



Northeast Georgia Housing Authority

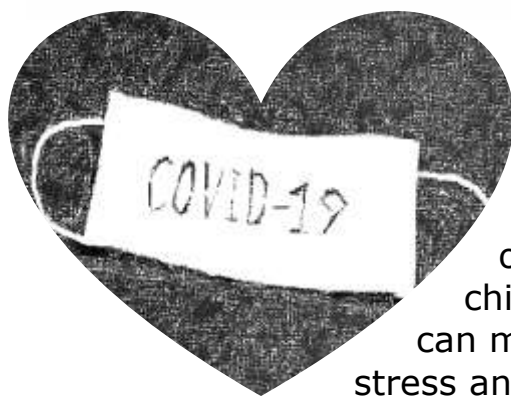
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Housing Happenings

<http://www.negahousingauthority.com>

COVID-19, How you have changed our lives.



Pandemics can be stressful

The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic may be stressful for people. Fear and anxiety about a new disease and what could happen can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. Public health actions, such as social distancing, can make people feel isolated and lonely and can increase stress and anxiety. However, these actions are necessary to

reduce the spread of COVID-19.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/managing-stress-anxiety.html>

If you need help, please talk to someone. You can contact us or your local Family Connections Resource center for supportive services.

Stephens Co. Residents- <http://stephens.gafcp.org/resources/>

Habersham Co. Residents- <http://habersham.gafcp.org/resources/>

White Co. Residents- <http://white.gafcp.org/resources/>

Banks Co. Residents- <http://banks.gafcp.org/resources/> .

Humor is essential: Nail salons, hair salons, waxing center and tanning places are closed.

It's about to get ugly out there.

Why don't chefs find coronavirus jokes funny?

They're in bad taste.

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

Details inside

Executive Director Says-



Hello Everyone,

These last 8 months of the COVID Pandemic have been difficult for everyone and I want to thank you for working with us. Some things may seem out of our normal way of working with schedules and routines changing daily. We strive to keep you and the staff safe as much as we possibly can. So, thank you again for cooperating with us.

Below is very important information about the Census.

Census results affect planning and funding for education—including programs such as Head Start, Pell Grants, school lunches, rural education, adult education, and grants for preschool special education.

Census results affect planning and funding for healthcare—including programs such as Medicaid, Medicare Part B, State Children's Health Insurance, and the prevention and treatment of substance abuse.

Census results affect planning and funding for employment and training—including programs for vocational rehabilitation state grants, and dislocated workers.

Census results affect planning and funding for infrastructure—including programs for highway planning and construction, Section 8 housing, federal transit, community development, and rural water and waste disposal systems.

Did you know that census data helps communities respond to natural disasters and secure funding for hospitals and fire departments?

So, I am asking you to please complete your form online, by phone, or by mail when your invitation to respond arrives. Visit my2020census.gov to begin.

By phone: English (for 50 states and Washington, D.C.): 844-330-2020

 Spanish (for 50 states and Washington, D.C.): 844-468-2020

Angie Cothran
Executive Director





INSPECTIONS

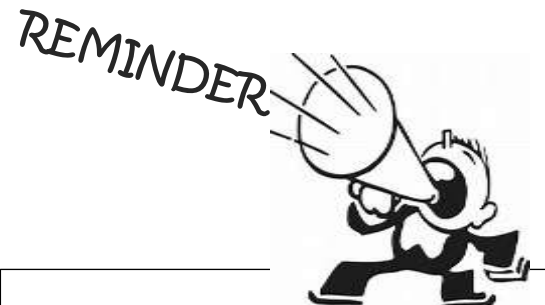
Housekeeping Inspections will be conducted to ensure that all units are inspected at least once a year. The purpose of these inspections will be to detect and correct lease violations, with particular emphasis on health and safety factors. The original housekeeping inspection form shall be filed in the resident's folder. A copy of this form will be given to the resident upon request.

