

VALERIE NIXON OF BEACON PURCHASES HER FIRST HOME

BEACON HOMES R.O.S.S. PROGRAM'S HOMEOWNERSHIP PROCESS WORKS !!!!



After a year of participation in the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (R.O.S.S.) Homeownership Program, Beacon Homes Resident Valerie Nixon has become a first-time homeowner. Ms. Nixon moved into an apartment at the Beacon Homes Site on February 10, 2025. She met with



Beacon Homes R.O.S.S. Coordinator Eloria Newell James and after completing her initial as-



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essment, she said she wanted to know about home ownership. That's where her journey began. After several meetings with Mrs. James and attending several R.O.S.S.-sponsored programs addressing credit, financial literacy and homeownership:

Ms. Nixon's dream became a reality on February 17, 2026. She is officially a new homeowner.

Executive Director Speaks....



Ailrick D. Young
Executive Director

As we welcome the renewal and fresh energy of spring, I'm pleased to share this season's update with our LHA community. Spring is a time of growth, new beginnings, and renewed focus-and it's re-

flected in the work we are doing together.

Over the past several months, we have continued to strengthen our programs, expand partnerships, and respond to the evolving needs of the individuals and families we serve. With the change in season comes new opportunities to build, improve, and move forward with purpose.

This spring, we are especially encouraged by the ways our community is coming together—through outreach efforts, collaborative initiatives, and shared goals. These moments

highlight the strength of our network and the impact we can achieve when we work together. Looking ahead, we remain committed to innovation, responsiveness, and excellence in all that we do. As we plant the seeds for future progress, we are confident that our collective efforts will continue to grow and make a lasting difference.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to LHA. I wish you all a season filled with growth, positivity, and success.

Ailrick D. Young
NAHRO FELLOW, PHM



Maintenance Safety Tips:



As temperatures rise, your air conditioning system works harder to keep your home comfortable—often leading to higher energy bills. The Maintenance Department would like to share a few important tips to help you stay cool while keeping costs under control this summer.

- ◆ Your outdoor AC unit needs proper airflow to operate efficiently. Avoid placing objects, fencing, or plants too close to the unit. Blocking or enclosing it can trap heat and force the system to work



Johnny Gardner, Maintenance Supervisor

harder, increasing energy usage and wear on the equipment. Maintain at least 2-3 feet of clearance around the unit for optimal performance.

- ◆ While it's important to keep debris like leaves and dirt away, do not completely cover or block

the unit during operations.

- ◆ Return vents play a critical role in circulating air throughout your unit.

Blocking these vents with furniture, rugs, or other items restricts airflow, reduces efficiency, and can lead to uneven cooling. Make sure all vents are clear and open.

- ◆ Set your thermostat to a comfortable tempera-

(typically around 78 degrees when home).

Use ceiling fans to help circulate cool air, keep blinds or curtains closed during the hottest parts of the day. Avoid using heat-producing appliances during peak afternoon hours. By following these tips, you can improve your AC system's efficiency, extend its lifespan, and help reduce your monthly electric bill.

SAFETY TIPS:

Good morning to all. Spring is in the air, and Summer is in the making.

Let's get prepared for the pollen, insects, reptiles, and the heat.

Make sure your children are vaccinated for any infection, be alert to where they are walking and playing, and be sure they have a supply of liquids to avoid dehydration. Remember to check on the elderly and sick neighbors as we



Charlie Turner
LHA Safety Officer/
Investigator

work together, showing love and concern, the better our social lives will be. We have a tendency to get over relaxed, during the hot months. This is when, the thieves come in, to take our goods and children.

Stay alert and vigilant at all times. Remember: see something, hear something, know something, and receive something, which is unlawful: report it to authorities. Stay safe, enjoy the summer, and live to live again.

FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGERS....

TENANT OBLIGATIONS IN LEASE COMPLIANCE

UNAUTHORIZED LIVE INS

As stated in lease under tenant obligation Section VII: (B)

1. Not to give accommodation to boarders or lodgers.
2. Not to give accommodation to long term guests (in excess of 14 days) without the advance written approval of the management.
3. If guest has been staying in your unit for more than 14 days, they are considered an unauthorized person in unit and this is considered a lease violation. Please contact your Property

LEASE AGREEMENT

If guest has been staying in your unit for more than 14 days... contact your Property Manager about adding person to the lease.



Manager about adding person to the lease.



BEACON HOMES RECOGNIZES ABNEY FOR RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Beacon Homes Resident Michelle Abney is currently working on many tasks to help her be able to run a successful business one day. She said step by step, she will get this goal accomplished by making sure she meets the requirements of operating a business. She has completed processing her LLC for my boutique retail business for Nae's Palace (NAE Nice Amazing Energy)! She is now working on getting her Bachelor's Degree for Business Administration/Entrepreneurship so she can further her knowledge on how to run a successful business. She is making this a major important part to make sure that she is not only doing her part but also making sure that her customers know that Nae's Palace will always have them leav-



ing with Nice Amazing Energy! She has made some great progress with her schooling such as being on the Dean's List with a grade average of 4.0. She said she had a mentor by her side that helps her along the way to make sure that she feels comfortable with accomplishing her schooling goals. She said a mentor is someone who makes sure that everything is going good with school, and to see if you need any help with anything. Mentors keep in touch with students to let them know that you can always reach out, and that help from your men-

tor is always by your side along the way. Mentors are there to encourage you to do your best while on this great journey. This semester she received an email from the president at Strayer University to join the team of being a mentor as well.

"I was amazed when I received this opportunity just to know that I can help someone else along the way, by making sure that they know help as well as motivation is by their side," she said. "I took the necessary steps needed for me to become a mentor such as completing test requirements, learning communication skills, and being able to make sure your mentee is always comfortable with reaching out to me at any time about anything. I received my certificate stating that I'm officially a mentor!"

