

SEASONS OF SUCCESS 21ST CENTURY LEARNING CENTER

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WELCOME TO THE 2022 - 2023 SUMMER AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!

The Mississippi Department of Education, through the Office of Federal Programs, has selected Columbus Housing Authority's Seasons of Success to receive funding for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant. Seasons of Success (SOS) provides opportunities for academic and enrichment activities to students and their families while school is not in session. The primary focus of the program will be Reading and Math instruction and remediation. However, character education, drug and violence prevention programming, physical and recreational activities, STEM, and fun field trips are also available to 21st CCLC participants. All 2nd - 5th grade students currently enrolled in Columbus Municipal School District are eligible to attend. However, students living in Columbus Housing Authority will have enrollment priority. SOS Summer program will operate Monday - Friday beginning June 6 and ending on July 1, 2022. Hours of operation are from 9:00am - 2:00pm.

For more information or to enroll your child, please stop by or call:

Seasons of Success
912 11th Ave. South
Columbus, MS 39701
662-657-1600

Seasons of Success Staff

2nd Grade

Mrs. Jeanette Norman
Mrs. Ruby Grace

3rd Grade

*Mrs. Nancy Wicks
Ms. Monica Hudson

4th Grade

Mrs. Connie Davis Sharma
Mrs. Teresa Rush

5th Grade

Mrs. Leatha Anthony Mrs.
Addie Walker

Guidance

Mrs. Chrystal Newman
Mrs. Hattie Miller

Wellness and Nutrition

*Coach Johnny Rush
Custodian

*Mr. Cleveland Walls

**Not Pictured*



Thanks to Our Partners!



CHA Neighborhood News

Summer 2022

From the Desk of the Executive Director

Future Agency Planning

Over the course of the past couple of years, we have all had to make adjustments, change the way we do things, think differently and not to mention limit the places we go. One thing we all had in common was to quarantine in the place we call home. As a sixty (60) plus year old public housing entity whose mission is to provide safe, decent housing, we realize the age of our properties is beginning to show and improvements need to be made. To address our aging apartments and structures, we have been working behind the scenes to find ways of improving our public housing properties.

We have been going to trainings, learning about resources, development, new constructions, and how to do major renovations. We have consulted with other public housing authorities around the state and nation who have gone through the revitalization process. As a result, we have been in contact with another Mississippi Housing Authority in which we have entered into an agreement with to assist with the renovation process that we have begun taking on. Some of the things planned are: redo the inside of all units, replace roofs, electrical, and plumbing. This will be a long, detailed process that will take a lot of planning, organizing, and coordinating.



As requirements are identified that demand action, we will keep you, our residents informed by hosting site meetings, distributing fliers, and newsletters. As residents, we welcome your suggestions, comments, and help. One way you can be of assistance is to participate in the free programs we offer through our ROSS Program. You can also volunteer by serving on our resident council association. Either way, we welcome and encourage you to take a part. Please call the office at 328-4236 for more information on our future planning and ongoing programs.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Housing authorities are now taking actions and terminating leases of individuals who owe outstanding past due balance. It is important that residents with account balances, contact the office to discuss the matter and to get information on rental and utility assistance that is now available to help prevent evictions. Residents who have not contacted the office previously regarding rent or their accounts are strongly encouraged to do so as soon as possible. You may call us at 662-328-4236. Email us at col-hou@chauthority.org or come by the office to handle rent and housing related affairs. Failure to respond and take action can lead to serious consequences such as eviction, even homelessness.

It is our duty to assist people by providing shelter, but on the other hand it is the responsibility of individuals being provided the shelter to properly follow the rules and do their part to maintain it. It is a privilege to live in public housing and receive the services being offered. While we are here to help, we must take necessary actions to hold people accountable and not allow them to abuse the system.



Debra Taylor
Executive Director



Summer 2022

RENTAL ASSISTANCE IS STILL AVAILABLE

If you are still experiencing a hardship due to loss of income because of COVID, the RAMP program is still open for the time being. If you qualify, we encourage you to apply for help with your rent or utilities. It is not hard to apply, and all you must do is verify your income and your rent or utilities.



Most people do not realize that this program is designed to help financially, however, it is still your responsibility to communicate with our office to keep us informed on the progress of your application. Do NOT stop paying your rent in hopes that RAMP will cover it all! Set up payment arrangements, update proper paperwork, then, once RAMP pays, you will have that credit on your account to help ease the hardships you are facing now.

