



Northeast Georgia Housing Authority

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

Housing Happenings

<http://www.negahousingauthority.com>

Pandemics can be stressful, here's a little COVID humor to

brighten your day!



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



NEW EMPLOYEE SPOT LIGHT

BESSIE ALEXANDER
Clarkesville/Demorest, Cornelia,
Cleveland, Helen
**OCCUPANCY
COORDINATOR**

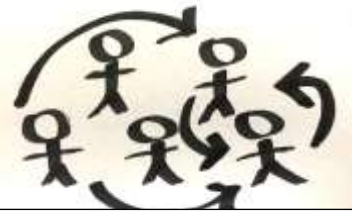


**LAVONDA
BUSH**
Toccoa/Homer
**OCCUPANCY
COORDINATOR**



SWITCH-A-ROO TIME

Effective March 15, 2021



Tracy Presley is now your
Toccoa/Homer Property Manager

Sandra Malbrough is now your
Clarkesville/Demorest, Cornelia,
Cleveland, Helen, Property Manager

Becky Roach is now our new
Executive Administrative Assistant

TELL YOUR FAMILY!

TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

TELL EVERYONE!



**YOU CAN NOW FILL OUR
APPLICATION OUT ONLINE.**

**VISIT THE APPLICATIONS
PAGE ON OUR**

**TENANTS AND APPLICANTS,
YOU CAN NOW UPDATE YOUR
INFORMATION ONLINE.**

**VISIT THE CHANGE OF
INFORMATION PAGE ON OUR**

WEBSITE: WWW.NEGAHOUSINGAUTHORITY.COM

**TEMPORARY JOBS
ARE AVAILABLE NOW!**



Toccoa, GA
\$14/hr
FULL TIME
UP TO 13 WEEKS

**DISASTER RECOVERY
TEMPORARY WORK EXPERIENCE**

SANITIZATION ASSISTANT

- Conduct COVID-19 screening on all in-person visits from clients, potential clients, Authority staff and other visitors and direct them to the appropriate personnel.
- Clean and sanitize interview room after each use.
- Clean and sanitize board room after each move-in or meeting.
- Clean all glass doors after exit of all in person visits.
- Mop hallways during lunch hour.
- Clean and sanitize all bathrooms at least twice a day.
- Wipe down all counters, tables, and copiers after each use
- by housing personnel.
- Stock all items ordered that come into the office after
- checked by Director of Finance.
- Performs other related duties as required by the Director of Housing Management or the Executive Director.



Are you:

- *Temporarily or permanently laid off due to the COVID-19 Disaster?*
- *Currently receiving or exhausted unemployment?*
- *Was self-employed and lost income (or a large portion of it) as a result of the COVID-19 crisis?*
- *Have been unemployed for 27 or more consecutive weeks?*

*For more information please contact Danielle Avelar, Outreach Coordinator
davelar@gmrc.ga.gov or 770.531.4043*

RESIDENT PARTICIPATION WINNERS!

TELL US A STORY CONTEST WINNERS.

GRAND PRIZE WINNER:

DEBBY RUSSO
(\$100 GIFT CARD)

PARTICIPATION WINNERS:

BARBARA TUKES
ANGELA TUKES
SALLY COLBERT
(\$50 GIFT CARD EACH)

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR TESTERS

FOR ALL THEIR HELP.

TOP TESTER AWARDS GO TO:

CORY McDONALD
AND
SHARON AND MICHAEL VAUGHN.

ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANT AWARD:
VIRGINIA DEAN

PRIZES RANGED FROM \$20 TO \$100
IN GIFT CARDS.

EXTRA NEWSLETTER WINNERS!

IF YOU SUBMITTED A NEWSLETTER ENTRY IN 2020, YOUR NAME WAS ENTERED INTO A RAFFLE FOR A \$20 INGLES GIFT CARD. YOUR WINNERS ARE.....

Mark Davis

Debra Murell

Robbie Watkins

Erin Simmons

Patsy Huff

Georgia Pitman

Terry Jenkins

Mary Nix

Marie Colburn

Betty Brown

Gloria Norris

Linda Morris

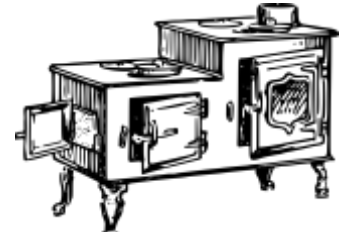
Esther Dean

Amy Whitaker



Southern Biscuit

Bake 425 ° 15-18 min.



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| 1 cup Buttermilk | 3 cup Self-Rising Flour |
| 2 stick (frozen) unsalted butter | 1 ½ Teaspoon Salt |
| ½ stick additional butter for pan | |

In a large bowl add flour, salt, and grated frozen butter into a bowl. Stir to coat butter with the flour. Add ¾ of the buttermilk to mixture. Gently mix with your hands, until the mixture just starts to come together. Roll dough out and cut to desired shape. Place ½ stick butter in a 12-inch cast iron skillet to melt in the oven. Once butter is melted, place biscuits in the iron skillet with sides touching. With a spoon use the melted butter in the pan to coat all sides of the biscuits, then place in oven to bake.

Enjoy with a smile!

Recipe provided by Betty Payne, Toccoa.

Need Money for College or to Complete a GED? Scholarships Available!