RESIDENT HIGHLIGHT: ARCO LANE

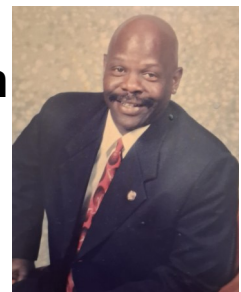
Talmadge Lee Recognized For His Dedication

Talmadge Lee, a native of Laurel, MS (KC Bottom), has lived a life full of purpose, service, and unforgettable experiences. As a young child, he relocated to Detroit in the 1950s before returning to Mississippi in 1973. His journey later took him to Atlanta, where he lived from 1980-2007, before coming back home. When reflecting on his younger years, Mr. Lee shared that he has countless cherished memories. One that stands out is the impact of a school teacher, Reginald Wilson, who taught him hands-on skills like how to use a measuring tape and carpentry tools: lessons that have stayed with him throughout. Lee has enjoyed a diverse and accomplished career. Among his many roles, he takes great

pride in serving as a Chief Investigator for the City of Atlanta. During his time there, he worked closely with prosecutors, investigated corruption within city government, and served as a warrant officer for nine years. He later worked as a Building Maintenance Mechanic Supervisor. Here at Arco Lane, Lee enjoys being an active participant in the R.O.S.S. Program and spending time gardening. Gardening holds a special place in his heart, as it connects him to his upbringing. He continues to expand his knowledge by researching different planting techniques. In his free time, Lee finds peace in riding motorcycles and fishing. When it comes to food, seafood gumbo is his absolute favorite. If given the chance to travel anywhere, he would choose a Caribbean-

an cruise to the Bahamas.

One of his most meaningful highlights is his involvement in the



Civil Rights Movement. He proudly recalls marching alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Jesse Jackson, James Orange, Bernard Lafayette, Ralph David Abernathy, and Joseph Lowery as part of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

Lee reflects on his life with gratitude, sharing that he has enough stories to write a book. Above all, he describes his journey as "an awesome life," being back home in Mississippi at Arco Lane, especially participating in the garden, brings him peace, happiness, and a strong sense of belonging.

RESIDENT HIGHLIGHT: BROWN CIRCLE HOMES

CAROLY SMITH IS RECOGNIZED BY HER SITE

Carolyn Smith is a pillar of strength and a positive force in the Brown Circle Community. Residents can depend on her to help keep the property and surrounding area clean and well cared for. Smith also provides meaningful spiritual leadership, living her life as an example. Her



deep love for her community has guided others through both seasons of abundance and times of crisis. She demonstrates strong leadership, and Ms. Car-

olyn consistently goes above and beyond for her neighbors. For 11 years, she has been a valued resident of the LHA. We are sincerely grateful for her unwavering dedication, hard work, and the positive impact she makes each day.

Her favorite Bible verse is Psalm 23, and she lives by the meaningful words, "Love thy neighbors." She cherishes spending time with her children, grandchildren, and family.

RESIDENT HIGHLIGHT: WINDSOR COURT

Bryson Cooley is Outstanding Football Player

LHA Windsor Court Homes resident Bryson Cooley is a highly regarded 4-star offensive lineman from West Jones High School. Standing around 6'6" and 315 pounds, he is known for his size, strength, and technical skill in the trenches. Cooley earned national attention during the recruiting process and had at least 15 offers but committed to the

University of Alabama, calling it a blessed opportunity. He was chosen to play on the Mississippi All-Star team and he proudly represents the Hoy community. Motivated by family, Cooley says he can't wait to give back to his mother, Chedrenka Cooley and sister Chetyra Cooley Keys, sharing that they "go hard for me and will do anything to make me happy." Cooley grad-

uated from high school in December 2025 and is an early enrollee at Alabama for the 2026 spring semester. He joins Alabama focused on developing his game, competing at the highest level, and preparing for a successful future in football. He is majoring in Business and Marketing. As he is a force to be reckoned with. We look forward to his continued success.



RESIDENT HIGHLIGHT: TRIANGLE HOMES

JAMES JONES MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH A GARDEN

In neighborhoods everywhere, something special happens when people come together with a shared purpose. At Triangle Homes that purpose was to grow a garden. Our resident Mr. James Jones has taken on the task of helping his site with the resident's community garden. He

has connected with our partner, the Laurel Garden Club, to bring something beautiful to his community. What

started as just a simple question asked of Mr. Jones turned into his daily dedication to the gar-



den. He's planted the garden and does the daily watering of plants. The garden is off to a great start and we can't thank him enough. From preparing the soil to planting seeds and maintaining

the garden bed : it was all done by Jones. His efforts have not only beautified the area but have also created a welcoming environment for everyone to enjoy. Jones shares gardening tips, exchanges fresh produce, and supports others in learning new skills.

BEACON ADDRESSES HOMEOWNERSHIP/FINANCIAL LITERACY

BEACON R.O.S.S. OFFERS RESIDENTS AFTERHOURS EVENTS



Residents attended financial literacy after hours workshops at Beacon Homes in January and March. Jennifer Sumrall with Cadence Bank came in January and Tasha McCallum with Hope Credit Union came in March. Both presenters discussed financial literacy and the steps of becoming homeowners.



BEACON ON THE MOVE SILVER SLIPPERS ACTIVITIES



Silver Slippers Exercise



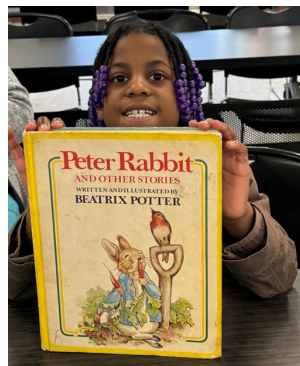
Beacon Homes Residents participated in the R.O.S.S. Program's Flash of the Past Segment of the site's Black History Program.

Beacon Homes R.O.S.S. Coordinator Eloria James encouraged residents to research their information and to share Black History Facts with the audience.