If you have any questions about the RAMP program or you need help with the application, please contact our office or the public library, and we will try to assist you any way we can.

There is help out there, you just have to ask! Stay positive and encouraged!

Blessings,

Lisa P Self
Office Manager

Maintenance Department

Notification: Over the course of the next couple of months, maintenance will be entering units for HQS inspection preparing for upcoming HUD inspection, and as a reminder that there will be charges to anything beyond normal wear and tear. We like to encourage customers to please keep units cleaned and sanitized.

Garbage/furniture disposal

We need all residents to please be mindful of how to properly dispose of cooking oil. Please use proper containers instead of dumping it down the kitchen sink, throwing it out windows or behind the units. The city has provided news articles about how to dispose of old furniture and any items other than trash. Please follow the requirement to avoid fines being added to your account. \$25 fines are still being added to account of resident who fail to keep their area around their unit clean, have items on the porch other than outdoor furniture and leave wheeled trash carts on the front or on the curb after trash pick-up.



After Hour Maintenance Calls

When maintenance is contacted after hours or during the weekends, please keep in mind that there will be possible delays in the time in which they arrive to your unit and the time you call due to other service calls being responded to, travel between calls, and the need to locate materials and parts. Maintenance may not be able to complete all repairs requested due to the time in which they are responding, vendors not being available, and the type of repairs being made requiring more time and persons to complete the work. They may also have to return at a later day and time to complete the repairs.



Important Dates:

Rent is due by the 1st

Rent is late by the 7th

Possible court charges after the 15th

New applications taken every 3rd Wednesday

Please pay rent on time to avoid additional charges and/or eviction!

SUMMER 2022

UPCOMING

ROSS PROGRAMS & CLASSES

9
JUNE

GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

This is a free ongoing support group for adults. This is an opportunity meet other grieving people and share experiences and coping strategies. 12:15 PM Second Thursday of each month. - ROSS Friendly City Resource Center- Shield Sims Building

BUDGETING 101

Learn basic budgeting skills and ways to save. 1:00 PM AM-ROSS Friendly City Resource Center- Shield Sims Building. Classes are 2nd Monday of the month Junw -August.

13
June

1-31
JULY

"CHRISTMAS IN JULY" FOOD DRIVE

We're hosting a "Christmas in July" Food Drive! Our Food Drive will run Friday, July 1 – Sunday, July 31. Items will be donated to food bank. Participatns names will go in for a drawing for every five items donated. Events will be planned throughtout the month. at each housing location.



SHARE NIGHTS

Parents receive community resources and share with others skills, talents, etc.

For info about this program and any other ROSS activity contact Jacklyn Weir @ 662-251-7426.

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JUNE
21
JULY

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2022 UPCOMING ROSS PROGRAM EVENTS

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BUDGETING 101

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**20
JAN**

**14
FEB**

HEART HEALTH BINGO

Play Bingo and learn interesting facts about about your heart. 1:00 PM ROSS Friendly City Resource Center- Shield Sims Building

MATTER OF BALANCE Fall Prevention Class for Elderly

A Matter of Balance is an award -winning 8 week program designed to manage falls and increase activity level.. 9:30 AM -11:30 AM Thursdays beginning March 24, 2022 at William Roberts Center

**24
MARCH**

For more information contact Jacklyn Weir at 662-251-7426



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 5-10:30am-1:00 pm-Love the Block (William Washington Center)

April 2-10:30 am-1:00pm- Love The Block (William Washington Center)

April 18 @ 11:30am-3:30 pm All Girls Matter (MLK Center)

April 23-9:00am-4:00pm Fiesta (Friendship Baptist Church)

May 20-June 10 Boys to Men Mentorship Program- Sign up

June 1 Prewitt Gregory (Humana) 11:00 AM @ Jessie Carter-Refreshments provided!

June 16, Father's Day Event

June 24 @11 am Humana Presentation

June 24 Family Bingo (MLK) 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

July 6-29 Summer Camp

July 30 Summer Camp- Incredible Pizza-Memphis, TN

August 2022 Girl Scout Membership



Resident Services/ Occupancy Corner

All Girls Matter

Is a program designed with our your girls ages (11-14) in mind to bring awareness and focus on personal development and goal achievement. We normally meet twice a month , and currently open to new girls. If you have a daughter that might be interested, contact the main office and ask for Vanessa Walker at (662) 328-4236.

Boys to Men Mentorship Program

Is a mentoring program for boys ages 5-17 years of age uniting them with positive mentors who will motivate, encourage, and inspire them to become productive young men. If you have a son (s) who is interested in have a mentor, please contact the main office and ask for Vanessa Walker at (662) 328-4236.

