

The Housing Chronicle



FEBRUARY 2010

Frederick's Negro Business & Professional Women's Club Celebrates Linda Helms and Kevin Lollar at Annual MLK Event

The Frederick Chapter of the Negro Business and Professional Women held a Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast Celebration on January 9th. The theme was "Celebrating Families." The Housing Authority had two members of our "family" honored: Linda Helms, Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinator and Kevin Lollar, Development Director. Both were recognized for their good work in the community. We are all very proud of both of them!

Each One, Teach One

Project ALIVE of the Housing Authority was recently awarded a grant from the Community Foundation of Frederick County to help our young students get off to a great academic start. The funds will be used to support a tutoring partnership between teens/young adults and four and five year olds.

We will be assembling "learning kits" to give to each tutoring pair. It will be a great experience for the teen/young adult and he/she can use the hours for his/her community service requirement, too!

Our student intern, Anna Stephens, will be working with Linda Helms to coordinate this program. Please be on the look out for more information or call (301)696-1874 for more information!



Success

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

~Booker T. Washington



Inspiration Corner

Celebration of Academic Excellence

Let's gather together on February 24th at the Bernard W. Brown Center to celebrate and honor our kids who are excelling in school. We will have dinner, hear the Spring Ridge chorus sing, enjoy a program honoring student scholars and make sure our kids know how much we value their achievements and hard work. All honor students in elementary and middle school will be honored. In June, we will also recognize our high school graduates!

The program will be held at 6pm on Wednesday, February 24th. Call Ann for more information at (301) 696-1875. Make sure you let her know if your kids have been on the honor roll this year so far, or if they are in 1st or 2nd grade, have had at least two O's on either report card.



Extermination Schedule



The Housing Authority will now be exterminating on an as needed basis. Residents will need to contact the Maintenance Department if they find that they have an insect infestation. The Housing Authority will then begin to treat that unit as well as the adjoining units for a six month period or until the pest problem is under control.

ATTENTION: Lincoln, Carver, & Sagner Residents

Tenant payment receipts for 2009 are available for pick up from February 1st to February 26th, 2010 at the front desk. These receipts are the result of drop-box or mailed in payments only. Any receipts that have not been picked up by the 26th will be discarded.

From The Occupancy Department



The Federal Guidelines for Community Service have been updated by the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). All residents will be sent the new guidelines at their annual reexamination.

H1N1

The Frederick County Health Department is offering an H1N1 Walk-in Clinic on February 3, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Clara D. Harris Community Room at Sagner. The clinic is FREE of charge, no appointment necessary and it's for the H1N1 flu vaccine only. It's not too late to vaccinate. Keeping our communities healthy is a "shared responsibility". That's why it's important that you and your family get vaccinated against the H1N1 flu vaccine- it may be time for the second dose. For more information, contact Linda Helms (301) 696-1874.

St. Paul AME Youth Ministry

St. Paul AME Church Youth Ministry continues to meet on Thursdays at 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Clara D. Harris Community Center. Open to ages 9-14. All are welcome to join. The group teaches life skills through biblical teachings.

Contact Linda Helms 301 696-1874.

Sagner Community Resident Council Meeting

The Sagner Resident Council Meeting has been changed to Monday, **February 8th at 5:00 p.m.** The Housing Authority Office is closed on **February 15th for President's Day.** At this meeting there will be a Presentation on **Prevention of Diabetes by Angela Blair of The Frederick County Health Department.** We are taking on the attitude of how important it is for all of us to be healthy. Education is the key. As we continue to Build Strong Communities, we can help to build strong and healthy families. For more information contact Linda Helms (301)696-1874.