*NEGAHA Scholarships are available for eligible residents of the
Northeast GA Housing Authority.*

Education Scholarship

- 2-Academic Scholarships for \$2000 each
- 2-Voc/Tech Scholarships for \$2000 each

Eligibility requirements:

1. Current resident for 12 months or longer; AND
2. Have no lease violations; AND
3. A high school senior expecting to graduate **or** have previously earned a high school diploma or GED certificate; AND.
4. Have been accepted to or currently enrolled in a college or Technical/Vocational school.

Turn completed applications into the Administrative office, 437 S. Pond St. Toccoa.

Deadline: June 1st, 2021

The housing authority reserves the right to adjust amounts of awards based on the number of applications received. This is a one-time award.



GED Scholarship

Covers the cost of testing.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Current resident for 12 months or longer.
2. 16 years of age or older.
3. Enrolled and actively attending GED
4. classes at any of the NGTC Adult Education Centers or certified Literacy Centers.
5. Must earn GED in 1 year or less.

Scholarship is open year round.



Applications are available by request, contact:

Resident Services

706-886-9455 1-800-596-1380



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**

For our next SHARE-A-THON:



Send us a picture of a special time in your life or of a vacation you took. Don't forget to tell us a little bit about your memory.

Attn: Resident Services by April 30, 2021



A Word from your **Maintenance Team**



FROM THE DESK OF...

WILLIAM DUNSON, MAINTENANCE MANAGER

It's about time for the grass cutters to started mowing. Banks Lawn Care is the grass contractor for all of Northeast Georgia Housing Authority Properties this year.



Some of the responsibilities of the grass contractor include mowing and trimming grass, blowing grass clippings off sidewalks, deck pads, and porches.

They also have the option of using grass/weed herbicide around buildings, a/c pads, clothesline

posts, etc. Please make sure your yard is free of toys, rocks, sticks, paper and other debris. Your cooperation in getting your yard ready for mowing and maintaining your yard is greatly appreciated. By doing this you will prevent charges to your account.





The maintenance department will pick up large items that will **not** fit inside the dumpster/trash cans at no charge to the resident; the items must be put by the curb. **DO NOT put these items out UNTIL Wednesday after 6pm** of each week. Any items picked up on Monday thru Wednesday could result in everyone in the neighborhood being charged a \$35.00 landfill charge. The truck will be around on Thursday of each

week, weather permitting and we are not closed for a holiday or training. If you have loose items, they **MUST** be tied up in a trash bag.

Home Care

Residents are expected to properly take care of their home to avoid problems with their lease and poor housekeeping habits that could result in charges for damages.

The stove must be kept clean to avoid fire hazards. The stove tops lift up for convenience in cleaning grease or food spills.

Your refrigerator gaskets around the door must be wiped clean to avoid sticking and spills must be cleaned to avoid leakages underneath that attract pests.



Your toilet sinks and tub may develop clogs and the housing authority has provided you a plunger, you can also use a mild drain cleaner to dissolve normal problems.



"We do charge for unstopping the toilet."

Self cleaning
Kitchen—
Clean up
after yourself

****PLEASE DO NOT DISPOSE OF FOOD, GREASE OR OTHER FOREIGN OBJECTS IN THE DRAINS. ****



Reminder: Maintenance cannot treat the inside of your apartment for ants.



Treating Ants/Spiders in your Apartment

If you have ants inside your apartment, below is a list of spray cleaner recipes you may want to try.....Clean countertops and surfaces well with one of the cleaners below, these can also be used to spray them directly.

- Vinegar
- Vinegar and water (50/50 mix)
- Cider Vinegar and Water (50/50 mix)
- Liquid Dish Detergent and water (about 1 table spoon detergent, fill spray bottle with water)
- One of these essential oils: peppermint, Lavender, Eucalyptus, Tea Tree Oil, Witch Hazel Extract (1 tablespoon) plus water-per spray bottle (these oils can also be used to repel spiders.)

✓ *We can treat the fire ant mounds in your yard.* Below are a few inexpensive home remedies that you may want to try that may be effective in killing fire ants.



Salt and Water – Bring water to a boil, mix in salt to make a strong salt solution and pour down nest. Repeat over 3 days (and pour over surrounding area as well to prevent them from rebuilding in the area).

Instant Grits – scrape the top off the mound and pour a package of instant grits directly into the top of the mound.



Club Soda – pour 2 cups of club soda (carbonated water) directly in the center of the mound. The carbonation in the water is heavier than air and displaces the oxygen which suffocates the queen and the other ants. A one-liter bottle of club soda will kill 2 to 3 mounds.



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.



September 2020 Newsletter Winner



Sally Colbert!

Congratulations to our winners!

For your chance to win a \$50.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card

Entries must be received by May 1, 2021

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!

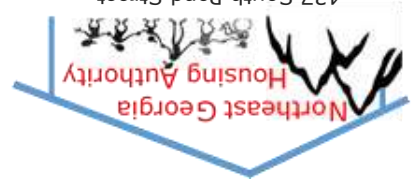
*You will not be eligible to win, if you have won within the last 12 months.

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1. What can you fill out on online that you could not do before? _____

 2. What can you do to receive free prizes or gift cards? _____

 3. Who do you contact for information about scholarships? _____
 4. Who is responsible for treating spiders/ants in the house? _____
 5. Does maintenance charge to unstop your toilet? Yes No

Resident Comments:



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