

# Resident Report

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## Columbia Brookside Ribbon Cutting



*Mayor Nancy Denson joins AHA Board Chair Valdon Daniel to cut the ribbon at Columbia Brookside Senior Residences. On left, former Jack R. Wells resident Mary Stephens and AHA Executive Director Rick Parker; on right, Ada Holloway, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Director of Public Housing, Region 4.*

AHA Board of Commissioners and staff joined Columbia Brookside residents, Mayor Nancy Denson, HUD, Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and Columbia Residential staff members along with many community members to celebrate the Columbia Brookside Senior Residences ribbon cutting on April 22, 2015.

The event marked the grand opening of Phase 1 of Columbia Brookside, the new mixed-income property being constructed at the site of

the former Jack R. Wells community. Phase 2 is under construction now and Phase 3 will be completed in at the end of 2016. Phases 2 and 3 will be for families. When complete, Columbia Brookside will have 375 apartment homes, of which one-third will be public housing, one-third will be subsidized housing, and the remainder will be market-rate rents.

The day was a celebration of redeveloping the Jack R. Wells area and changing how public housing often is viewed by others.

# Neighborhood Corner

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

The recent Clarke Central High School Honors Night Program featured three AHA students. Rocksprings resident Zykeria Allen received the Ted Reigel award which included a \$1000 scholarship. Corey Greer of Newtown received the McDonald's Ray Kroc Youth Achievement Award which is given to a senior who displays integrity, motivation, and caring for other students. He also placed second in the Annual Teen Safety PSA Scholarship competition and was awarded a \$1000 Scholarship. CCHS junior, Fajr DeLane of Rocksprings received the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Youth Citizen Award and was also recognized with the Teacher Honor Student Award for Mathematics and for the A- Average Honor Roll. The AHA wishes them much success in the coming year.

## FAIR & IMPARTIAL POLICING

There's one more class left for the public and police to join together to discuss Fair and Impartial Policing. The last class will be held on Fri., June 12 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Call 706-613-3330 to confirm the class location and reserve a spot. The public is invited to attend to learn about practical skills to effectively deliver effective policing.

## *In Memoriam*



AHA Board of Commissioner member Jennie Mattox passed away on May 16, 2015. A resident of Parkview Ext. Ms. Mattox was a constant in the lives of many residents of the AHA. Ms. Mattox worked for the Athens Clarke County Leisure Services Department and served as the center leader for the Parkview Recreation Center from 1974 - 1992. Active in the Inter-Community Council (ICC) since 1999, she served as ICC board president from 2004-2014. In 2011, she was appointed to the AHA Board of Commissioners as the resident representative. She always encouraged residents to be active in their communities. She could be found most game day Saturdays with the ICC, helping to park cars for football games to raise money for the ICC and the ICC scholarship fund. Ms. Mattox greatest joy was to see AHA youth graduate from high school and continue their education. Her enthusiasm and her generous spirit will be missed by all.

## SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Several AHA community centers are sites for the Summer Food Service Program. Entering it's 25th year, the Summer Food Service Program is a dependable way to ensure that children and youth receive a healthy, balanced meal once a day throughout the summer. Even better, there is no cost to families for this program, making participation as easy as walking to the community center at serving time. Bonnie Lane will serve lunch at noon; Nellie B at 11:30 a.m.; and Towne View Place at 12:15 p.m. In addition, Athens Clarke Leisure Services runs summer day camps at the Broadacres and Parkview Centers. Lunch begins at Broadacres at 11:15 a.m. and at Parkview at 12:15 p.m. Children and youth do not have to be part of the day camp to participate in the Summer Food Service Program. To see a full listing of Summer Food Service Program serving sites, go to [www.athenshousing.org](http://www.athenshousing.org) or call 706-425-5354.

## FRESH VEGETABLES

The West Broad St. Farmers Market is open on Tuesdays from 4 - 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. EBT cards are accepted. The market is located at 1573 W. Broad St. Check out the supply of farm-fresh vegetables.



## New AHA Lease

As of July 1, 2015, all residents of the Athens Housing Authority will be required to sign a new lease. In the coming weeks, Property Management groups will be contacting their residents to notify them of where and when residents will report to sign their new lease. The lease was approved by the AHA board of commissioners at the April 2015 meeting. Residents were notified of the action and could view the new lease at the AHA office or online at our web site. As no significant comments were received in regard to the lease, it will take effect July 1. Please watch your mailbox carefully in order to know when you are to sign your lease.

If you do not receive a notification by the middle of June, please contact your Property Management group. It is a requirement that all residents sign the new lease. Those who do not will be in violation of the lease so please make sure that you have made arrangements to take care of this very important task.

## Summer Day Camps

There are still opportunities to sign up for summer day camps in the coming weeks. The Athens Tutorial Program will host a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) day camp from June 29 - August 7, 2015. With the help of guest speakers, hands-on projects, and field trips, students will have opportunities to be exposed to a variety of information about science and technology. Applications are available at the Athens Housing Authority main office and at the East Athens Development Corporation (EADC) office at 410 McKinley Dr. Applications can be mailed to Athens Tutorial at P.O. Box 49, Athens GA 30603. For more information, call 706-742-8240.

Spaces are still available for some, but not all, of the Athens Clarke County Leisure Services day camps. Call 706-613-3800 to learn about availability and scholarship information.

For Boys and Girls Club day camps, call 706-546-5914 to learn about availability and registration information.

## ICC Scholarship Winners



ICC Scholarship winners: Melissa Bishop, Rocksprings, attends Clayton State College, legal studies major; LaTonya Robinson, Parkview Ext., Athens Technical College, majoring in Early Childhood Education; Tempestt McWhorter, Scattered Sites West, University of West Georgia, majoring in Early Child Education; Mariah Isbell, Parkview Ext., Georgia College and State University; planning to major in child psychology. Not pictured, Sheva Moore, Scattered Sites East, Athens Technical College, majoring in Business Administrative Technology.

## New ICC Officers



New ICC officers were installed on June 1, 2015. Officers are as follows: LaTonya Robinson, President, Parkview Ext., Tara Sims, Asst. Secretary, Scattered Sites West; Sonya Fears, Treasurer, Towne View Place; Jan Bannister, Vice President, Rocksprings; Keenya Crawford, Secretary, Bonnie Lane; Keanna Brightwell, Asst. Secretary, Scattered Sites East.

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## *Summer Lunch Kick Off*



*(Photo left) On June 4, 2015, Georgia First Lady Sandra Deal joined with officials from the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL), Georgia Food Bank Association, the Georgia School Nutrition Program, AHA Board of Commissioners, Dr. Geraldine Clarke, State Rep. Regina Quick, State Rep. Chuck Williams, and Atlanta Falcons player Matt Bosch to honor the work of organizations and state agencies that sponsor and organize a variety of summer feeding programs in communities around the state. (Photo right) First Lady Sandra Deal and Atlanta Falcons player Matt Bosch receive instructions for distributing Summer Food Service Program meals to Nellie B children and youth at Nellie B. Staff from DECAL organized activities for children before and after lunch, including sack races, water balloon throws, bean bag toss, and hula hoops.*