Imagine Me

Imagine Me continues to **Inspire, Encourage, Educate and Empower.** I want to thank **Robin Alston** and **Sherri Glover** for being our guest speakers in December and January. **Two remarkable women** who share a common bond in writing. **Imagine Me** was truly inspired by both of these Poets who share their poetry and themselves with us with poems from their books "**Inspirational Poems for Every Moment of Each Day**" and "**Expressions of My Own Heart**". Sherri also has written a book titled "**A Prayer For The Other Woman**" which was based on her poem "**She is Now My Friend**". I thank both of them for the gift that God has placed in them. Robin's poem of "**Special People**" is one of my favorites. Thanks to both of these wonderful ladies for being a part of **Imagine Me.**

~ Linda Helms
FSS Coordinator

Please join **Imagine Me** on **February 1, 2010 at 7:00 PM** with guest speaker **Angelo Schell** as he shares his story. For additional information, contact Linda Helms (301)696-1874.

Tuesdays with Sherri

Tuesdays with Sherri has changed from 11:00 AM to 5:00PM on Tuesday. The group continues to meet at The Lincoln Community Center off of Phebus Avenue and Bentz. This is a Women's Support Group.

Wednesday Book Club

The book group continues to meet on Wednesday mornings at The Clara D. Harris Community Center at 11:00 a.m. For more information contact Linda Helms.

Money & Me to begin on February 4th and 18th at the Clara D. Harris Community Room in Sagner!

Have you ever felt that you and your money simply just don't get along? That you are always struggling to make ends meet, beat the turn-offs, and avoid eviction? Well, there is hope. Part of the problem, of course, is that you simply may not have enough money. The other problem may be that you don't know the tricks of managing the money you do have. Come to the beginning of a new workshop, "Money and Me" and begin to get your finances under control. Janet Fogle, Homeownership Coordinator, will facilitate this workshop. Please call her for more information at (301)682-3493.

Healthy Women Unite (or even not so healthy)

Mark your calendars for our kick-off event for a "Healthy Women" series to begin on Friday, March 5th, from 12-2pm at the Clara D. Harris Community Room at Sagner. This is a program you won't want to miss! You not only have a chance to learn about how to be your healthiest self, but we will also offer lunch, a t-shirt, and a chance to win a \$100 bill. This is offered in conjunction with Carol Hilton of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Trespass Log

The purpose of the trespass policy is to ensure that all residents can live in a safe and secure neighborhood. The policy's goal is to help alleviate the negative affects that drug activity can have in our communities. The Housing Authority does its part by maintaining a trespass log, in turn we ask that residents assume responsibility that their guests do not engage in drug-related or other activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of their neighbors. Those who are currently on the trespass log have a right appeal to have their name removed from the log.

Each month The Chronicle will be keeping residents informed of our effort to keep our neighborhoods safe by running a list of those currently on the trespass log. If an excluded person is seen visiting a residents apartment, that resident will receive only **1 warning letter**. If the excluded person is seen again on the property visiting that residents apartment it will be grounds for lease termination. In addition if you see any of the individuals listed on the trespass log on the community property, please contact the police department. Please do your part to keep our neighborhoods safe.

NAME	PROHIBITED COMMUNITIES/EXEMPTED RESIDENCES	DATE SERVED
1. Olan Carlos Mark III a.k.a. Country	All Communities	10/19/01, 11/09/01
2. Michael Brian Martello	All Communities	09/01/02
3. David Duane Mason	All Communities	01/29/04
4. Rufus Lovely Mason	All Communities	08/25/01
5. David Louis May	All Communities	03/08/02
6. Jennifer Ann McLaughlin	All Communities	03/08/03
7. David Shawn Meadows	All Communities	05/01/02
8. Colleen Medford-Creech	All Communities	09/20/02
9. James Joseph Mervinsky	All Communities	06/09/05
10. Sarentia Tyvale Milton	All Communities	08/22/01
11. Jason Phillip Misner	All Communities	08/30/03
12. Carl Terrance Mobley	All Communities	12/30/06
13. Michael Meredith Moore	All Communities	07/29/03
14. Brandon Michael Morris	All Communities	07/24/03
15. Gregory Andrew Morris	All Communities	07/07/01

Earned Income Credit

Take the money.



You've earned it.

