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WEEKLY ROUNDUP OF CH HAPPENINGS: VOLUME 13

Resident Commissioner Spotlight & Success Story: Commissioner George Green

Commissioner George Green is a dedicated volunteer at Columbia Housing!

Before being appointed to the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Green served in a host of resident leadership capacities; including the Resident Executive Council. This week Commissioner Green celebrated his birthday. We were on hand to help the Commissioner mark the special occasion and came bearing gifts. We even got Mr. Green to show off some of his golfing trophies!

Thank you Commissioner Green for your outstanding community service to the residents at Columbia Housing.

CEO Yvonda Bean noted “Mr. Green is such a dedicated and effective leader. We are very fortunate to have his wisdom and guidance as we move forward.”



Strong Fathers - Strong Communities! Unity in the Community at Latimer Manor

We love Celebrating Our Residents.

On Saturday, June 25, 2022, we were back in the Latimer Manor Community for the Strong Fathers-Strong Communities Event—all part of our Unity in the Community Series. Family fun, friendly fellowship, good music & community resources. That’s how WE do it.

Huge acknowledgement of our strong fathers who understand that through their example their children develop strong traits for future success.

Staff volunteers came out to support the Resident Services & Strategic Initiative Department’s Strong Fathers-Strong Communities event at Latimer Manor. We appreciate their ongoing efforts to put residents first and bring quality programming to our communities.

Our celebration of Strong Fathers - Strong Communities at Latimer Manor included a Old School vs New School Dance Off with staff and residents! Everyone had a blast and the Old School team showed up and showed out!

We appreciate our community partners that brought information and resources to our families. Richland Library, Columbia Urban League, It’s Your Move, LLC, G.A.N.G.S., N’dugu Kwa N’dgu Mentoring Group, Midlands Fatherhood Coalition, healthcare and law enforcement representatives and the Board of the Resident Executive Council all manned tables during the day.

Special thanks to SVP Resident Services & Strategic Initiatives Tashia Stewart for sponsoring the event with Chief Planners Ivan Carter & Ivan Lattimore. Shout out to CEO Yvonda Bean for your strong leadership!



2022 Juneteenth Celebration at Benedict College

On Saturday, June 18, 2022 CH Staff participated in the 6th annual South Carolina Juneteenth Freedom Fest at Benedict College’s Charlie Johnson Stadium.

Huge SHOUT OUT to The South Carolina Juneteenth Freedom Fest for having us at their 6th annual event. It was great to be out meeting and fellowshiping with so many other organizations.

Thanks to everyone who stopped by our tent for information on our homeownership program and resident and family services programming!!

CH Staff Celebrates New CEO Yvonda A. Bean

S. U. R. P. R. I. S. E. !!!!

When the Board named Mrs. Yvonda Bean to the permanent CEO post Monday June 13 — the very next day she had work travel to represent the agency at the SERC NAHRO Conference in New Orleans and then at a series of meetings in Washington, DC (so the staff had to wait a week or so to celebrate her).

We got her good! She was so surprised! Congratulations Yvonda Bean! Your team is so happy for you; and ready to help execute your vision!

As one team member put it, "Ms. Bean, I have never seen so many people to appreciate their CEO. I have been working here for a long time and have worked close to management, have seen them come and go. I have never experienced the joy, love and respect that we all receive from you."



CH Attends 58th Annual Greater Columbia Community Relations Council Awards Luncheon

Beautiful afternoon celebrating with Greater Columbia Community Relations Council at its 58th Annual Awards Luncheon at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center!

The luncheon celebrates Midlands area individuals, groups and businesses who continue to bring our community together. We all benefit from that!

Congratulations to the 2020 and 2022 award winners!

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Summer Feeding Program Brings Meals to CH Youth

During the school year, many children receive a free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch through the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Program. When schools let out, many children are at risk of going hungry. Lack of nutrition during the summer months may set up a cycle for poor performance once school begins and make children more prone to illnesses and other health issues.

The Summer Food Service Program and the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) are designed to fill that nutrition gap and provide children with the nutritious meals they need and deserve.

They are federally-funded programs that provide free meals to school-aged children, 18 years old or younger, living in an area-eligible location. South Carolina's Summer Food Service Program is the Summer Break Café.

Columbia Housing has three participating communities in the Summer Break Cafe program; Latimer Manor, Hammond Village and The Reserves. Meals will be available until August 12, 2022.

For more information, please contact Youth Services Coordinator Keisha Lewis at klewis@columbiahousing.org.



City of Columbia Spray Pools and Splash Pads - NOW OPEN!

Splash Pad/Spray Pools Locations (Free and open to the public)

The following spray pools will be open from Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and closed on Sundays:

Lorick Park – 1600 Lorick Ave.
Pinehurst Park – 2300 Pinehurst Rd.

The following spray pools will be open from Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. and will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays:

Edisto Discovery Park – 1914 Wiley St.
Emily Douglas Park – 2500 Wheat St.
Heathwood Park – 800 Abelia Rd.
Melrose Park – 1500 Fairview Rd.
Sims Park – 3500 Duncan St.
Anna's Park – 1315 Liberty Hill Ave.

Drew Park splash pad located at 2101 Walker Solomon Way will operate the following hours: Monday-Saturday from 12-8 p.m.; Closed on Sundays