.

■ Make books special.

Turn reading into something special. Take your kids to the library, help them get their own library card, read with them, and buy them books as gifts. Have a favorite place for books in your home or, even better, put books everywhere.

■ Get them to read another one.

Find ways to encourage your child to pick up another book. Introduce him or her to a series like *The Boxcar Children* or *The Magic Tree House* or to a second book by a favorite author, or ask the librarian for additional suggestions.

■ Crack open the dictionary.

Let your child see you use a dictionary. Say, "Hmm, I'm not sure what that word means... I think I'll look it up."

■ Talk about what you see and do.

Talk about everyday activities to build your child's background knowledge, which is crucial to listening and reading comprehension. Keep up a running patter, for example, while cooking together, visiting somewhere new, or after watching a TV show.

■ First drafts are rough.

Encourage your child when writing. Remind him or her that writing involves several steps. No one does it perfectly the first time.

■ Different strokes for different folks.

Read different types of books to expose your child to different types of writing. Some kids, especially boys, prefer nonfiction books.

■ Teach your child some "mind tricks".

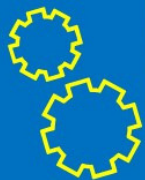
Show your child how to summarize a story in a few sentences or how to make predictions about what might happen next. Both strategies help a child comprehend and remember.

■ "Are we there yet?"

Use the time spent in the car or bus for wordplay. Talk about how jam means something you put on toast as well as cars stuck in traffic. How many other homonyms can your child think of? When kids are highly familiar with the meaning of a word, they have less difficulty reading it.

Visit www.ReadingRockets.org for more information on how you can launch a child into a bright future through reading.

UPCOMING EVENTS



WHAT CAN WE OFFER YOU?

Education Assistance

Get your GED, High School Diploma, a Certification, or work towards a Degree

Job Preparation

Improve your resume, get assistance with job applications, plan your career, meet with local employment agents and network.

Money Management

Repair your credit and learn how to establish a monthly financial budget.

WE'VE GOT YOUR CHILDCARE & TRANSPORTATION COVERED



**CONTACT A ROSS COORDINATOR AT
919.736.7533**

WEST HAVEN RESIDENTS



Make a Difference, By Becoming a

COMMUNITY COACH

20 Hours a Month = STIPEND
FOR MORE INFORMATION
919.288.2092



FREE GED CLASSES

SELF-PACED COMPUTER COURSE

Contact Jobs Plus to Schedule Initial Assessment
919.288.2092



CITY LIFE STUDENT MINISTRY PRESENTS

LIFE HOUSE!

Music + Games + Conversation
THE WINTER EDITION

**JAN
31
7P
2018**

**@ARTS COUNCIL
OF WAYNE COUNTY**
102 N JOHN ST, GOLDSBORO, NC
CITYCHURCHGOLDSBORO.ORG

CONNECT WITH US   

**A BOOK CLUB FOR
PRESCHOOLERS!**
& THE PARENTS WHO LOVE THEM

- ★ Monthly Club Meetings
- ★ Storytime
- ★ Early Literacy Activities
- ★ & So Much More!

**PLAY. HAVE FUN.
MAKE NEW FRIENDS**

*Perfect
for Ages
3-5*

SydneyBookClub.org For More Info

JOIN THE FUN ON THESE DATES:

February 7th
February 21st
March 7th
March 21st

5-6pm
@ Fairview Community Center




ELMWOOD COMMUNITY
**LENDING LIBRARY
KICK OFF**
FEB 15TH AT 4PM



Food
Games
Special Story Time Guest
& FREE Books

Sharing our love of reading with the community!

Part 2
Educational Forum: A Parental Initiative for
Restoring Our Youth in the Community

**Let's  YOUR
VOICE**

We want to hear from you!