Housing management will inspect for the overall cleanliness of the unit with particular emphasis to those items belonging to the housing authority such as appliances, and kitchen and bathroom fixtures. Notations will be made on the inspection form concerning the general appearance of the walls, windows, doors, and floors, as well as the exterior appearance of the unit and surrounding yard. Upon completion of an inspection, housing management will notify the resident in writing if he/she failed to comply with the standards. Housing management will advise the resident of the specific correction(s) required to establish compliance, and indicate that training is available. A second inspection will be scheduled within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed one month. Failure of a second inspection will constitute a violation of the lease terms.



**HELP US WELCOME OUR
NEW OCCUPANCY
COORDINATOR**

SANDRA MALBROUGH

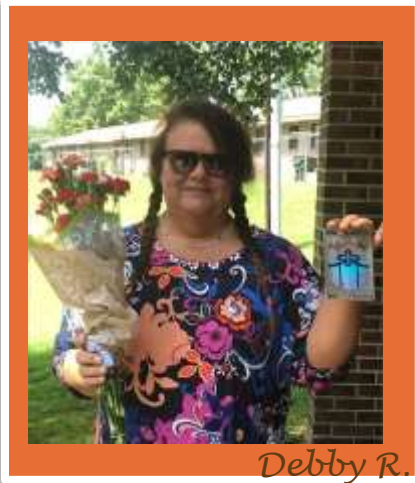


We have begun periodic housekeeping inspections. Inspection notices have been mailed to each tenant. Please be advised due to COVID-19 and the risk to our tenants and our staff your property manager will ask you and all occupants of the household, to step outside while your inspection is being conducted. This is for your safety and theirs.

RESIDENT PARTICIPATION WINNERS FOR THE

LIFE DURING A PANDEMIC CONTEST.

WINNER'S RECEIVED \$100 EACH.



Debby R.

“COVID-19 has made life hard. Simple things like going out puts you in fear of catching

COVID-19. Most people don't even know if they have it. Finding people or churches to help with food and medications has been hard, because people are fearful of being too close to each other like in their cars. Having food stamps can be difficult, because you are wary about going to the store or allowing someone to take your card and go purchase items for you. It has been difficult finding what you need at the stores. Having no family close by to help makes things all the more upsetting. Even in the middle of a pandemic you still have to live. Riding the bus can be hard when people on the bus aren't required to wear masks. They will not cover their mouths and the ones in charge will not ask them too. This makes going out not safe, but you have to go out to the stores. At the stores it can be difficult to find affordable items. Buying things like toilet paper and

Life during a pandemic:

How COVID-19 has changed my life?

meats, became hard. Everyone was buying it all up and by the time I was able to go to the store the only items left were the more expensive ones. So, what I would typically pay \$1 for, I now have to pay around fifteen dollars.

This pandemic has brought on feelings of stress that affect not only workers, but all.

During this time stay in, pray, do the best you can and hope this will be over soon. This is how my life has changed during COVID-19, it really puts you on edge.”

Upon meeting with Debby, she expressed some interesting points on individuals who draw social security payments receiving stimulus checks. She has faced direct negativity from people on this subject, but in the end, she says thank you, because “this was a help”. COVID has been challenging up to this point. Debby and others in housing find themselves struggling more than usual during this time. She explained, “we only get paid monthly.” There is no extra money to stock up on extras. So, she relies on the stores having what she needs, when the money comes in.

"COVID-19 has changed my life a lot in 2020. I have lived in the NEGAHA apartments for the last 40 + years. I have always enjoyed getting up and going to the Resident Association Meetings. Now, there are no meetings. I miss going on the educational trips. We learned about all kinds of things like being wise with your money, healthy cooking and much more. It was a good experience! In the meetings we always had some one to come talk with us about a variety of topics, healthy lifestyles, banking, saving and spending money and much more. One time we had the Police Dept. out to talk with us about keeping ourselves safe. The Fire Dept. has come out and given demonstration on fire safety. Sometimes, we have cook-out and other times we will go out to eat. The residents in the Resident Association help with events, food, games for the community and other residents and kids. I miss all those things, plus bingo and getting out with other residents (friends). Now, I am bored with nothing to do, because of COVID-19. I am 77 years old. It has taken a lot from me, but I thank GOD I am well. NEGAHA does a lot for the residents, but because of COVID we are stuck in the house."



