

# #THIS IS COLUMBIA HOUSING

WEEKLY ROUNDUP OF CH HAPPENINGS: JUNE 13 - JUNE 17, 2022



## Resident Success Story - Henry Boykin

Henry Boykin who lives at Oak Read Highrise is adventurous and excited about life. But it hasn't always been that way.

Mr. Boykin lost his wife 12 years ago. He stopped taking care of himself and his health declined. All that changed after he met Shonda Jordan, the Senior Services Coordinator at Columbia Housing.

Shonda connected Mr. Boykin to healthcare services through the SeniorCare PACE Program at Prisma Health and he loves it. "I feel like I'm getting back to my old self," says Boykin.

Shonda can't say enough about how much the program is helping Mr. Boykin and other residents at the High Rise. "From health screenings, to medical exams, food, medications fun activities with transportation— the PACE Program offers so much."

Columbia Housing sends a HUGE THANK YOU to Prisma Health's SeniorCare Pace Program for this important partnership!

To learn more about the Prisma Health SeniorCare PACE Program, please call 803-931-8175 and the team will be happy to assist you.

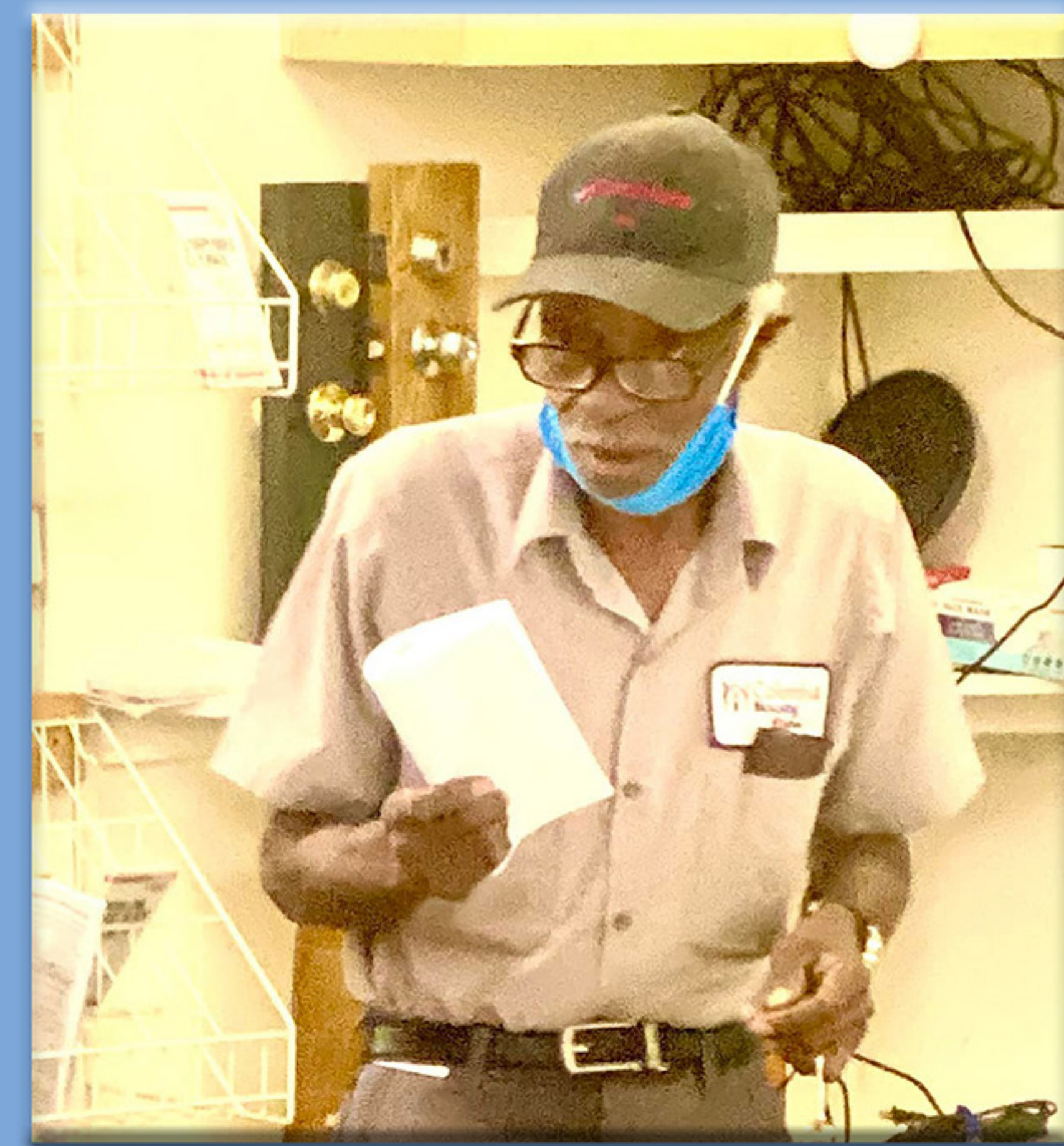
## Mr. Edward Brown Celebrates 47 Years of Service!

