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Do You Know the Return Criteria to Return to the New Development?

The new buildings are going to be up before you know it! The entire area that was once Peabody Apartments has been cleared. The first set of apartments are expected to be ready in April 2006. Residents are urged to keep all scheduled appointments concerning moving back. If you don't, you may risk losing your placement slot.

All Peabody residents will have an opportunity to move back if they pass the following screening criteria:

- ◆ Positive Credit History
- ◆ Income that is able to be verified
- ◆ Criminal History Review
- ◆ Landlord check (current and previous for lease compliance)
- ◆ Utility Payment History
- ◆ Review for bad Housing Authority debts
- ◆ Home Inspection

The screening is done to try and insure that the new community will be a positive place for everyone. This is a quick snapshot of what you can expect when filling out your application to return. The Housing Authority has already held several meetings that go into further detail. If you have missed a meeting, contact your Family Advocate. You can also call the Housing Authority at 706-571-2800, ext 813.

Job Readiness Workshop

The Georgia Department of Labor was at the Neighborhood Center (NCC) this month to help residents jump-start their job search and prepare them for local job fairs. Residents learned:

- To identify their skills
- How to complete a job application
- Proper interview techniques
- What to wear to a job interview, and much more.



There will be another Job Readiness Workshop on Wednesday, May 18 from 1:30-3:00. If you need transportation contact your Family Advocate. For more information on this and other activities at the NCC, call 571-2918.

Summer Registration for the Boys and Girls Club is Underway!

If you would like to have your child attend the Club this summer, the time to sign up is now! Spaces are filling up quickly! The Club is open for all youth age 6—12. The cost is \$160 if you already have a membership and \$170 if you do not. Limited scholarship opportunities are available. To find out if you qualify, contact Mr. Owens at the North Columbus Branch by calling 323-1743! If North Columbus is too far, you can also register at any Club near you!



AUSA JOB FAIR



(Association of the United States Army)

Place: Fort Benning, Infantry Hall, Bldg 4

Date: Thursday, May 19, 2005

Time: 9a.m.—2 p.m.

Who Should Attend: Everyone!!!

In Sponsorship with NBC 38 and the GA Dept of Labor
If you require transportation assistance,
please call 649-6507, ext 350.

GED Classes at the Neighborhood Network Center

You asked for it and its finally here! GED classes are currently being offered every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 –12:30. It's not too late to enroll. Don't forget, if you are required to do community service attending this class will count towards those hours. For more information call 571-2918. The NNC is located at 715 35th Street, Wilson Apartments.



Community & Supportive Services Recognizes Outstanding Achievements!

Four Peabody residents were recognized for their accomplishments towards self-sufficiency over the past year. The residents and their guests were treated to dinner and received certificates of recognition.



Ms. Tammy Mitchell has overcome a life changing obstacle. She was diagnosed legally blind in her teens. Ms. Mitchell wanted to work, so she was referred to Vocational Rehab. Her case worker, Mr. Brooks helped find her a job on Fort Benning with benefits. Now, she is looking forward to her next goal, owning her own home through the NeighborWorks Columbus (formerly CHI)! We are all very proud of your accomplishments!

Ms. Vivian Fortson was enrolled in the Goodwill Hospitality Program and graduated in May 2004. Throughout the six-week long training class, Ms. Fortson never missed a day and received special recognition for her perfect attendance. This year on March 3rd, Ms. Fortson was nominated for Hospitality Graduate of the Year and won!

She is currently employed at the Columbus Hotel (formerly the Wyndham) and is doing a great job. She is to be commended for her success!



Ms. Ida Marie Williams, a busy mother of two, completed the two year Associate Degree Nursing Program at Columbus Tech in December 2004. This was particularly difficult to do because she had to relocate out of Peabody Apartments during a time when she was working on clinical rotations. Yet, she was able to take on those challenges and still take care of her children's needs. Ms. Williams has also taken her State Board test and passed! She is an official Registered Nurse working at the Columbus Regional Medical Center! We congratulate you on your success and for continuing to pursue your dreams!