LHA partner, Rev. Jerry James with the MLK Community Development Corporation was the guest speaker for the annual event and encouraged residents to be aware of their community and to become involved to

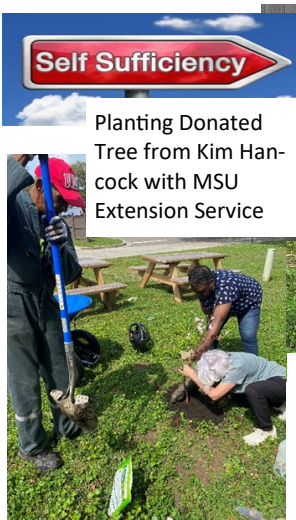


Beacon Afterschool/ Youth Activities



Young people take part in several sessions of afterschool activities.

COMMUNITY GARDEN WORK DAY



HEALTHY LIVING



Working in the Community Garden

BROWN CIRCLE HOMES NEWS

Friends of Children of MS Early Headstart-Jones Fire Drill at Brown Circle



Friends of Children Early Headstart Fire Drill conducted in Brown Circle Educating children about the concept of fire drills, explaining the purpose and procedures.

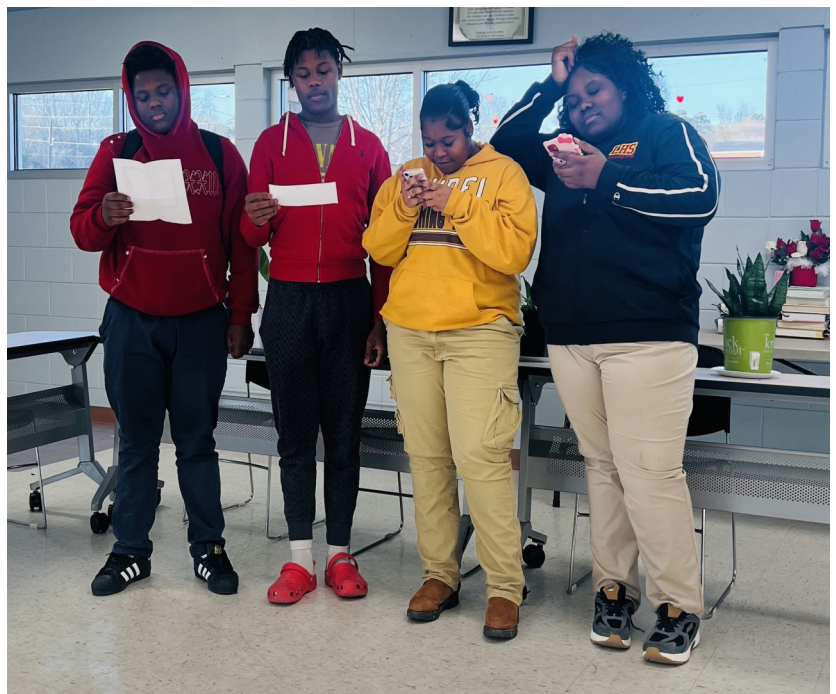


BROWN CIRCLE RESIDENTS RECOGNIZE DR. SEUSS

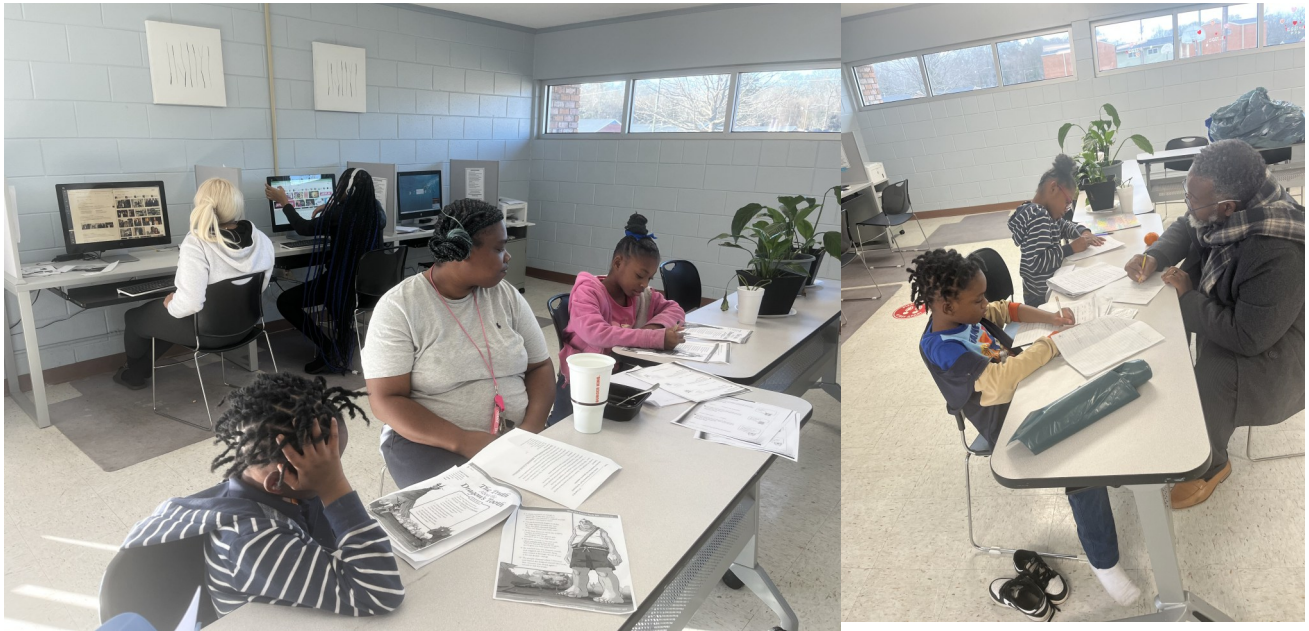


Brown Circle residents honored Dr. Seuss by dressing up as Thing 1 and Thing 2. Also, the students read books to commemorate his birthday. There was a lot of discuss around his books.