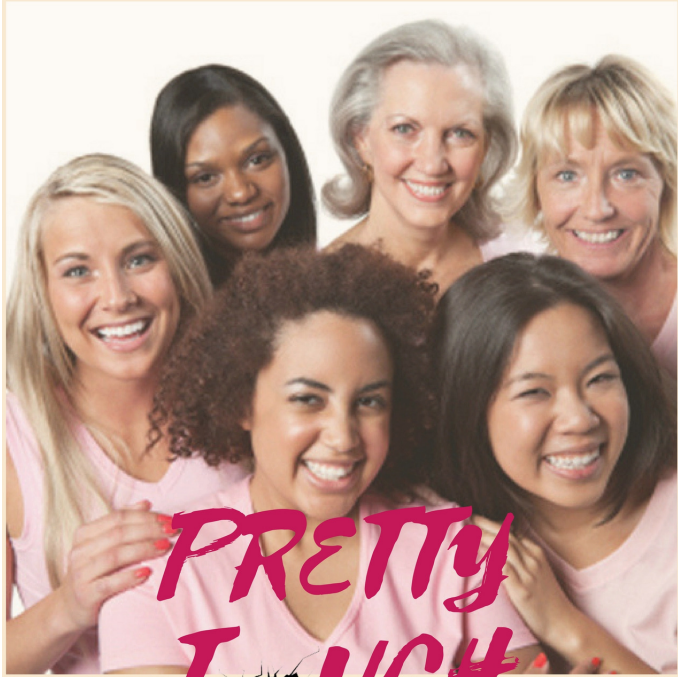
Monday, February 26, 2018
6-8 P.M.


1
Come prepared
with >

2
Concerns
Ideas
Suggestions

Location:
Fairview Community Center
1906 Edgerton Street
Goldsboro, NC 27534

For additional information
Lashaundon Perkins
renovationglivesinc@gmail.com



**PRETTY
T  UGH**

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP
February 27th - 4pm
@ Fairview Community Center
Transportation provided
Refreshments will be served
RSVP: 919.947.0964

2
0
1
8



Grand Prize **Winner!**
Zerin, Age 18
Seattle, WA
For more about our winner,
see the back cover.

What **Home** Means To Me

NAHRO Launches 2019 What Home Means to Me Calendar Contest! NAHRO's Housing America campaign holds a poster contest each year for children residing in affordable housing and community developments owned or administered by NAHRO member agencies. Each of our developments will be having a poster party, see below for more information!

What Home Means to Me Poster Parties

Monday, February 19th -Fairview Community Center

Tuesday, 20th - Lincoln Community Center


Wednesday, 21st- Dupont Center

Thursday, 22nd -Elmwood Community Center

4-6pm

Gifts will be given to all participants and food will be served!

ART CONTEST



2018

RESOLUTIONS

STOP

IN 2018 I WILL STOP....

START

IN 2018 I WILL START....

WANT

WHAT I REALLY WANT IN 2018 IS....

IMPROVE

WHAT I WILL IMPROVE UPON IS....

LEARN

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO LEARN IS....

TIPS:

1. Start small and be realistic. Make resolutions you think you can keep.
2. Talk about them. Tell friends and family who can keep you accountable.
3. Track your progress. Each success will help keep you motivated.
4. Don't beat yourself up. No one is perfect and obsessing over the occasional slip up won't help. Try to have fun with the process.

FROM THE CEO

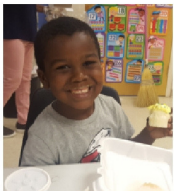
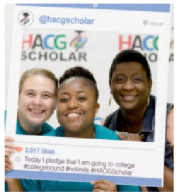
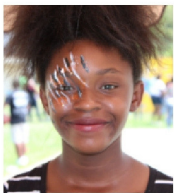


Happy New Year! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season and that your 2018 is off to a great start. You'll notice in this issue that we have had a rewarding, yet busy last few months. From the ribbon cutting of the new Dupont Center, and celebrating our seniors, to our HACG Hornets bringing home the first place trophy in a recent housing basketball tournament. Not to mention that we've added new partners, expanded our events, and in the coming months will be improving the lives of our residents by installing security cameras and broadband internet connections throughout our communities.

We're excited about all that 2018 is set to bring and would love for you to join us in making this year one of the best yet! For starters join us on social media, then consider utilizing the tips within this newsletter to set realistic goals, protect your finances, and engage your child for school at home.

Let's work together and make this new year, one that our future will be thankful for!

ANTHONY GOODSON, JR.
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



A LEADER IN THE COMMUNITY, HACG ENCOURAGES PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND UPWARD MOBILITY OF OUR RESIDENTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS... BRIGHTENING SPIRITS TO REGAIN OPTIMISM.

WE ARE SOCIAL

LIKE FOLLOW SHARE