The Earned Income Credit (EIC), is a tax benefit for people who work full-time or part-time. **Workers may get up to \$6,000, depending on income and family size.**

Households may qualify for the federal and state EIC if, in 2009, they:

- Earned less than \$35,463* and have one dependent child.
- Earned less than \$40,295* and have two dependent children.
- Earned less than \$43,279* and have three or more dependent children.
- Had no children, earned less than \$13,440,* are between ages 25 and 64 and do not have dependent children.

* The income limit for married workers is \$5,000 higher.

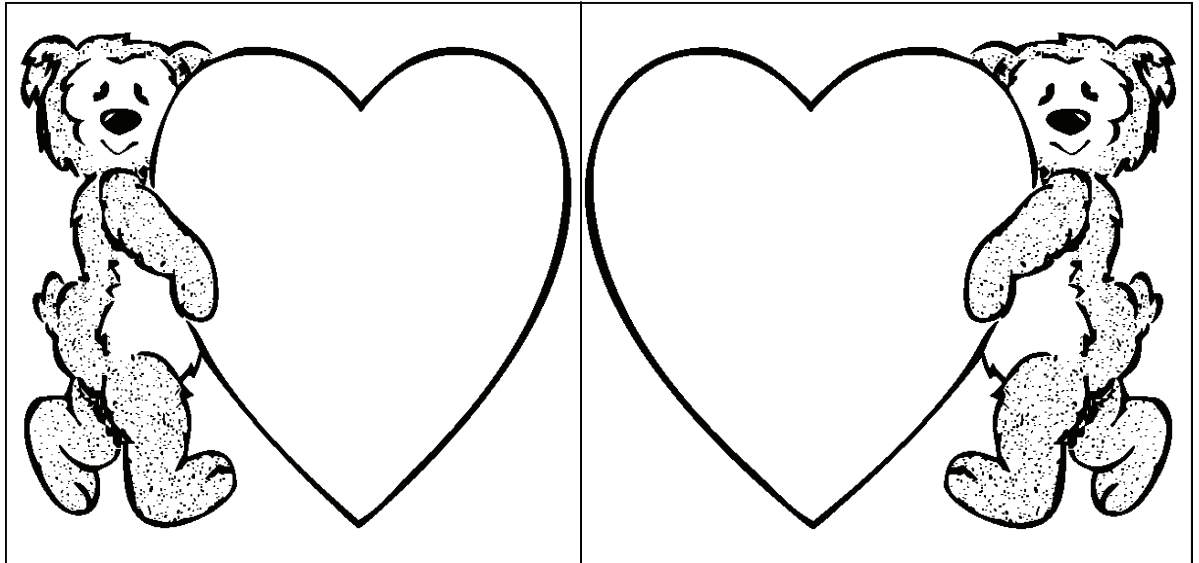
Free Tax Preparation Services with Free E-Filing for Faster Refunds! Two locations! (Available to households earning \$43,279 or less)

LOCATION:	Bernard W. Brown Community Center 629 North Market Street • Frederick, MD	Frederick Community Action Agency 100 South Market Street • Frederick, MD
SCHEDULE:	February 1, 2010 - April 15, 2010 Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1 st & 3 rd Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Walk Ins Welcome or by Appointment. Call 301-662-0294 to make an appointment.	February 1, 2010 - April 15, 2010 Mondays 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 2 nd & 4 th Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. By Appointment Only. Call 301-662-0294 to make an appointment.

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Kids Biz

Color in these two cards, write a special note, and give them to 2 special people!



February Birthdays!!!

Samari Ponder
Mikayla Sidwell
Robert Higgins
Jahmil Swinton
Khyel Green
Xiomar Alicea
Anyia Reid
Allison Mender

Sonpon Nimley
Kenneth Snowden
Thompson Tarr
Chloe Williams
Paul Johnson
Amand Lynch
Chante Weedon
Amira Brandy

Ageaira Frazier
Alexander Latson
Morgan Leake
Shania Goines
Tyriek Kimble
Ahava Thomas



PAL Math Club Prepares for Another Celebration!

