



# Northeast Georgia Housing Authority

Serving the cities of...Clarkesville, Cleveland, Cornelia, Demorest, Helen, Homer, Toccoa

## Housing Happenings

<http://www.negahousingauthority.com>

*Your Resident Association invites you to  
attend their annual  
Resident Association Gathering.*

*December 9, 2019 @ 11:00am  
Ridgecrest Community Room  
25 Ridgecrest Dr. Toccoa*

*To participate in the gift exchange please bring a \$10 gift.  
Transportation is available by calling  
Resident Services @ 706-886-9455.*



**Resident participation raffle. Check out the Prizes!**

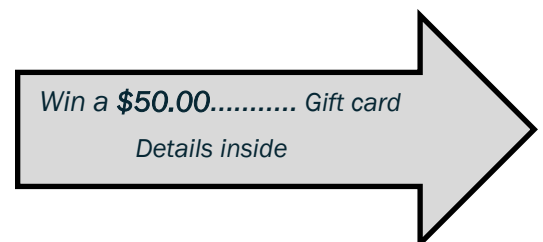
**Details inside.**

Riddle: What is harder to catch the faster you run?

Answer from last newsletter: Day before yesterday, yesterday, today,  
tomorrow, day after yesterday.

Win a \$50.00..... Gift card

Details inside



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## Executive Director Says-

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*I would like to talk with you about neighborhood safety: each year we hear about crime all around us. A goal here at NEGAHA is to help minimize the effects of crime in our neighborhoods. In order to do this we need your help, please look at the comments below to further ensure your safety.*

\*If you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood .Call your local police 1<sup>st</sup>, then call your site manager and report what you saw. Another way to report activity is to visit our website: [www.negahousingauthority.com](http://www.negahousingauthority.com) and complete the Tip Line form found under the Housing Dept. tab. Have trust in us that we have received your message and we are dealing with the situation, even if you do not get a call back. We will follow up with you if more information is needed.

\*Do not let strangers in your apartment. Lock your windows and doors. Sometimes we feel as if we are helping friends and family when it is best to let professionals deal with the situations. Get resource information to share when helping friends and family. You can be involved by supporting the person and not putting yourself and your home in danger. Call your Resident Services at NEGAHA to ask about resources available in your community or check out the website above and click on the Resident Services tab, then click on the Links & Resources picture.

\*Know who your neighbors are. Your neighbors are among your best assets when it comes to protecting your home. Having a friendly rapport with your neighbors means they're more likely to keep an eye out for suspicious activity at your home.



Angie Cothran  
Executive Director



**House rules are important to maintaining safety and order to the neighborhoods. They are also a vital component toward allowing all to be considerate of each other's lifestyles.**

Be aware and courteous of your noise levels:

Music volume

Vehicle volume

Friends

TV volume

Slamming Doors

Coming/Leaving times

Personal voice  
volume

Arguments

Your Pet's volume



***NOISE (House Rules-pg. 1)***

*Please be considerate of neighbors and refrain from playing music or televisions too loudly at any time. This includes any excessive noise from any persons on the property.*

*This property has **quiet hours from 10:00 p.m. until 10:00a.m.** This means during these hours, everything quiets down.*

**Pets and Assistance Companions:**

All pets and assistance companions must be pre-approved/registered with the Housing Authority before coming onto the property.



Residents may own and keep **1** common household pet. Deposit required.

You may have a bird or fish. These do not need to be registered.

The weight of the dog or cat at its adult size may not exceed twenty-five (25) pounds.

**You must** accompany your companion on a leash (no longer than a 6 ft.) when outside of the apartment. Allowing your companion outside on lead is not allowed. **You must** clean up after your animal inside or outside of your apartment (ie. poop and pee pee).

***PET POLICY AND PET CARE (House rules-pg. 9)***

*Only pets registered with NEGAHA PROPERTIES, are allowed on NEGAHA property. Rules and care for pets are defined in Attachment No. 5 – Pet Policy of your lease.*

Please refer to the House Rules for **EXCLUSIONS TO THE PET POLICY** and look at the Pet Policy attachment to the House Rules for all the pet regulations.