WORKING TO IMPROVE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS



BROWN CIRCLE TUTORING AND COMPUTER CLASSES



Brown Circle young people and adults come into the computer lab to take part in the tutoring and computer classes being offered.

YOUNG PEOPLE SING IN YOUTH ENSEMBLE



Brown Circle young people take part in a youth ensemble.

ARCO LANE HOMES NEWS

Lauren Rogers Museum of Arts Present Activities for Seniors



RESIDENTS ACTIVITIES



VALENTINE'S TREATS



LAUREL-JONES COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING SPONSORS A SIP AND PAINT ACTIVITY



MS EXTENSION SERVICE TALK ABOUT ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Representatives from the Mississippi State Extension Service do workshops for seniors.

AGING IN PLACE ACTIVITIES

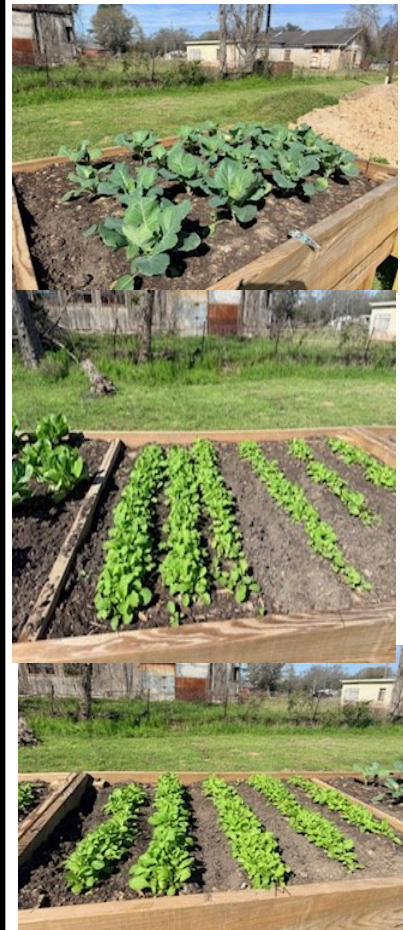


RESIDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES



Senior Citizens do arts and crafts projects.

ARCO LANE GARDEN PROGRESSING



WINDSOR COURT HOMES NEWS

CELEBRATING ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM



Jason Caire Gives Residents Tips



Jason Caire gave information on Stretching your Grocery Dollars and How to Cook for One.

Windsor Court hosted it's annual black history along with resident meeting. Maintenance informed the residents that plugs were being replaced for the refrigerators in all units. Safety talked about what to do when an emergency situation occurred such as shooting in the area.

Health and Wellness topic covered was heart health

presented by representatives from the Family Health Center. The local trailblazer that was recognized was Dr. Larry Thomas, RPh. He spoke on topics concerning Medicare, Medicaid, VA services, prescriptions and Medicaid waiver.

ROSS Coordinator encouraged residents to walk around the room and take a look at all the efforts put forth to showcase national and local trailblazers of black history.

Windsor Court Spring Break with Resident Youths

Youth enjoy arts and craft activities at the Lauren Rogers Museum



Youth learn internet safety through ROSS Program C.R.A.M. workshop



Youth enjoying Dairy Queen Free Ice Cream Day



Dr. Amanda Cooley

Hosts interactive learning project with youth.



Walking Club

Wear Red Day



Residents take part in Wear Red Day on Feb. 6, 2026 as part of Heart Health Awareness Month.



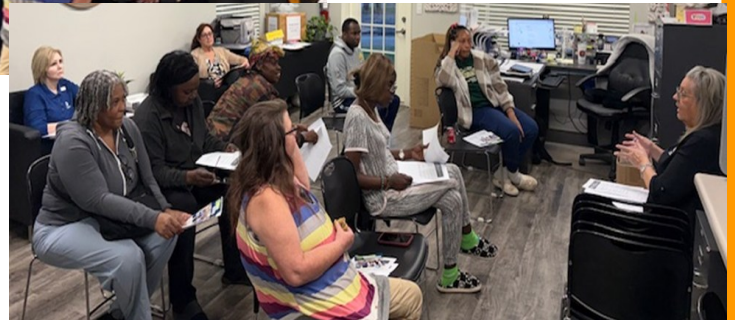
TRIANGLE HOMES NEWS

Citizens National Bank Talk to Residents about Finances



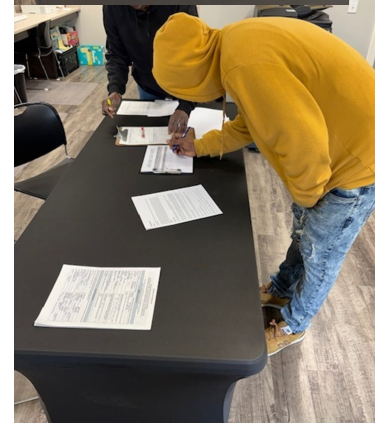
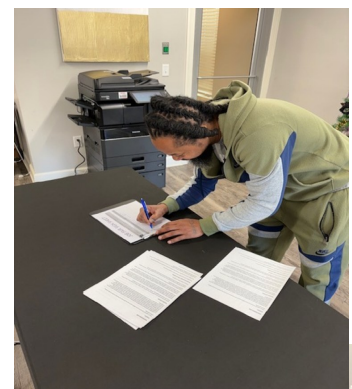
Residents of Triangle Homes enjoy a visit from one of our partners, Citizens National Bank. As a proud local bank, Citizen's staff believe banking is more than numbers, it's about supporting customers and growing

together as a community. Information was shared about bank accounts, credit builder programs, and residents were shown multi budgeting guards. Thanks to Mrs. Regina Jefcoat and her staff for coming and sharing with the residents of Triangle Homes.