Youth Programs & Activities

*Youth & Children participated in numerous activities over the past months which consisted of:

*Love the Block (Vibrant Church) held at the William Washington Center the first Saturday of each month.

*All Girls Matter (CHA) girls met each month doing activities with 4-H, Health Department, staff, and inspirational speakers.

*Arts & Craft Funday- Youth enjoyed arts, crafts, food, fun, and fellowship.

*MAHRO (What Home Means To Me) Poster Contest-7 youth participate in the poster contest to compete with youth from other housing authorities.

*Fiesta (Friendship Baptist Church-Sturgis, MS- Nine youth and two staff participated in the Fiesta activities. We all had a great time!

*Block Party (KVIC & Life Church) adopted the Jessie Carter area and had a Block Party to celebrate the new partnership with the Columbus Housing Authority.



SUMMER IS COMING

SEASONS OF SUCCESS SUMMER AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM **GRADES 2-5**

JUNE 6 - JULY 1, 2022
Monday - Friday
9:00 - 2:00

WHAT WE OFFER:
FOCUS ON READING AND MATH
HOMEWORK HELP
INTENSIVE LEARNING
BEST TEACHERS
FUN FIELD TRIPS EVERY FRIDAY
PE AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

ENROLL TODAY!

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED

REGISTRATION: MAY 1- MAY 13, 2022
CALL OR STOP BY:

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE
OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF
COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY

SEASONS OF SUCCESS 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
912 11TH AVE. SOUTH, COLUMBUS, MS 39701
662-657-1600

COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY

SUMMER CAMP

OUR ACTIVITIES:
SWIMMING,
CRAFTS, GAMES,
KARATE, 4-H,
DANCE, FOOD,
FREE PLAY
AND MORE

>JULY 6-29
>7:00AM-3:00PM
>OPEN TO AGES 5 TO 17

PALMER HOME GYM
912 11TH ST. SOUTH COLUMBUS, MS 39701

CONTACT MRS. WALKER AT (662) 386-4736 OR (662) 328-4236

vwalker@chauthority.org

HAVE YOU SIGNED YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN UP FOR SUMMER CAMP?

FREE BINGO

JUNE 24

GAMES - GIVEAWAY - FUN
AT MLK COMMUNITY CENTER @ 5:30 PM
1501 M.L.KING DR, COLUMBUS, MS 39701

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
(VANESSA WALKER) 662-328-4236

vwalker@chauthority.org

GIRL SCOUTS

REGISTER August 1st!

Sign up with Vanessa Walker

SISTERHOOD GAMES TRIPS FUNDRAISERS

vwalker@chauthority.org / 662-328-4236



Many older adults experience a fear of falling. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. Columbus Housing Authority's Friendly City Resident Council's ROSS Service Coordinator Program, Mississippi State Department of Health and JTW Family Services have teamed up to bring **A Matter of Balance** to residents aged 60 or older living in Columbus Housing Authority.



A Matter of Balance program includes eight two-hour classes presented to a small group of 8-12 participants led by trained coaches. **A Matter of Balance** enables participants to reduce the fear of falling by learning to view falls as controllable, setting goals for increasing activity levels, making small changes to reduce fall risks at home, and exercise to increase strength and balance. This nationally recognized program was developed at the Roybal Center at Boston University.

Currently, Elois Smith, Community Health Director of MSDH and Jacklyn Weir, ROSS Service Coordinator, trained MOB coaches are conducting classes each Wednesday to a group of ten participants from 10:00 AM - 12 noon at the Shield Sims Center. These classes will conclude on June 22, 2022, with participants receiving a certificate of completion and a reception in their honor.



Be on the lookout for the next class which will be in the Fall of 2022. If you would like more information about MOB, fall prevention or any of the ROSS Service Coordinator programs, please contact Jacklyn Weir at 662-251-7426.



*Prewitt Gregory Humana Sales Agent
(662) 338-6863*

HUMANA

Mr. Prewitt Gregory, a licensed sales agent, will be holding a Medicare Educational Workshop for all residents eligible for Medicare or turning 65. This workshop is concerning the necessary help you need in order to get you the care that you need through Medicare. This workshop will consist of: Medicare (Part A, B, C, and D, coverage options, and eligibility. Please join us on June 24, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Jessie Carter Building. Please bring questions and a friend! Refreshments will be served.