Did you know that we had 15 kids participate in a Math Club at the PAL Center last term? Did you know that they are still at it? They meet every Wednesday night with the principal of Spring Ridge, Debbie Thackston, our education volunteer Cindy Powell, and several Spring Ridge teachers right at the PAL Center. They have been working hard and will be honored at a ceremony at the PAL Center on Wednesday, February 17th at 5pm. Call Ann for more information at (301)696-1875.

Meet Me In The Sky

“Rosa Parks sat so Martin Luther could walk
Martin Luther walked so Barack Obama could run
Barack Obama ran so all the children could fly
I’m a spread my wings you can meet me in the sky”

Do you recognize these lyrics? If you do you will know that they hail from rapper Jay-Z famous verse on the remix to Young Jeezy’s “My President is Black”. These lines have been quoted, postered, and t-shirted across the nation. Inspiring teens and adults alike that as African-Americans nothing is impossible. Why, because a black man has reached the highest office in the United States of America. Many parents have spoken the same words over and over again, that they can honestly say to their child, “You CAN be whatever you want to BE. It has been done.”

Where will your story and mark in history begin? Rosa Parks refused to obey bus driver’s



order to give up her seat for a white passenger on a Montgomery bus. This act began the Montgomery Bus boycott, but nine months before Rosa Parks there was 15 year old Claudette Colvin. A teenager who also re-



refused to give up her seat. An excerpt from the Wikipedia Free Encyclopedia described, “Colvin was returning from school on March 2, 1955 when she got on a Capital Heights bus downtown (at the same place Parks boarded another bus nine months later). Colvin's family did own a car, but she relied on the city's gold-and-green buses to get to school.

Colvin was sitting about two seats from the emergency exit when four hobos boarded. The bus driver, Robert W. Cleere, ordered her along with three other black passengers to get up. She refused and was removed from the bus by two police officers, who took her to prison.

"The bus was getting crowded and I remember the bus driver looking through the rear view mirror asking her to

get up out of her seat, which she didn't," said a classmate at the time, Annie Larkins Price. "She didn't say anything. She just continued looking out the window. She decided on that day that she wasn't going to move."

Colvin was handcuffed, arrested and forcibly removed from the bus. She shouted that her constitutional rights were being violated."

Or take 15 year old June Johnson, original member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee who also served as witness to African Americans who attempted to register to vote in Mississippi was beaten in one of the most savage civil rights movement incidents. On June 11, 1963 her group was on their way back from a voter registration training course. Their bus stopped at a whites-only lunch counter as one person tried to use the segregated restroom. After being arrested she was separated from other members of the bus group and beaten in the booking room. She tried to explain to the police that she was only just 15, but they refused to believe her. Once her age was confirmed they declined to press charges on her.



Where will your story and mark in history begin? For these women it began in the civil rights movement. Although in a different era than we grow up in and different circumstances. The universal idea of it is the same, these women stood up for something they believed in and never waived from that. My grandmother always told me, “If you stand for nothing you’ll fall for everything.” The ground work has been set for us as youth today. Rosa Parks, Claudette Colvin, Martin Luther King, June Johnson, President Obama, and so many others who haven’t received their accolades. We CAN be anything we want to be whether white, black, Asian, pink hair, blue toe nails, or skinny jeans. Believe in yourself and you will achieve.

My name is Olivia Taylor and I want to be the best me I can be. My mark in history begins with me being the first to go to college in my family. So like Jay-Z said, “I’m a spread my wings you can meet me in the sky.”

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Let Them Know What's Missing

Do you have any thoughts on services to families in Frederick County? The Frederick County Office for Children and Families want to know. They will be holding focus groups at Sagner in January, Carver on February 5th at 11am in the community room and Lincoln on February 5th at 12:15 in the community room.

They want to know what resources you could use as you raise your children. They want to know what gaps you are finding in services in Frederick County. Trouble with affordable day care? Trouble finding dental services for your kids? Trouble with the schools?

Come and help them know what to recommend in their report to policy makers! Call Ann for more information at (301)696-1875.

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The Housing Authority
will be closed on
Wednesday, February 10, 2010

