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E.D. Corner

Greetings Residents of Martel Homes & OJ Hurd Homes, Happy Spring! It gives me great pleasure to write this inaugural edition of the **ED Corner**, for the East Point Housing Authority (EPHA) Quarterly Newsletter. There is a lot going on at EPHA and I hope you find time to be a part of our upcoming special programs and resource offerings.

Let's Get Technical: The Housing Authority of the City of East Point Georgia , is committed to providing affordable housing opportunities to the residents of East Point and adjoining communities in Fulton County. A critical component in assisting families is to provide easily accessible information regarding the variety of programs and services offered by the Housing Authority. With that in mind, the Housing Authority has redesigned its website (www.eastpointha.org) to create a comprehensive and fluid site that delivers information quickly and efficiently.

Some highlights of the website include information about free tutorial services in the form of ABCmouse.com. We also offer information about Employment and Vendor opportunities, Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs, and Community Resources.

Speaking of getting technical, we are spotlighting our Information Technology Manager, Mr. Luvell Porter in this edition. Check it out to learn about the man who keeps us up and running on the tech side!

Finally, I would like to acknowledge our Resident Council (RC) under the leadership of President Andreana Jackson. Your RC has been actively engaging residents in their monthly meetings. If you are interested in sharing your ideas, concerns, or just want to learn more about what's happening in your community, please attend the meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

I look forward to sharing all of the exciting activities we have planned for you during the remainder of 2016, and remember...It's always a great day at EPHA!

Michael Spann, Executive Director

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- Dorothy Woods, Resident Commissioner**

“You do not have to be superhuman to do what you believe in.”

Debbie Fields, Mrs. Fields Cookies, founder

Employee Spotlight — Luvell Porter, MCP



Luvell Porter Jr., is our Computer Information Technology Manger, and has worked with EPHA for a total of 14 years. Luvell has worked the agency as a contractor, and is now an employee. Luvell keeps EPHA computer technical systems up and running, however he does so much more. You can find Luvell teaching Basic Computer classes, playing football with children, and soon he will be our community garden liaison.

Luvell has worked in the computer

information technology industry for over 17 years, and has developed and implemented a wide range of technology projects in various industries. These industries include, retail, manufacturing, health-care, and local government agencies. His knowledge and experience covers both networking systems technologies and web-based technologies.

Luvell is a Microsoft Certified Professional and has multiple certifications in the IT industry.

Luvell moved from River Rouge, MI in 1993, and is a husband and father to two amazing children.

Luvell is also a veteran, having served in the US Army and National Guard.

Luvell is also an entrepreneur, and he has developed several successful web-based businesses.

Lease-Rules & Regulations Reminders

1. Residents need to make sure they are providing their guest with guest passes to be displayed in their vehicles. This will ensure that their vehicles will not be ticketed or towed.
2. Spring has arrived! Now is the time for spring cleaning inside your homes and outside of your homes. Please remove all trash from your front yards as well as your backyard areas. Please remember to store your grills after usage.
3. Due to the time change, maintenance is unable to identify any inoperable exterior lights. Please report any inoperable exterior lights to the maintenance department immediately.
4. Please respect your neighbors by not blocking or using their parking space.
5. Please do not double park your vehicle or park on the sidewalk and do not

park your vehicle on the grass. You may be subject to a \$50.00 fine or towing of your vehicle.



Maintenance

After-Hours Emergencies (after 5:30pm, Fridays, Weekends & Office Holiday Closings), please call 404-379-6929. For any life threatening issues, please call 9-1-1.

Plumbing Emergencies:

Clogged toilet: if there is only one usable bathroom.

Clogged sinks/tub: only if kitchen sink is clogged.

Burst water supply lines & pipes: Turn off valve connected to the pipe.

Sewer back-up (inside/out)

No hot water: Only if there has been no hot water for at least 12 hours.

Leaking/busted hot water tank

Electrical Emergencies:

No power to the entire dwelling: Partial outage is not considered an emergency.