Let's give a round of applause and a hearty congratulations to Mr. Edward Brown—Columbia Housing's longest serving employee!

The Maintenance Department hosted the celebration in honor Mr. Brown's 47 years of service.

CEO Yvonda Bean said, "Mr. Brown is a delight to have on the team. He loves his job and takes his responsibility to meet our residents maintenance needs seriously".

Thank you for years of dedication Mr. Brown!



## Yvonda Bean named Chief Executive Officer by Columbia Housing Board!

At a Special Called Board Meeting held June 13, 2022 Chairman Ernest W. Cromartie III called for the motion to name Yvonda Bean as permanent CEO; Commissioner James Chatfield made the motion and it was enthusiastically seconded by NOT just one; but THREE other Commissioners all at the same time!

Upon accepting the position Bean said to the Board: "I want you all to know how much it means to me to be afforded this opportunity to work with you to lead this wonderful organization. I'm also super excited and grateful to work alongside an awesome team. They're more than just staff. They are my team."

**Congratulations, Yvonda Bean!**



### COLUMBIA MAYOR DANIEL RICKENMANN:

"I've had the opportunity to meet with Yvonda Bean on several occasions and I've been impressed by her demonstrated leadership and knowledge in the affordable housing industry."



### COLUMBIA CITY COUNCILMAN ED MCDOWELL:

"Yvonda Bean is the right person in the right position at the right time. I see very good things ahead for Columbia Housing and the overall community. This is good for the City of Columbia."



# COMMUNITY RESOURCES



You are invited to attend the  
**LOWER RICHLAND  
TRANSPORTATION  
PUBLIC MEETING**

Garners Ferry Adult Activity Center  
8620 Garners Ferry Rd, Hopkins, SC 29061  
**June 20, 2022 6pm to 8pm**  
*Light refreshments will be served.*

**New Date!**

**THE COMET WANTS TO HEAR FROM  
THE LOWER RICHLAND COMMUNITY.  
COME HAVE YOUR VOICES HEARD!**

Please join The COMET Management Team for an  
engaging public meeting. We want You to tell Us  
how to make The COMET better for You.

Can't attend? You can still give us  
your feedback. Scan QR Code or  
[Click here](#) to take our survey!

In Partnership  
with your Elected Officials:

Sen. Darrell Jackson  
Rep. Wendy Brawley  
Rep. Jermaine Johnson  
Councilwoman Chakisse Newton  
Councilwoman Cheryl D. English  
Mayor Phillip Gunter, Eastover  
Commissioner Cheryl Harris  
Commissioner Tamika Myers  
Commissioner Robert Lominack  
Commissioner Angela Clyburn

For more information, contact Teowonna Clifton at 803-743-1126 or [tclifton@desainc.com](mailto:tclifton@desainc.com).

## Lower Richland Transportation Public Meeting!

Monday, June 20, 2022 - 6pm to 8pm

Garners Ferry Adult Activity Center  
8620 Garners Ferry Road, Hopkins, SC 29061

The COMET wants to hear from the Lower Richland Community about how to make the COMET better for you!

If you can't attend, you can still participate by scanning the QR code on the flyer and taking a short survey.

*Light refreshments will be served.*



## GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM

The Greater Farrow Road Foundation and area churches are hosting a Gun Buyback Program June 20 – 21, from 4 pm – 7 pm at the M.L. Smith Community Center, on Farrow Rd.

People will receive \$100 per handgun and \$200 per assault rifle. The event is anonymous and no questions will be asked. So if you know somebody.....

Thank you Pastor Michael Baker for your leadership.  
#CommunityEngagement



Join us Saturday June 18th at The South Carolina Juneteenth Freedom Fest starting at 12:30pm at the Benedict College Charlie W. Johnson Stadium.

Our Resident Services and Strategic Initiatives Team will have a table set up there—So STOP BY! We've got great giveaways!

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#CommunityEngagement  
#HousersAtWork

# \$0 Tuition and Fees

## Are you eligible?



This summer and fall, new and continuing students at Midlands Technical College may be eligible for \$0 tuition and fees!

We aim to help you get the education and training needed to transform your tomorrow. View the requirements at [MIDLANDSTECH.EDU/zero](http://MIDLANDSTECH.EDU/zero).

### Here's what to do next:

- New academic students will need to apply to MTC. Complete the MTC application for free using code WSFF2022.
- Get your financial aid process started.
- Register to attend the MTC Quick Start Day June 25, 2022 and get all the steps taken at one time.

**Act quickly, the deadline to enroll in classes for Fall 2022 Semester is August 12, 2022.**

### OUR MISSION

**BECAUSE COLUMBIA HOUSING CARES, WE ARE LEVERAGING THE POWER OF HOUSING TO BUILD A FOUNDATION FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TO THRIVE.**

### OUR VISION

**COMMUNITIES OF OPPORTUNITY WHERE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES CAN LIVE, WORK, AND THRIVE TO THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL.**

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