LAUREL HOUSING AUTHORITY CONDUCTS JOB FAIR AT TRIANGLE

Job Fairs continue to play a vital role in bridging the gap between employers and job seekers, and this recent event was a perfect example of that mission in action. Designed to connect local talent with meaningful employment opportunities, the job fair was the start to our 2026 Job Fair campaign. The purpose of the onsite job fair is to offer our residents and the community job opportunities under one roof.



TRIANGLE HOME'S GARDEN PROJECT OFF



Growing Together: The project began with a simple idea and residents of Triangle started the planting process. Thanks to one of our Housing Authority partners, Laurel Garden Club, the journey of a community garden has begun at Triangle Homes. Special thanks to Mr. James Jones, a resident of Triangle Homes, who has donated his time to the garden and is helping by showing other residents how to plant and garden .



RESIDENTS LEARN ABOUT FINANCIAL LITERACY



In today's financial world, your credit score plays a major role in determining your opportunities. From buying a home to securing a car loan. On February 18, 2026, Triangle Homes residents along with our partners from Renaissance Community Loan Fund shared tools with the residents of credit repair and the process of identifying and correcting errors on your credit report.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

FAMILY HEALTH CENTER BRINGS MOBILE UNIT TO THE COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY

TRIANGLE



FEBRUARY

BEACON



Residents of all ages come to the Mobile Unit.



EDUCATING RESIDENTS ON THEIR HEALTH

The Family Health Center's Mobile Unit made stops at Beacon Homes, Triangle Homes and Windsor Court Sites. It is a collaboration with Family Health Center and the R.O.S.S. Program. The unit visits the sites once a month.

WINDSOR COURT



BEACON

MARCH



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

LHA RESIDENTS ATTEND ANNUAL MLK C.D.C. SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

Several Laurel Housing Authority Residents attended/participated in MLK C.D.C.'s Annual Dr King Celebration. Residents from Beacon Homes, Beacon Tax Credit Homes and Arco Lane Homes attended the Annual Scholarship/Prayer Event. Also, Brown Circle ROSS Coordinators Tito Lanier, Brown Circle Property Manager Charlotte Williams and ROSS Coordinator Eloria James also attended the event. We are thankful for the complimentary tickets residents received from the MLK C.D.C.



LHA PARTICIPATES IN DJ TRANSIT TOWN HALL MEETING

The recent Town Hall meeting brought together community members, local officials, and stakeholders to discuss the implementation of a **DJ shuttle service** aimed at improving community engagement and accessibility to events. The meeting highlighted several key points:

1. **Purpose of the DJ Shuttle:** The shuttle is designed to provide safe, reliable transportation to community events, particularly for youth and families, while also promoting local culture through live DJ performances during transit.
2. **Community Feedback:** Residents shared input on scheduling, routes, and safety concerns. Many expressed enthusiasm for a service that encourages social interaction and cultural participation, but emphasized the

need for clear communication and supervision.

3. **Logistics and Safety:** Officials discussed operational details, including vehicle capacity, driver requirements, and coordination with local law enforcement to ensure safety. COVID-19 protocols and accessibility for people with disabilities were also addressed.



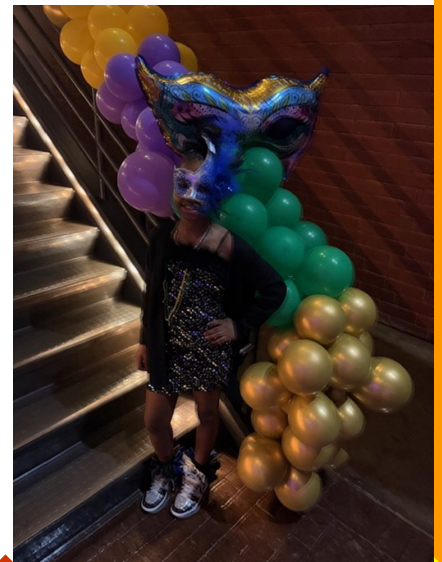
Next Steps: The community will be involved in pilot testing the shuttle, with ongoing feedback collected to refine routes, schedules, & programming. Partnerships with local organizations and sponsors will support sustainability.

Conclusion: The meeting reinforced the community's interest in innovative ways to strengthen social connections, celebrate local culture, and ensure safe, inclusive access to community events.

SERC MLK WEEKEND'S MARDI GRAS SNEAKER BALL



Laurel Housing Authority represented well at the Annual SERC Basketball & Cheer Competition and Activities.



END-OF-THE-YEAR BANQUET



The young people are pictured with Laurel School District Superintendent Michael Eubanks. Shown on left is the members and coach of the LHA Basketball Team and on the right are members and coaches of the LHA Cheerleaders Squad.

MOLINA AND FAMILY HEALTH CENTER ADDRESS OBESITY

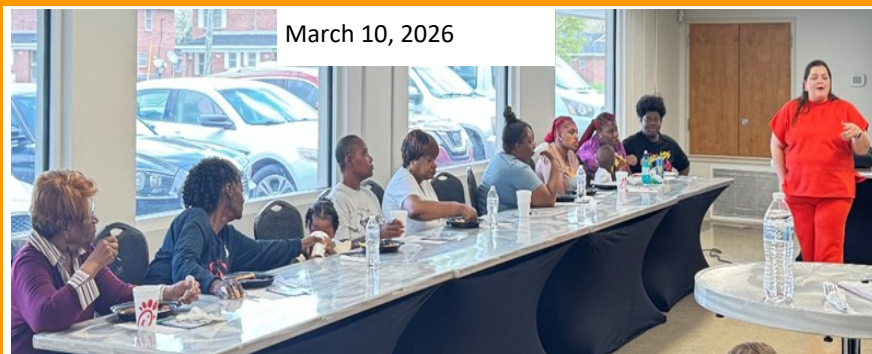


STOMP OUT OBESITY TOUR made stops at Beacon Homes, Triangle Homes and Windsor Court Sites. It is a collaboration with Family Health Center, R.O.S.S. and Molina Health Care.