# A word from your **Maintenance Team**



We have been getting a lot of calls concerning roaches in the apartments. Roaches may be a problem from time to time and we treat all units annually to prevent infestation. We also treat twice a month, upon request, those units where a problem exists. However, cleanliness is the most effective deterrent to pest problems and you must do your part in assisting us by keeping your home clean at ALL times. Failure to do so not only creates a problem in your home, but your neighbor's home as well.

For occasional problems with ants, water bugs, wasps, etc., your local hardware store or grocery stores have products to assist you as needed. Remember, we can help you help yourself, but we cannot eliminate a problem you create by poor housekeeping.

Cold weather is quickly coming upon us, and if you are planning to be away from your apartment for several days, you may want to lower your thermostat temperature to 55 degrees to save on energy costs.

Please do not turn your heat off. During extremely cold weather, open your base kitchen cabinet doors so heat can circulate around plumbing pipes to keep them from freezing. Also, remove outside hoses from the water spigots.

## HERE COME THE LEAVES!

**Listed below are the policies of each City concerning the collection of leaves:**

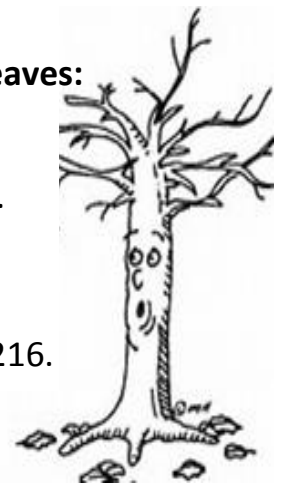
**Cornelia & Toccoa**– Rake leaves to the curb and the City will vacuum.

**Cleveland, Helen and Homer** – There are no leaf services for these cities.

Bag leaves and place at curb for maintenance to pick up.

**Clarksville and Demorest** – Bag leaves and place at the curb, then call City Hall to have them picked up. Clarksville residents call: (706) 754-4216.

Demorest residents call: (706) 778-4202.



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Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns about the maintenance of your apartment, please feel free to call us. The maintenance office is open 7:30 am to 6:00 pm, Monday thru Thursday for your questions or to request a work order, please call us @ 706-886-7326 or 1-800-752-8546. We do not work on Friday-Sunday. Please DO NOT call after hours or Friday-Sunday unless it is a true EMERGENCY. A TRUE EMERGENCY is one that endangers life, safety, or damage to property.





## Resident Services

Resident Services introduces and links residents with a wide range of programs and services to enhance the quality of life and to encourage upward mobility into the community.

Through vital community partners we are able to provide a variety of education, social and cultural programs, health and wellness screenings and recreational activities designed to assist residents in achieving stability, strength and self-sufficiency.

**Keep a look out in the mail for information about your next upcoming Resident Association Meeting**

## *Special Thanks!*

**Cookie Jones, Gail Barrett and Barbara Black for representing the Northeast GA Housing Authority at the 2019 Resident Leadership Conference.**

**Refining Skills,  
Gaining new skills,  
Putting skills to the test.**



**Dreaming big,  
Creating a plan,  
Making dreams come to life.**

# Thanks to all participants of the June 2019, Health & Safety Fair!



Look who was clowning around.

Resident Patrol was hot and heavy at this year's Health & Safety Fair.

Water fun with Toccoa Fire Dept.



This event could not have been possible without the support of Amerigroup, NEGAHA, and other Community Partners.

# Resident Participation Raffle:



We would like:

To take the time to say---Thanks to all of you who take---The time to cause a better day.

Thanks for keeping your home so clean ---Thanks for picking up trash ---Thanks for paying your bills on time ---And thanks for recertifying in a flash.

We may not always do or say---The things you want us to---But thanks for understanding that---The Law guides what we do.

Your deeds reflect the pride you have---By how you plan your day.

So NEGAHA would like to extend to you our gratitude, by giving you this winning chance.



**You still have time to get your tickets !**

- ✓ Pay your rent on time.
- ✓ Come to your scheduled recertification appointment.
- ✓ Come to your monthly Resident Association Meeting (RAM).