Smoke/burning smell or sparks from outlets: If this happens, turn outlet off at circuit breaker and call maintenance immediately. Leave off until maintenance arrives!

HVAC Emergencies:

Heater: **Only** if outside temperature drops below 55°.

Air Conditioning: **Only** if outside temperature is above 85°.

Gas Odor Emergencies:

Suspicion of Gas Leaks/Smells: First, check to ensure appliances are turned off. Second, immediately contact your gas provider.

Special Programs

GED Classes: GED are still being held at the computer lab Monday thru Thursday. If you are interested in enrolling for classes, please contact the Special Programs Department at 678-235-3122.

Community Service: There are plenty of opportunities for you to perform community service right here in the East Point Community!

The East Point Main Street Association: For more information or to register as

a volunteer, send your information to: www.volunteerinfo@downtowneastpoint.com

CityReach Church: Gus Tidlund 678.752.8644. Volunteers are needed for monthly Block Parties, and the East Washington Community Garden.

Please keep in mind that if you are not exempt, you must perform a total of 96 hours of community service per year.

Contact Ms. Wilkins for more information or any questions you may have.

East Point Housing Authority's 2016 Annual & 5-Year Planning Sessions

Meeting #4: Preparation of the 2016 Annual & 5 Yr Plan will be held on Thursday April 21, 2016 at 6:00PM.

Meeting #5: Final Meeting and Your Approval of the 2016 Annual & 5-Yr Plan will be held on Tuesday May 24, 2016 at 6:00PM

Both meetings will be held at 3056 Norman Berry Drive in the Community/Training Room.

Healthy You

Walking to Relieve Stress: Instead of watching television or relaxing on the sofa, take a walk to help relieve the stress of a long day.

Exercise can relieve stress as well as reduce depression. Exercise helps to release endorphins, hormones that improve your mood.

Grab your sneakers, grab a friend, grab your earbuds, and let's go!

Eat Your Vegetables: A diet rich in vegetables is vital to your health. Vegetables provide nutrients important to the upkeep of your body.

Vegetables are cholesterol-free, and low in fat and calories.

Buy fresh vegetables when they are

in season, and freeze them or can them yourself. For more information about the health benefits of vegetables visit www.choosemyplate.gov.

"Go vegetable heavy. Reverse the psychology of your plate by making meat the side dish and vegetables the main course."

~ Chef Bobby Flay

Money Matters

Tips to Get you Started:

- Be sure to set a financial goal for yourself. This will make budgeting easier.
- Create a budget that you will stick to.
- Keep a record!
- Determine what is important. Do you NEED or do you WANT it?
- Saving is priority. You should be putting 10% away out of each paycheck.
- Divide and conquer! Pay the most important bills first, then use the rest of non-essential items.
- Get help. Include family and friends in your savings/budgeting goals. It's good to have the extra support.



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Transforming Families - Transforming Lives

The East Point Housing Authority is a federally funded agency, operating independently of the city government. We provide low and moderate income public housing for the city of East Point, GA and through partner programs that offer residents opportunities to improve their lives.

❧ PUBLIC NOTICE ❧

EPHA Board meetings will be held on:

April 26, 2016 • May 24, 2016 • June 28, 2016

Meetings start at 4:30PM and members of the public are welcome to attend.

Resident Council Corner

Council Members

Andreana Jackson- President

Mary Brewster-Vice President

Dora Zellner-Treasurer

Kristina Pope-Secretary

Jerica Chappell-Asst. Secretary

Tonya Woodard-Asst. Treasurer

Drucilla Black-Parliamentary

Denise Jones-Mentor



Resident Council meetings are held on the **3rd Thursday of each month at 4:30PM.** Meetings are held at the Resident Council Building located at 3047 John Freeman Way.

Residents of Martel and Hurd, are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings and become involved in Resident Council activities. Community service hours are also given for attending meetings and other Resident