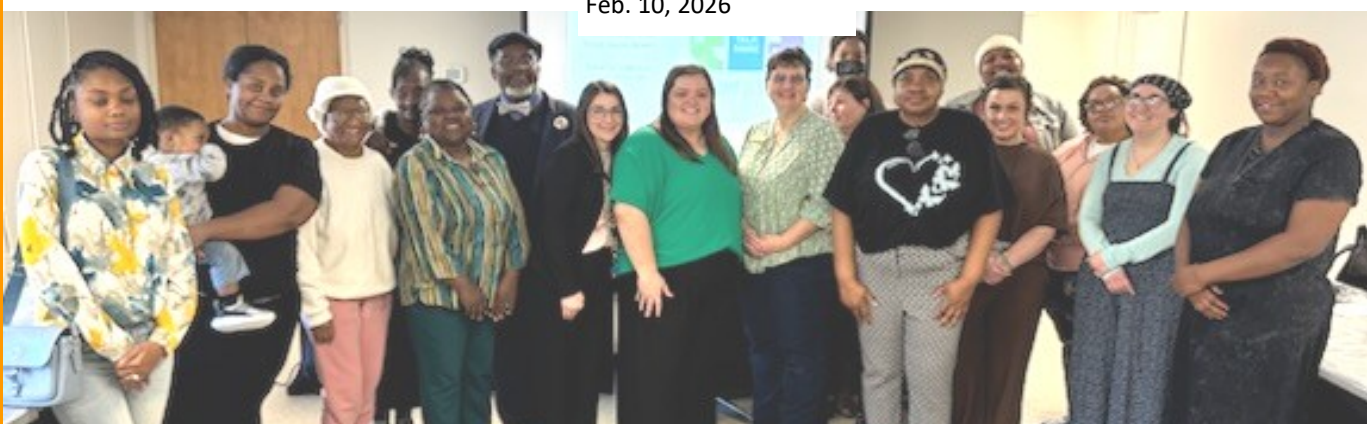
"Stomp Out Obesity"

LIBRARY, UNIV. OF MS & ROSS CONDUCT PARENTING SESSIONS



March 10, 2026

The Laurel-Jones County Library, University of Mississippi Center for Early Learning, and LHA R.O.S.S. conducted workshops to give parents tools to elevate their children's learning through talk, play, and everyday interactions.



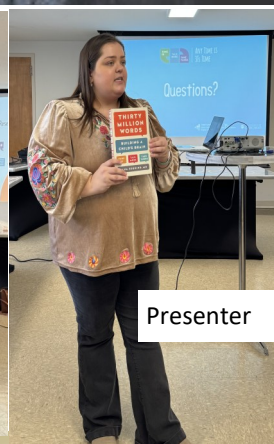
Feb. 10, 2026



Childcare Provided by library staff



Feb. 24, 2026



Presenter



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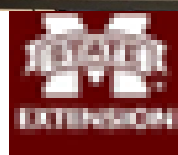


MS EXTENSION SERVICE WORKSHOPS

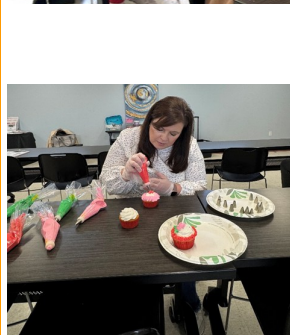
HEALTHY LIVING



Residents of all ages learn how to make salt-free seasoning blends



Laurel Housing Authority's Beacon Homes residents take part in an "Eating with Extension" Workshop in February hosted by the Beacon Homes R.O.S.S. Coordinator Eloria James and conducted by the Mississippi Extension Service Representative Latonya Ramsey-Chandler. Earlier that day, Ramsey visited the House Talk Coffee Shop and talked about healthy eating. Also pictured are Beacon Homes residents taking part in Resident Empowerment Workshops conducted in January and March by the Beacon Homes R.O.S.S. Coordinator and the MSU Extension Service Representative Kim Hancock.

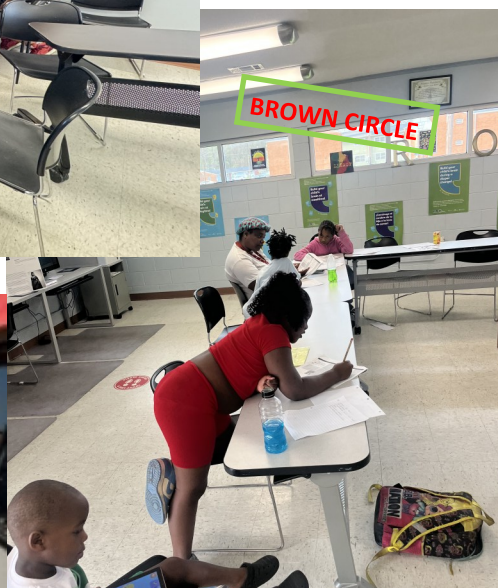
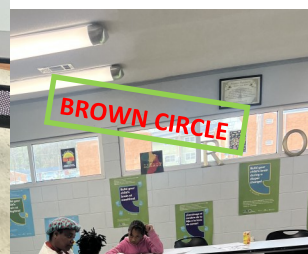


INTERSESSION & SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES

Youths at Beacon Homes, Brown Circle Homes and Windsor Court Homes hosted Spring Break Activities for the young people during their break from school this quarter.

Spring Break
WEEK

Digital Literacy



INTERSESSION & SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES

Youth learn internet safety through R.O.S.S. Program C.R.A.M. workshop



INTERACTIVE LEARNING AND FUN



ROLL TO THE POLLS

Residents from Beacon Homes and Brown Circle Homes received rides to the polls from their R.O.S.S. Service Coordinators as part of the Roll to the Polls Campaign. Pictured are residents exercising their rights by voting in the primary election held on March 10, 2026.



