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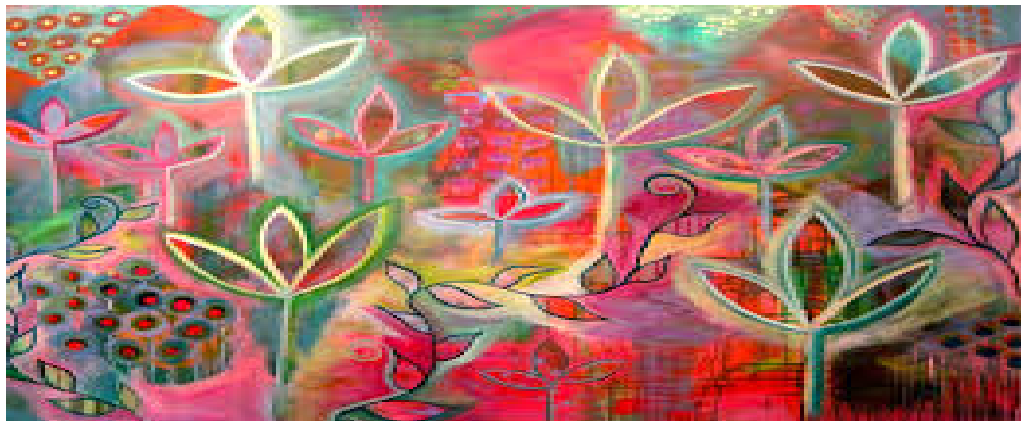
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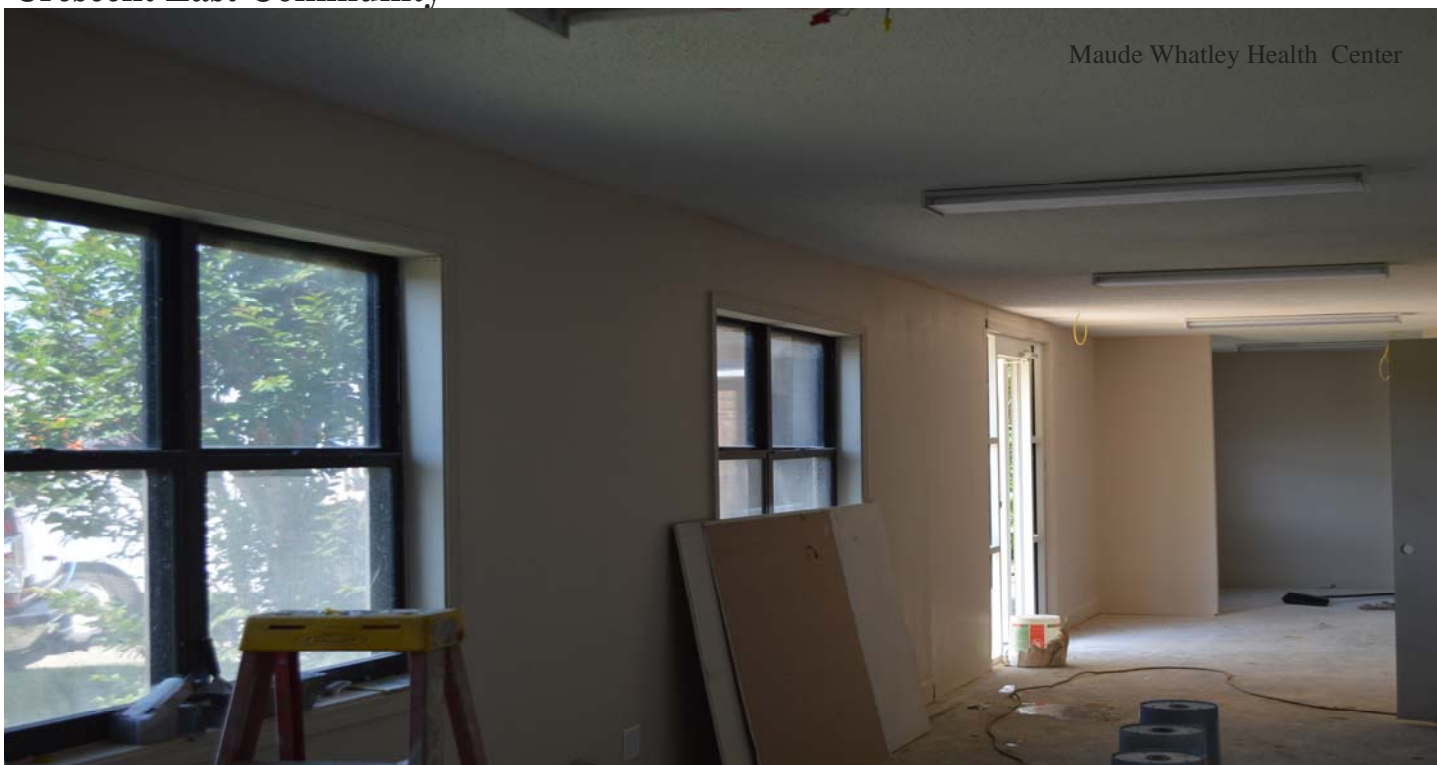
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THA's Quarterly e-Newsletter

