

The Housing Chronicle



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ATTENTION!!!!!!!

The Housing Authority will be
closed
on
Wednesday, February 10, 2009

Your 2010 Depends On You

When you look back at 2009, can you point specifically to anything you did to make your life better? Did you take a class? Join a church? Begin counseling?

Now is your chance to make up for lost time. The world is full of opportunities to go back to school, to train for a career in a field you might enjoy. President Obama has approved even more financial aid for such purposes. Join many of your neighbors in enrolling at FCC or in finally getting their high school diplomas. It's possible. It's as simple as calling Ann Ryan, Project ALIVE Coordinator, at (301)696-1875 to begin the process.

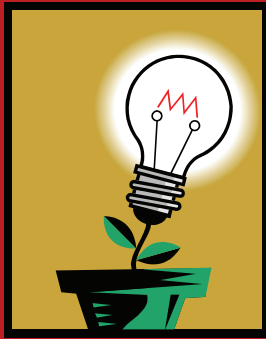
If you are feeling too depressed and hopeless to even think about going to school or doing anything else to improve your life, there is a way out. Many of your neighbors are participating in individual counseling once a week. They are beginning to sort out what keeps them down and how they might live with more hope and energy in the future. No one wants to live in pain. There is a way to begin to live the life you've always wanted but can't quite find. Now is the time. Call Counseling Services at (301) 663-6135 to set up an appointment. If you have to pay a co-pay, Project ALIVE will cover it for you.



Follow Your Dreams

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.

~Henry David Thoreau



Inspiration Corner

What Do You Really Think About The Housing Authority?

Everyone should have received a questionnaire regarding your thoughts on the quality of services you receive here at the Housing Authority. We want to know if you have any suggestions for better customer service or other ways we can best support your efforts to provide stable and safe housing for you and your families. Also, we appreciate your taking the time to suggest other ways we might help you connect with services and supports that will be helpful as you move forward. Please put the questionnaires in the box in the main lobby at the Housing Authority. Thanks for your help.



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.

Celebrating Academic Success

If your child has done well in school, he or she may be eligible to participate in the next Honors Club celebration. Just give Ann or Linda a copy of his/her report card. We are planning for a fun gathering in February where kids will be acknowledged and celebrated. Please let us know about yours!



New Incentive Forms Available

Just a reminder that we are starting fresh with the Incentive Program. If you pay your rent on time, attend at least three resident council meetings, participate in at least three enrichment activities, and generally follow the rules, you will receive a \$50 Walmart gift card in six months. It comes in handy; just ask your neighbors who got theirs in time for Christmas! There will be 2010 (Jan-June) forms available at the front desk or call Ann at (301)696-1875 and she'll get one to you.



Winter Crossword

Find the spot where each word fits. Use each word only once.

- ICE
- HOCKEY
- HAT
- ICEBERG
- COAT
- ICICLES
- FROST
- SNOWMAN
- SHOVEL
- SNOWBALL

January Birthdays!!

- Cameron Inman
- Victoria Michaels
- Omar Campbell Jr.
- Ciaira Gorton
- Aubrey Davis
- Melot Richburg
- Kaija Griffin
- Nyaire Jackson
- Corey Jameson
- Rebecca Hagan
- Beyonce Jackson
- Drake Kline
- Earl Blake
- Nydoria Harrison
- Elijah Goines
- Eric Allen
- Malachi Jones
- Darren Harris
- Kamiya Brandy
- Jayden Hoy
- Andrea Valiente



5 Tips for Teen Entrepreneurs

It's harder to find jobs in today's tough economy. If you need to earn money over the summer or after school, why not become your own boss?

Here are 5 tips on starting your own business:

1. **Identify a need.** Think about the kinds of services that might do well in your area. If you live in a suburb and your neighbors commute long distances to work, they may need dog walking help. Pet sitting is another good line of business during the summer or over the holidays when people travel. If there are lots of senior citizens in your area, a computer help business might do well. Keep your ears open for opportunities. If you have your license and you hear your mom's friend talking about how her kids need to be picked up at the same time from different places, suggest she hire you to help. You also can offer to pick up anything from groceries to dry cleaning, or clean anything from windows to cars.
2. **Set a price for services.** Once you know what you want to do, figure out how much to charge. Search online to see what others charge for the service you plan to provide. Teens often have an advantage: Less experience means you may be able to charge less, making your business more competitive.
3. **Advertise.** Print flyers describing the services your business offers. List your rates and your phone number or email address. (Check with your parents before you do this, of course!) Drop off a flyer at every house in your neighborhood. Give some to parents to take
4. **Organize your work.** Once you have clients, you'll need to keep track of them. You don't want to forget to walk someone's dog because you were feeding someone else's fish. Buy a calendar and write down every job you do each day and the time you'll do it. Keeping a calendar also reminds you of how many times you provided a service so you can bill your clients. A parent, teacher, or school counselor can help you get started on business planning. Who knows, your business may grow so fast that you'll have to hire friends to help!
5. **CYB: Cover Your Business.** If you drive for work, you'll want to be sure you have insurance — especially if you'll be driving other people's cars or transporting their kids. You'll also need to look into any coverage you might need for taking care of other people's property or pets. Ask a parent, school counselor, or teacher for advice.

to work. Ask local stores or coffee shops if you can post a flyer on their community notice board (if you do this, make a bunch of tabs along the bottom with the service you offer and a phone number, so people can tear one off instead of taking the entire flyer).

You also might be able to use sites like Craigslist to advertise your services — as well as look for customers who might need you. If you do look for opportunities online, though, keep a parent involved in what you're doing.