Beacon Homes ROSS Coordinator Eloria Newell James and Beacon Homes Resident Annie Jones & Beacon Homes Tax Credit Resident Linda Johnson Below is ROSS Coordinator Eloria James and Beacon Homes Resident Rita Leatherwood, left, and on right are Jones, Johnson and Beacon Tax Credit Resident Leslie Thomas



EXTENSION SERVICE OFFERS FINANCIAL LITERACY

Brown Circle participated in a final literacy workshop at Triangle Homes with the

Mississippi Extension Services. The participants had a great time learning about credit and its importance.



LAUREL-JONES CO LIBRARY HOSTS NUMEROUS EVENTS

BEACON & WINDSOR COURT RESIDENTS AT BLACK AUTHORS SHOWCASE

Residents from Beacon Homes, Beacon Tax Credit, and Windsor Court



visit with several of the authors being featured at the library's Annual Black Authors Showcase held on February 25, 2026.

BEACON & ARCO LANE RESIDENTS ATTEND AI FOR SENIORS WORKSHOP



Beacon and Arco Lane Residents learn about computers and programs at an AI for Seniors Workshop at the Laurel-Jones County Library on February 24, 2026. The ROSS Coordinators for Arco Lane and Beacon Homes provided the residents transportation. Also, Arco Lane seniors, to right, are shown at a second session of the AI workshop.



SENIOR CITIZENS ENJOY L-JC LIBRARY ACTIVITIES



LAUREN ROGERS MUSEUM OF ARTS SPRING FESTIVAL



Youths at Beacon Homes and Windsor Court Homes attended the Lauren Rogers Museum of Arts Annual Spring Festival in March.



COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND INVOLVEMENT

**LAUREL
POLICE
OFFICERS
EDUCATE
LAUREL
HOUSING
STAFF
ABOUT
ILLEGAL
DRUGS**



LHA IS REPRESENTED AT UNITED WAY EVENT



Here are photos from the United Way of the Pine Belt Region's quarterly Interagency Breakfast. Laurel Housing Authority had representation at the event.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Mississippi Center for Justice Event in Hattiesburg

Laurel Housing Authority participates in the Mississippi Center for Justice informational session. The employees gained helpful information regarding housing retention and housing empowerment for residents.



YOUNG PEOPLE DO MOVE YOUR BODY DANCE CONTEST



Collaboration with Family Health Center, R.O.S.S. and Molina Health

Dance



Windsor Court



Beacon

Make Your Body Move Challenge was issued to Beacon Homes, Windsor Court and Triangle Homes Sites.

As a part of the challenge, the young people attending an activity at the designated sites were to get together and do a dance to the "Make Your Body Move" Song and submit it for inclusion in the Move Your Body Dance Contest.



LHA'S HOUSE TALK COFFEE SHOP



JANUARY

MLK CDC PROMOTES COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT



Residents enjoyed guest speaker Rev. Jerry James with the MLK Community Development Corporation helping to make residents aware of community involvement.

FEBRUARY

BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM INFORMS COMMUNITY

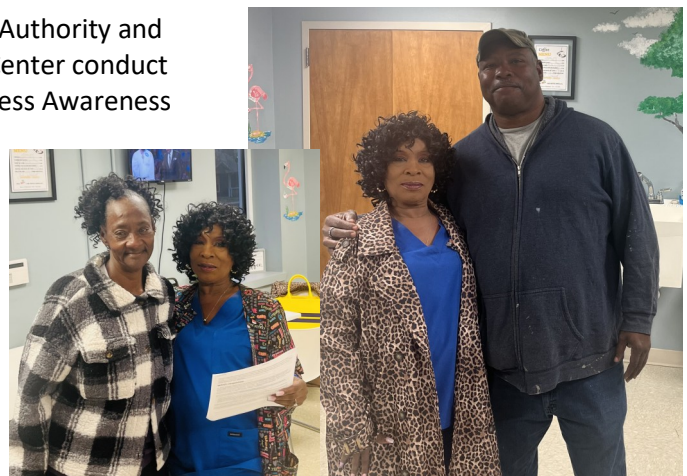
Marian Allen owner of Black History Museum came and gave some historical facts of some local trailblazers during black history month.



MARCH

FHC DISCUSSES MENTAL HEALTH

Laurel Housing Authority and Family Health Center conduct a Mental Wellness Awareness program for residents at House Talk Coffee Shop. It was very informative and helpful for residents.



HOT TOPIC

A new Mississippi law taking effect July 1, 2026, will require many juveniles accused of gun-related violent crimes to be prosecuted as adults instead of going through youth court.

The law is Senate Bill 2710. Supporters say it is aimed at reducing gang violence and repeat youth gun crime.

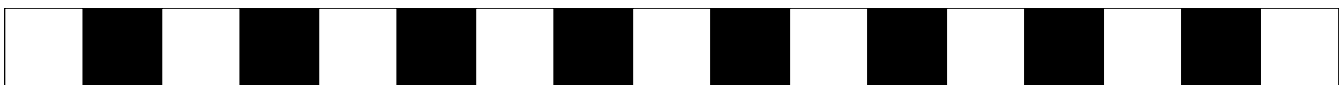
Key points of the new law:

- Juveniles accused of committing or attempting violent crimes while armed with a firearm can be sent directly to adult circuit court.
- The law creates tougher penalties for shootings involving groups of people, including drive-by-style incidents.
- It also changes some rules involving firearm transfers and possession involving minors.
- Lawmakers backing the bill said the goal is to send “a very loud message” about youth gun violence.

Current Mississippi law already restricts handgun possession for people under 18 except in situations like hunting, firearms training, target shooting, or on private property with permission.

For more information on the new Mississippi law, please reference Senate Bill 2710.