Maude Whatley Health Clinic Crescent East Community



The Maude Whatley Health Center at Crescent East will be moving to a new larger building in the Summer of 2015. The new building will be double the size of the current facility and will allow the Maude Whatley staff the ability to increase the number of clients served. This new facility is currently undergoing remodeling activities to

accommodate the Health Center; completion is projected for June 2015. Improvements to the building will include additional examination rooms, a larger lab, additional administrative space and a larger waiting area.

Resident's Digest Staff

Jessica Alexander

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ROSEDALE III UPDATE

Construction is currently underway for Rosedale III. Construction started on April 22, 2015 and is projected to be completed Spring 2016.



HOMEOWNERSHIP

THA is excited to announce that four homes were sold during the month of April to qualifying first-time homebuyers; however, THA is working to qualify additional families for future development phases.

If you're interested in home ownership please visit www.tuscaloosahousing.org and complete the online home-ownership application

ROSEDALE

COMMEMERATION CEREMONY

THA hosted a commemoration ceremony to celebrate the lives of the victims who died in the April 27, 2011 tornado. Resident Commissioner Jeannette Barnes presented a plaque to the Rosedale Community, the plaque included the names of nine victims:

Kaiden Blair

Ta' Christiana Dixon

Airelle Edwards

Makayla Edwards

Sheens Nicole Hutchins

Zyqueria McShan

Lee Andrew Lee

Justin Le'Eric Thomas

Christian A. McNeil



Annie Braggs Retires

After 34 years of service to the Tuscaloosa Housing Authority, Mrs. Annie Braggs is retiring. Mrs. Braggs began her career in housing as a cashier-clerk and bookkeeper. She later became a Public Housing Manager, and is retiring as a Senior Housing Manager. When asked, she stated that her most memorable moment was when she became a Public Housing Manager. She has really enjoyed working with her fellow co-workers and with the residents. Mrs. Braggs stated that after 34 years of services, she has made some lifelong friends with those who were once residents.

The Tuscaloosa Housing Authority celebrated Ms. Braggs 34 years with a Retirement Luncheon on May 22nd in the community where she first worked as a Public Housing Manager, McKenzie Court. Her farewell luncheon was donned with live music, colleagues, and her family and friends.