*If your name is in the raffle, you have the chance to win.....*



**Prizes:** (You will have 16 chances to win)

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| ☆ Room Darkening Curtains, 2-Pack, 52 x 63 Inch Long.    | ☆ 83 Pc Kitchen Cookware, Utensil Combo Set |
| ☆ 7-Piece Bed-In-A-Bag Full/ Queen Comforter and sheets. | ☆ 15 Piece Bathroom Rug, Shower, Towel Set  |
| ☆ Bissell Zing Canister Vacuum Cleaner                   | ☆ Microfiber Spray Mop                      |
| ☆ 6 piece Bathroom Accessory Set                         | ☆ \$75 Walmart gift card                    |
|  | ☆ \$50 Amazon gift card                     |



**Drawings will be held December 9<sup>th</sup> .**  
**For more information call Resident Services at 706-886-9455.**

# Poster Contest

"My Voice Will be Heard - Speaking the Language of Love"

Housing and Redevelopment Officials are holding a STATE poster contest for CHILDREN, ELDERLY, DISABLED, AND SPECIAL NEEDS RESIDENTS.

## All you need to do:

1. Create a poster (one person, one poster).
2. Fill out the application and release form.
3. Bring or send all by March 23, 2020, to Northeast Georgia Housing Authority @ 437 S. Pond St, Toccoa GA 30577.

Attention: Resident Services

## FIRST PLACE CATEGORY WINNER

\$400 prize with winner plaque

## SECOND PLACE CATEGORY WINNER

\$200 prize with winner plaque

## THIRD PLACE CATEGORY WINNER

\$100 prize with winner plaque

Winner's property will receive a \$100 prize to host a celebration for the community to honor the winner.

Winning posters are sent to NAHMA to be included in the National Contest. National winners will be featured in the 2021 NAHMA Calendar and will receive separate prizes as designated by NAHMA.



**Need supplies,  
applications or more  
information contact**

**Resident Services @  
NEGAHA  
706-886-9455**

## Categories are:

- Kindergarten - 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade - 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade - 6th Grade
- 7th Grade - 9th Grade
- 10th Grade - 12th Grade
- Elderly/ Disabled/ Special Needs

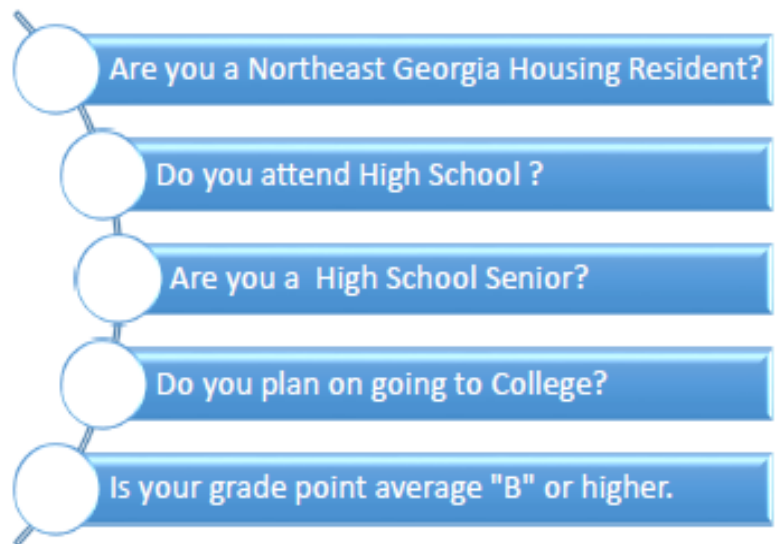
## Poster Rules:

1. Theme - "My Voice Will be Heard – Speaking the Language of Love."
2. Size - 22"x28" \*No identifying or personal names.
3. Media - Contestant may use any art media (crayons, markers, paint, collage, etc.).

\*Please consider that posters will need to be mailed and reproduced.

4. Attach application form to the back of poster.





Then this is for you, PHADA is offering 3 scholarships this year:

1. Stephen J. Bollinger Memorial Scholarship -\$7,000

Note: This scholarship will be formally presented at PHADA's Annual Convention and Exhibition on June 2, 2020, in Denver, CO. The winner will receive a trip for him/herself and one parent/guardian to attend the convention.

2. Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship- \$5,000

Note: To be considered for the Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship include a personal essay (350-500 words) demonstrating your efforts and achievements in furthering the values of the civil rights movement. Explain why the cause is still relevant in communities today and how they relate to your educational goals. Include any relevant volunteer experiences and community involvement activities relating to advancing the cause of civil rights.

3. Nan McKay Pathway to Achievement Scholarship - \$5,000

*It's so easy don't miss out! **Due by January 15, 2020.***

FOR APPLICATIONS OR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Jessica @ 706-886-9455 or [jessica@negeorgiahousing.com](mailto:jessica@negeorgiahousing.com).

# Energy Assistance Program

\* Must have an appointment!\*

<u>Banks</u>	855-636-3108
<u>Barrow</u>	855-636-3108
<u>Clarke</u>	855-636-3108
<u>Dawson</u>	855-636-3108
<u>Elbert</u>	855-636-3108
<u>Forsyth</u>	855-636-3108
<u>Franklin</u>	855-636-3108
<u>Habersham</u>	855-636-3108
<u>Hall</u>	855-636-3108
<u>Hart</u>	855-636-3108
<u>Jackson</u>	855-636-3108
<u>Lumpkin</u>	855-636-3108
<u>Madison</u>	855-636-3108
<u>Oconee</u>	855-636-3108
<u>Oglethorpe</u>	855-636-3108
<u>Rabun</u>	855-636-3108
<u>Stephens</u>	855-636-3108
<u>Towns</u>	855-636-3108
<u>Union</u>	855-636-3108
<u>White</u>	855-636-3108

A one-time payment will be made to the home energy supplier on behalf of eligible households. Eligibility for the program is based on the income of everyone living in the home (please see income chart below for maximum annual income per household size). All eligible households must be responsible for their home heating bill.

**Elderly/Homebound Household ONLY:**

**November 1, 2019**

\*All applicants must be age 65 or older —OR—completely unable to leave the home due to health reasons.

**General Public:**

**December 2, 2019**

INCOME GUIDELINES 2020	
Household Size	ANNUAL
	GROSS INCOME
1	\$23,776
2	\$31,092
3	\$38,408
4	\$45,724
5	\$53,040
6	\$60,356
7	\$61,727

When applying for assistance, the applicant will provide:

- Social Security Number Verification for everyone in the home
- Citizen Verification for the Applicant (photo ID)
- Verification of all household income for the past 30 days
- Most recent home heating AND electric bill



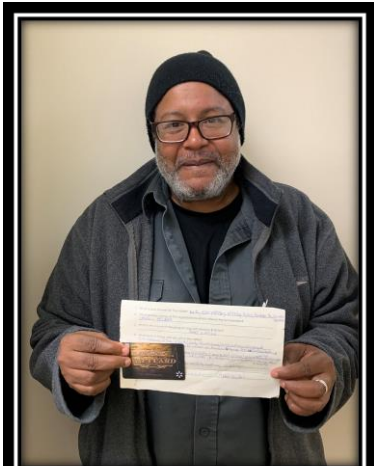
For more information, visit us online at

[www.ndo.org](http://www.ndo.org)

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## August 2019 Newsletter Winner

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*Shelton Robinson!*

**Congratulations to  
our winner!**

For your chance to win a  
\$50.00

Wal-Mart Gift Card

Entries must be received  
by

January 1, 2020

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This could be **YOU!** Enter to **WIN !**

**Residents:** A winner will be chosen to receive a **\$50.00 Gift Card From Wal-Mart !**

Answer the following questions, clip out and mail or bring to the Housing Authority office. A winner will be drawn. The winner will be contacted and announced in the next newsletter!

\*You will not be eligible to win, if you have won within the last 12 months.

1. What was the Executive Director's section about?

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2. What kind of pet can you own? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the first thing you should do before bringing an animal onto the property?

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4. When will the raffle drawing be held? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Who is eligible to win the Scholarship award?

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Resident Comments:

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