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



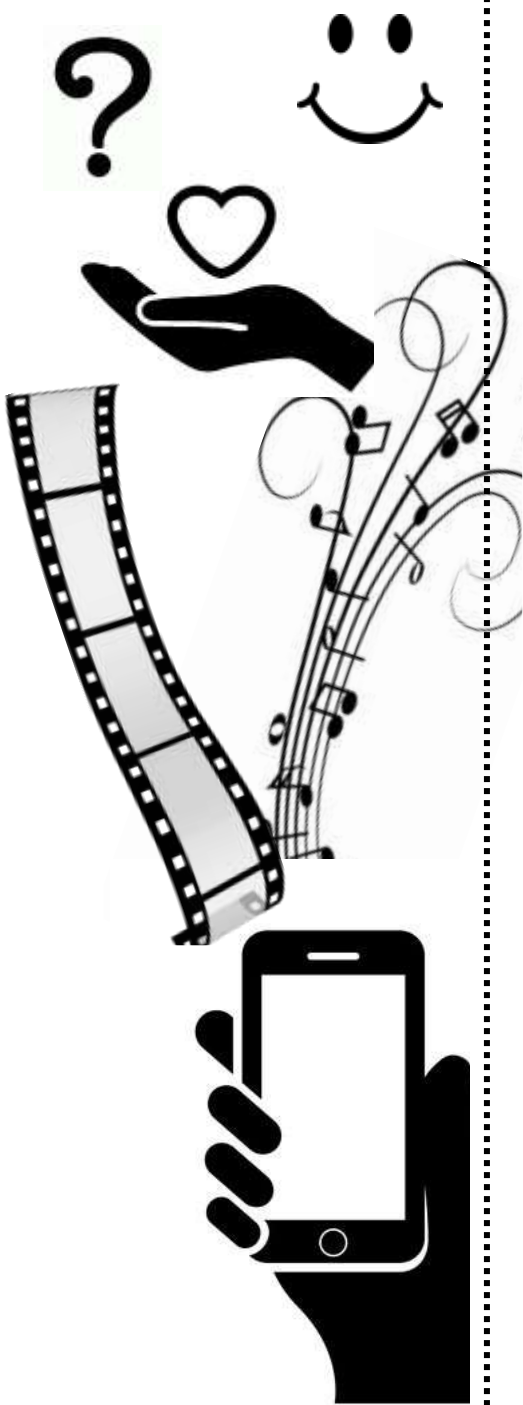
If you have any questions or concerns about the maintenance of your apartment, please feel free to call us. The maintenance office is open 7:30 am to 6:00 pm, Monday thru Thursday for your questions or to request a work order, please call us @ 706-886-7326 or 1-800-752-8546. We do not work on Friday-Sunday. 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.



Video Contest

“Show us how you contribute to your community”

Contest is for ALL Housing Authority Residents



How to enter:

1. Create a 5-7-minute video (single or group entry allowed)
2. All entries must include your name, category, address and contact information.
3. Send entries by message to 706-491-3811 or email to negaha@negeorgiahousing.com.

**Deadline:
November 01, 2020**

Video winner will be selected by a community committee.

For more information contact Resident Services at 706-886-9455.

Categories

0 to 6 years

7 yrs. to 13 yrs.

14 yrs. to 21 yrs.

22 yrs. and older

FIRST PLACE CATEGORY WINNER

Tablet or Airpods

SECOND PLACE CATEGORY WINNER

\$100 gift card

THIRD PLACE CATEGORY WINNER

Gift basket.

Winning videos will be displayed on the NEGAHA's website.

February 2020 Newsletter Winner



Stephanie Weston!

Congratulations to our winners!

For your chance to win a \$50.00

Wal-Mart Gift Card

Entries must be received by

October 30, 2020

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!

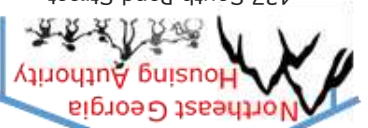
*You will not be eligible to win, if you have won within



Beverley Stargel!

1. Where can you find help for your needs? _____
2. What position does our new employee hold? _____
3. Have you completed your census? Yes No

Resident Comments:



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