Social Service Fair

The McKenzie Court Resident Council and the Hay Court Resident Council joined together to host the event in the McKenzie Court Community Room. Residents from both developments and the surrounding community obtained information about a variety of available services. McKenzie Court Resident Council President Rodney Logan told WVUA News, "If you are looking for a job, if you need to get your GED, if you help with your utilities, then this is the place to be." Representatives from Community Services Programs, Easter Seals of West Alabama, Shelton State, DHR, and the United Way were present. Residents received assistance with resumes from the Career Center. Whatley Health Services also conducted free health screenings. Several agency representatives agreed that these kinds of events should be held more often. Attendees enjoyed a free lunch and a smile served by the resident council officers from both McKenzie Court and Hay Court.



Resident Services Department

Do you have dreams that you want to achieve but don't know where to start? The Resident Services Department is here to help guide you along the path of success. The Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Coordinator and Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinators will help to make your dreams become a reality. Program coordinators provide direction, guidance, and support to keep you motivated on your journey to self-sufficiency.

The ROSS Program links public housing residents with valuable community resources that help promote and secure employment. The Program also helps provide assistance in areas required for maintaining self-sufficiency such as transportation and child care. If you are interested in obtaining your GED or college degree, locating and securing employment, managing your personal finances, or purchasing your own home, call the ROSS Coordinator, Jessica Alexander, TODAY at 758-6619, ext. 101.

The FSS Program provides coordination of services to public housing and Section 8 residents who are making an effort to become self-sufficient. The program is designed to work for you as you work to increase your earned income. As your earned income increases, HUD matches the increase in rent in an escrow (savings) account. Participants who successfully complete the program and its requirements are awarded the funds from the account. Escrow monies are often used as a down payment on a new home. To sign up, call Jackie Chaisson (public housing) at 758-6619, ext. 116 or Della Jackson (Section 8) at 758-6619, ext. 142.

Resident Council Updates

FREE SUMMER LUNCH

The Resident Councils of Hay Court, Crescent East, Branscomb, McKenzie Court, and Rosedale are excited about the opportunity to serve a free lunch to the youth in their community during the summer. The lunch program will **begin the week of June 1st and will end the week of July 31st**. Lunch will be served in the community room to children between the ages of 2 to 18 years old. McKenzie Court residents will be served in the PAL gym. The serving days and times are posted in the office or feeding site in your development.

SUMMER TIME FUN

You don't want to miss the **Hay Court Family Fun Day** to be held on **Saturday, June 6th** beginning at 11a.m. at the community room. Enjoy food, fun, and more. Here is another special treat for Hay Court youth: more **Summer Enrichment and Fun on Tuesdays and Thursdays** from 11am to 12pm in the community room. Free lunch will start at 12pm. All events are sponsored by the Tuscaloosa Hope Initiative.

If you live in **Rosedale Apartments**, fun is also coming your way! Join your neighbors at the **Community Block Party on June 30th**. Rosedale youth can enjoy **Summer Enrichment and Fun on Mondays and Wednesdays** from 9am to 11am in the community room. Free lunch will start at 11am. All events are sponsored by the Tuscaloosa Urban Mission.

If you live in **Crescent East** and are looking for events for your children, well look no further! **Summer enrichment** will begin **Monday, June 8th** at 10am to 11am in the community. Free lunch will be served at 11am.





The Tuscaloosa Housing Authority mission is to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. Meet the Staff committed to this mission.

(Seated L to R): Rita Harris, Jeff Sullivan, Olesia Southall, Willie Fort, Ralph Ruggs, Aspen Collins, Curtis Johnson, and Roni Knight.

(1st Row Standing L to R): Titanna Steele, Tamika Gaskins, Jackie Chaisson, Paula Nevins, Rob Wise, Jessica Alexander, Della Jackson, Margie Dykes, Brenda Hutcherson, Martha Wilson, and Cassandra Belle

(Back Row L to R): Dewayne Mayfield, Keith Brown, Dennis Anderson, Jim Rhein, Connor Guy, Bessie Ervin, Kimberly Johnson, Alma Bogan, Vinson Mott, Sonya LaFon, Julie Grogan, George Sanders, Keith Edwards, Charles Hinton, and Bruce Hanks