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# Resident's Digest

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## Highlighting a Community Partner:

## LIFT Program



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University resources, both financial and human capital, to improve the job skills of the adult and teen populations.

The program provides free classes for anyone in the community who would otherwise not have access to such courses and education because of lack of financial resources or other obstacles. A secondary goal is to provide support to the small business community and local entrepreneurs.

The training focuses on improving the job marketability of the participants by training them in software including Quickbooks, Excel, Word, and Powerpoint. Additional courses include Professional Development, Business Communication, GED Exam Preparation, and Reading Literacy. Trained University undergraduate and graduate students serve as tutors and guides and provide individual attention. Students are supervised and trained by staff and faculty.

To reserve your space, sign-up at [www.culverhouse.ua.edu/lift](http://www.culverhouse.ua.edu/lift) or call (205) 928-8258 and leave a message. Space is limited.

(2018, March 28) Retrieved from <https://culverhouse.ua.edu/lift>

## Jackson Apartments Phase II Updates



Construction on Jackson II will begin May 2018 and is expected to be completed by the beginning of 2019. This phase will consist of 90 multi-family units; Jackson II will be located on 26th Avenue East, Skyland Boulevard. If you are interested in leasing please contact Hollyhand Realty at (256)560-0821.

**IMAGE  
COMING  
SOON!**

### **HOMEOWNERSHIP:**

#### **Springer Property Phase II**

Phase II infrastructure work is scheduled to begin Spring 2018 on the Springer Property;

Phase II will consist of seven homes. Construction for Phase II will begin early summer 2018.

If you're interested in home ownership please visit [www.tuscaloosahousing.org](http://www.tuscaloosahousing.org) and complete the online homeownership application.

# Money Matters

## Cut the Cable Cord & Live Stream TV for LE\$\$

Have you heard? 1 million people canceled their cable services within a 3 month period in 2017 according to an article in the New York Post. More people are streaming live TV because it is less expensive than cable. It even adds to your home décor. No more running cable cords along walls, tucking extra cords behind media stands, or paying your cable provider \$35.00 to add an extra outlet. All you need is an in-home Wi-Fi connection, and a smart TV or media stick such as a Fire Stick or Roku. Here's how you save money...

- First, if you do not currently have internet services, you can sign up for a new internet connection through Xfinity's Internet Essentials or AT&T's Access for \$9.99/month. To qualify, you must live in Public Housing or Section 8, receive SNAP benefits, or have a school age child in the home.
- Second, you need a smart TV or a streaming device like Roku or Fire Stick. Since most televisions now are considered Smart TVs, check to see if yours will allow you to download apps. If it doesn't, then you will need a streaming device. You can purchase a Roku or Fire Stick for less than \$40.00. This device will be plugged into your TV's HDMI port and will need to be connected to your Wi-Fi.
- Third, you must establish a streaming service account that will allow you to watch live TV. There are several to choose from so do your research to see which best serves your needs. Many providers will allow you to customize your channel line-up or will offer packages starting at \$10.00/month. Plus, many services do not have contracts so you can cancel anytime. Some of the more known providers are Direct TV NOW (not regular Direct TV), Sling TV, Playstation Vue, and Hulu with Live TV. Many of them will also allow you to watch local networks. If not, invest in a good digital antenna (one that reaches at least 75 miles away) and watch the local networks for FREE.



Many of Live TV Providers will allow you to try their service **FREE** for up to 3 months. Before making the decision to cut the cord and before selecting which streaming service to use, try them out first!



## Resident Council & Community Updates

**Hay Court Resident Council** meets every **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 4:00pm** in the Community Room. The Council will be partnering with the Eta Xi Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. to host a **Voter Registration Drive on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the Hay Court Community Room**. Residents will be able to check their active registration status, update addresses, and register to vote. The Council is also planning to host a Community Health Fair in June.

**Rosedale Resident Council** will also be hosting a Voter Registration Drive on **Monday, April 2, 2018, from 8:00am – 11:00am at the office**. The Council is also partnering with Eta Xi Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. to conduct this event. The Council is planning a May Day Event at the end of May. They also celebrated the Christmas Holiday with a community lunch and a holiday ugly sweater contest in December. The Rosedale RC meets every **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 11:00am** in the Rosedale I Community Room.

**Hay Court Senior Wednesdays** are in full force. Enrichment activities begin at 10:30am and end at 1:00pm. A free, hot lunch is served at noon. The group enjoys exercise classes, activities, and speakers from community agencies. Senior Wednesdays promote mental stimulation and socialization, necessary for productive senior living.

# Community Updates

**The University Of Alabama School Of Social Work has a grant to work with Crescent East parents**, whose children are enrolled at Holt Elementary and Davis Emerson Middle School. The program operates out of the Crescent East Community Room on Mondays and Wednesdays. Parents will learn parenting skills, how to research available resources, overcome any barriers or obstacles that prevent them from obtaining resources, and how to band together as parents for the overall well-being of youth in the community. Participating parents will receive a weekly stipend, along with more knowledge of how to raise children in today's ever changing world.

If you are interested, please stop by the Crescent East Office to see Dr. Tania Alameda-Lawson on Mondays, from 9am – 1pm or Wednesdays from 11am – 3pm.

**Youth Character Building and After-School Tutorial in Crescent East** continues every Tuesday from 3:30pm-4:45pm in the Community Room. Scottie Hollis and Blueprint Tuscaloosa, along with volunteers from the surrounding community devote time and attention to encouraging and mentoring youth. Athletes from the University of Alabama also frequent the group.



**Employment and Education has been the focus of activities in Branscomb.**

Adults learned about the State Funded WIOA Program that certifies participants in certain trade fields within 8 weeks. Interested persons should visit the Career Center to enroll. Adults also learned about the 5-week Ready to Work Program offered at both Shelton State campuses in Tuscaloosa that qualifies participants for high paying jobs at key industries around town. A Job Fair was held in February in the community room. Residents connected with DCH, NAOS, and the Career Center.

The **Branscomb Computer Lab** is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00am - 5:00pm. Adults looking for employment or need help applying for job openings can stop by to speak with Lab Coordinator Kristen Wearbon. Taylorville Baptist Church conducts **After-School Tutorial** in the lab on Wednesdays from 3:30pm -4:45pm. Feel free to stop by the lab to learn about upcoming events and info sessions.



**The UA LIFT Program teaches FREE GED and COMPUTER CLASSES Hay Court.** Seniors and adults learn basic computer skills on Mondays at 10am. Adults received one and one tutorial in GED Prep work on Wednesdays at 3:30pm. Students from the U of A School of Accountancy leads these 75-minute sessions each week.

**Hay Court Youth READ and DREAM on Mondays and Tuesdays after-school.** The U of A Honors College conducts the READ program on Mondays from 3:30pm- 4:45pm with 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. READ helps youth increase reading skills with hopes of them developing a love for reading. The DREAM Program works with 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Graders on Tuesdays from 3:30pm - 4:45pm. DREAM prepares youth for career development and establishing future goals beyond high school through critical thinking and hands-on projects.