Ms. Shayla Jones was selected because of her persistence. She entered the Innovative Work Solutions Program last year and graduated in April 2004. Innovative is a twelve week program that teaches basic work skills needed in an office setting. While enrolled in the program, she encountered a number of problems, yet she never thought about quitting. Upon graduating she was hired at Wolfe Camera. Currently she is employed at Char-broil as a backup inventory specialist. She recently had car problems, but opted to call a taxi, friends and family for assistance. She didn't miss one day of work. Ms. Jones determination to do her best shows that even though things don't always go the way we expect them to, you can always overcome those obstacles. We wish you continued success!



The Community and Supportive Services Information Fair

An Information Fair was held at the Neighborhood Network Center on Thursday, April 21st. The purpose of the Fair was to provide residents with an opportunity to meet with various agencies in the area. A very special “thank you” goes to representatives from the Health Department, Open Door, CONTACT, Boys & Girls Club, and the Social Security Administration, for coming out to support the Information Fair. They were all on hand to pass out information and give expert advice from each of their companies.



A drawing took place every 30 minutes and those that were registered had a chance to win prizes! Congratulations to James Denney, Lisa Harris and Mary Walton (pictured below l-r) for each walking away with a prize!,



James Denney won two free movie tickets!



Lisa Harris received a gift card to Wal-Mart!



Grand Prize winner Mary Walton won a DVD Player!

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It's a phone call.

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Register with Head Start for the 2005-2006 School Year

If you have a child that will be 3 years old by September 1, 2005, you can sign them up to participate in the Head Start Program! Head Start is a free child development program for preschool children. The staff and teachers offer children a nurturing environment, acceptance, understanding and the opportunity to learn and experience success.

Head Start children socialize with others, solve problems, and have other experiences which help them become self-confident. Your child will leave Head Start prepared for Pre-Kindergarten, excited about learning, and ready to succeed!

To register your child for Head Start you will need:

- ◆ Copy of their Social Security Card
- ◆ Immunization Certificate
- ◆ Birth Certificate
- ◆ Proof of Family Income

For more information, please contact the Enrichment Services Program at 327-2682.



Family Advocates seen here with Mr. Larry Thornton l-r: Sonja Lockett, Doris White-Miles, Consuela Combs, Richard Wells, Jr.

Goodwill's Janitorial Training Instructor Bids Farwell

Community and Supportive Services helped say goodbye to Mr. Larry Thornton this past March. Mr. Thornton was instrumental in placing several residents in jobs through the Janitorial Program at Goodwill. Many of the residents that came in contact with Mr. Thornton often referred to him as a father figure. He was always ready to listen, to care and to help. We thank him for all that he did to support the HOPE VI Project and his efforts to help the participants achieve self-sufficiency.



Graduates from Mr. Thornton's last class (l-r): Ms. Shamil Porter and Ms. Jacqueline Thornton were both placed in jobs!



Alicia Richardson, Program Coordinator for the Neighborhood Network Center, was able to arrange for Janitorial Classes to be taught on site at Wilson Apartments.

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5 (Arts) Cinco de Mayo day Mexican Food	6 Teens Pool Party 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. Journalism Club Meeting (3 pm)
9 "Bring A Friend Day"	10	11 Table Tennis Tournament Ages 10 - 12	12	13 NCB&GC May Day Activities
16	17 Summer Camp Orientation Day	18 National Play Day for Health	19 Boys & Girls Clubs CLOSED Boys & Girls Club Birthday, 1906	20 Boys & Girls Clubs CLOSED
23 1 st Day of Summer Camp	24 Edu: Computer Games & Contests	25 Street Hockey Sign - Up ages 9-10 & ages 11-12	26 Edu: Computer Games & Contests	27 Swim Tea Sign - Up ages 8-12 Edu: Typing Competition
30 Memorial Day Boys & Girls Clubs CLOSED	31 Summer Basketball Sign-Up ages 10-12			

Summer is on the way! Do you know what your child will be doing? For membership information, contact Mr. Owens at 323-1743!