



The Spring Edition

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Spring is in the air and we have lots of things going on at Sylvester Housing Authority. Renovations are always taking place authority wide. We would like to highlight just a few recent ones. Over at AMP 2 we are planning to open a office in Warwick. That office will be open part time and will make communication with our residents easier for them.

old carpet with LVT. LVT flooring last longer than traditional carpet and many of our residents prefer it. Kingsway recently had many of the entryway doors replaced. Kingsway is currently having bathtubs in some units repaired or replaced depending on their condition.

Our maintenance crew is always painting, plumbing or repairing

"It didn't matter how big our house was; it mattered that there was love in it."

- Peter Buffet, Life Is What You Make It: Find Your Own Path to Fulfillment

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Warwick also received all new mailboxes in the month of February. Many of our units have had flooring upgrades or are slated to have them. We will be replacing outdated and

something to keep our properties in good condition. SHA looks forward to updating you with many more of the renovations we have planned to make our properties better than ever.

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REAC Inspection

CHIP Grant



Kids Skate Free - log onto kidsskatefree.com to register your children. This program provides passes valid for children 10 years old and younger. Vouchers are redeemable at Stardust 2 Skate Center at 2881 Ledo Road, Albany, GA 31707. Vouchers can be used on Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Sundays 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Renting Skates is a separate \$2.00 charge.

Margaret Jones Library - The library is a wonderful resource for children. The library has computers and a summer reading program available for children of all ages. For more information please contact the library directly at 229-776-2096. The library is located at 205 E. Pope Street, Sylvester, GA 31791.

REAC stands for Real Estate Assessment Center. REAC is a program within HUD. A REAC inspection is used by HUD to ensure housing is safe, decent and affordable; with the goal to restore the public's trust by identifying fraud, abuse and waste of HUD resources.

REAC inspections are helping improve the quality of HUD housing throughout the nation.

In preparation for this inspection the SHA staff has been hard at working ensuring all units comply with REAC standards.

During the inspection residents should be aware that staff will be checking

the properties. Some of the things staff will be checking for is blocked exits, inoperative smoke detectors, leaks, air quality, exposed wires and tripping hazards.

If you have any questions or concerns about the inspections, please reach out to your AMP Manager.

In the fall of 2019 Sylvester Housing Authority was awarded a CHIP grant in the amount of \$300,000. CHIP stands for Community Home Investment Program. The purpose of this grant is to provide safe, decent and affordable housing in Georgia by granting funds to city and county governments, public housing authorities and other agencies. These funds are put towards rehabilitating owner-occupied homes or building/renovating affordable single-family homes which are then sold to eligible homebuyers.

Funding for the CHIP grant comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME Investment Partnership Program.

The SHA will be putting the CHIP grant funds toward the new construction of three single-family home. These homes will be built on a plot of land SHA already owns.

There will be a public hearing on March 23, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at 411 N Jefferson Street, Sylvester Georgia Board Room. Please attend the meeting if you would like to learn more about the home buying process, understand why your credit is important, determine if buying a home is right for you, gain access to attend a home buyer educational class.

We look forward to seeing you.



SHA Board Meeting

Regular board meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of every month. Meetings are held at 411 N. Jefferson, Sylvester, GA 31791 in the board room.



Calling all SHA Children grades K-12

Please join us at one of our upcoming art sessions. Children will create a poster that explains what home means to them.

March Art Sessions are set for the following dates:

Friday, March 6 - 804 Henderson
Friday, March 13 - 411 N Jefferson
Friday, March 20 - 104 Hamilton
Friday, March 27 - 804 Henderson

*Art sessions are from 5 pm - 7 pm

Please call Grace at 229-449-6687 with any questions.

WE  OUR
RESIDENTS

Valentine's Bingo Event

We held our quarterly resident appreciation event on Thursday, February 13, 2020. A big thank you to all our residents who came out and played bingo with us. We hope to see you at our next event.



Want to get involved? Join RAB

RAB stands for Resident Advisory Board

The main role of the RAB is to make recommendations in the development of the Public Housing Authority (PHA) plan.

The RAB provides SHA and residents with a forum for sharing information about the SHA. Membership is made up of individuals who reflect and represent the residents of the Sylvester Housing Authority. The role of members is to assist Sylvester Housing Authority with the development of the PHA plan. Participating in the board is beneficial to both the SHA and residents because it gives residents the opportunity to voice their concerns, needs and wants. SHA gains first-hand knowledge from residents on improvements needed throughout the facilities. This information can be very beneficial when the SHA is budgeting priorities and improvements.

We are actively looking for members. This board is open to all Sylvester Housing Authority residents. Serving on the RAB is completely voluntary. There is no term limit which means a resident can participate for as short or as long as they like. The only requirement is they are a current SHA resident. Participation usually involves a quarterly meeting, held during the early afternoon at the main office located on 411 N. Jefferson, Sylvester, GA 31791.

If you are interested or would like more information on the roles and responsibilities of a RAB member, please contact your AMP Manager. If you are ready to join call your AMP Manager and request a nomination form.



Office Hours

Regular Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Office Closures
Monday, May 25, 2020
Memorial Day



Important Dates

Sunday March 8, 2020 -
Day Light Savings starts

Thursday March 19, 2020 -
First Day of Spring

Wednesday April 1, 2020 -
Census Day

Sunday April 12, 2020 -
Easter Sunday

Sunday May 10, 2020 -
Mother's Day

Wednesday May 20, 2020 -
Worth County School Year
Ends

Housekeeping Inspections take place on the 5th of every month. Inspectors look for mold/mildew and other issues with units. The maintenance crew cleans out water heater closets and replaces air filters in each unit.