With a little preparation, running your own business can bring great rewards, in both money and experience.

Parent Corner

9 Things Every Young Mommy Must Do Before She Turns 30

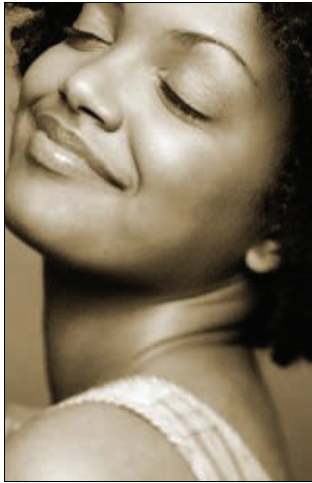
www.theyoungmommylife.com

1. **Accept your new body.** We all know that pregnancy and motherhood change things. Especially the way things...um, sit. What once was high and firm and perky is now...well, not so high and maybe not so firm and definitely not so perky. BUT! Your body once had ANOTHER PERSON in it. Very cool, I think. Accepting your body (flaws and all) is simply giving it the respect it deserves.

2. **Learn the fine art of budgeting.** It's not hard, really. (Go visit my friend Arlice at [A Woman's Worth](#) - she'll teach you.) You've got to get your finances under control by this point in your life. Know what comes in, what's going out and how to maximize what's left over! Financial stability is vital for your kids, and getting your money in order is a great step in that direction.

3. **Become (just a little bit more) secure in your mommy skills.** I'm not saying you always know what you are doing every day, but I'm sure you feel a little more confident that if the kids come running to you for something, that you are able to handle it. I remember cringing every time my six-month-old daughter cried because I wasn't sure what she wanted and I couldn't handle failing once again. (My daughter had a look she'd give me, as in, "You idiot. You fail!") But slowly, I learned how to soothe her and now I handle most problems with ease.

4. **Establish a weekly routine of doing something just for you.** It doesn't matter what it is. If you enjoy knitting or bowling or swimming or exercising, do what feels good for you. Not something that will in some way directly benefit the kids (such as learning to sew so you can patch clothes or something), but something that brings joy to you and you alone. A happy mommy is a better mommy. Always remember that.



'Twas 2 Days After Christmas

'Twas 2 days after Christmas and the house was a mess,

There was giftwrapping everywhere and my mother-in-law's dogs to add to the stress.

My daughter has been dressed as [Princess Tiana](#) for two days straight,

And my son has been killing zombies, non-stop, living as an assassin in Italy and running Madden plays via video games.

My mother-in-law went on her smoke breaks and left open the front door,

And a Dancing Dora is sitting in the middle of my living room staring up at me from the floor.

The burners in my kitchen have been blackened to a crisp,

From cooking ribs, chicken, mac n' cheese, pies, hamburgers and even chips.

We've gone through at least 5 gallons of juice, wine, and coffee,

And personally, I've watched 10 to 12 good and bad movies [including R. Kelley's full, extended version of In The Closet on IFC],

I'm taking out the garbage once every four hours,

And I believe I'm the only one out of the bunch who's taking daily showers.

It's 2 days after Christmas and all bets are off,

I've eaten so much pie, ice cream and red meat my butt has turned soft.

But I'm not worried about the plaque clogging up my veins,

It's just a home full of joy and love at the House of E.Payne.

Happy Holidays!

For more from Eric Payne check out:
www.makesmewannaholler.com

Master “The Look” or whatever means of discipline you use to keep your kids in line. Right now, my daughter pretty much runs my life. Her needs are my needs and I live to keep her happy. She’s a darling little girl, doesn’t give me much trouble, so I have no problem giving her what she wants. There will come a day, however, when she isn’t so cooperative and I will need to discipline her. It’s good to know I’ll have something at my disposal to work with.

6. Find that one “mommy friend” who always, always, always has your back. Yes, she can be childless, but it’s a bonus if she knows exactly where you’re been.

7. Learn how to cook. You don’t have to become a gourmet chef, but you have to develop an arsenal of basic recipes and at least one WOW! dish that makes people think you can throw down in the kitchen with anyone.

7. Take a vacay by yourself - even if its just a weekend or an overnight trip. Leave the kids with the husband, or drop the kids off with Grandma, and go somewhere just for you. Bring your coziest robe, order some room service and watch a movie in bed. Let someone else do the cooking for a change!

8. Have a clear vision of what you want your life to look like for the next 10-15 years. I know my kids weren’t planned. The life I thought I would be leading right now has long been shattered to bits and it was taken me a minute to get back on track. Around 30, I will be able to look back at where I’ve been, and have clear goals for where I want to be.

9. Spend your days focused on the things that really matter. Family.

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. John Hayes Walter King III	All Communities	09/04/02
2. Shawn Joseph Knighton	All Communities	10/02/02
3. Arthur Eugene Lancaster	All Communities	11/03/06
4. Tamar Javon Lawson	All Communities	09/14/02
5. April Janelle Layer	All Communities except Carver	08/03/02
6. Anthony Jerome Lee	All Communities	03/14/03
7. Katherine Marie Lee	All Communities	01/25/02
8. Rachelle Lee Leekins	All Communities	06/12/02
9. Trotez Leonard	All Communities	03/06/02, 08/30/02
10. Charles Anthony Liggeons	All Communities	03/08/03
11. John Ross Lindsay	All Communities	09/02/01
12. Shawnee Sky Luby	All Communities except Sagner	06/14/02
13. Jeremy Robert Lunney	All Communities	08/19/08
14. Jamal Antwein Magruder	All Communities	03/02/04
15. Gary Ray Main Jr.	All Communities	03/11/03