- exactly which crimes trigger adult prosecution,
- how this changes previous youth court rules,
- or what penalties teens and parents could face under the new law.

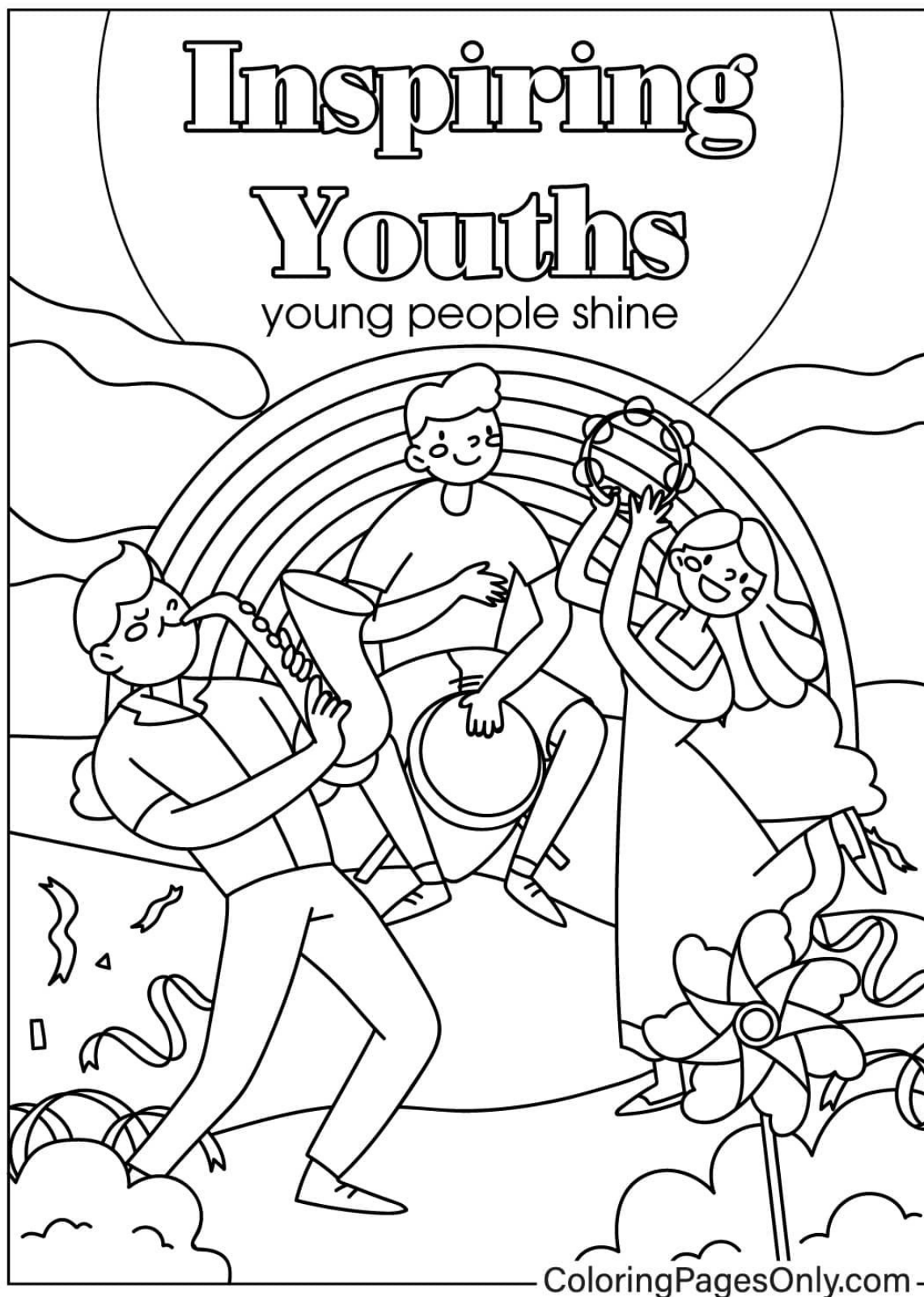


SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT (TWO, TOO, TO)

ANSWERS FROM LAST EDITION

1. I AM GOING TO READ A BOOK.
2. JAMIE RAN TWO MILES.
3. IS ANN COMING TOO?
4. SHE GOT TWO WRONG ON THE TEST.
5. MY BROTHER LIKES TO PLAY BASEBALL.

KIDS CORNER



HOUSING RESOURCES FOR VETERAN HOUSEHOLDS

Laurel Housing Authority

The Laurel Housing Authority (LHA) partners with VA programs, Continuum of Care providers, and homeless service agencies to support Veterans and Veteran-status households through access to stable, affordable housing.

Veterans We Serve

- Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- Veteran families
- Households with a Veteran head of household
- Veterans engaged with VA, CoC, or community-based services

Housing Support Available

- Affordable housing opportunities
 - Housing options that align with coordinated entry & case management efforts
 - Collaboration with service providers to support housing stability
- Fair, non-discriminatory access to housing programs
LHA works collaboratively to support housing placements that complement supportive services.

For VA, CoC & Homeless Service Providers

We welcome:

- Referrals from VA case managers and outreach teams
- Coordination with CoC lead agencies

Collaboration with homeless service providers and nonprofit partners
 Our goal is to **support housing stability for Veterans** while strengthening interagency coordination.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
 LHA STAFF & RESIDENTS WHO
 CELEBRATED THEIR BIRTHDAY
 DURING THE MONTHS OF
 JANUARY—MARCH**

MAHRO Scholarship

Winners to be Announced

Michael A. Robertson Scholarship

Winners to be Announced

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WHMTM Poster Contest—May 4

Arco Lane Meals Program

Monday-Friday—11am-1pm

Office Closed

May 22—Mental Health Day

May 25—Memorial Day

June 19—Juneteenth

Summer Feeding, Camp & Activities

June 1-30



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