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Resident Initiatives

"Your Success Is Our Success"

Newly Elected Tenant Association Board Officers Installed for Three-Year Term

The St. Louis Housing Authority currently has thirteen (13) duly elected Tenant Affairs Boards (TABs) that represent the development in which they live throughout the city of St. Louis. In addition to the TABs, there are over fifty (50) resident volunteers that work as Lobby Monitors or work on different projects and activities at different housing developments. There is a TAB operating in the following developments-Badenfest, Badenhaus, Blumeyer Village, Cahill House, Clinton Peabody, James House, Kingsbury Terrace, Lafayette Apartments, Parkview, Senior Living at Renaissance Place, West Pine, Les Chateau, and North Sarah. The Tenant Affairs Board is a great way for residents to work together and address resident needs at each development by communicating with the St. Louis Housing Authority and the development Manager.

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Upcoming Events

**Sherwin-Williams
Painter's Program**

Monday, April 25 - 29, 2016

Senior Olympics

Thursday, May 26—31, 2016

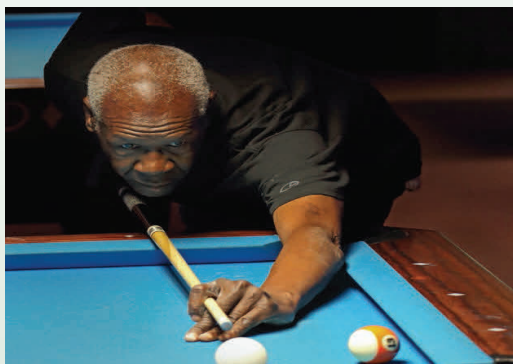
Senior Olympics 2016

The St. Louis Senior Olympics promotes the health and wellness of men and women 50 years of age and older by providing them opportunities to participate in competitive sports and social events.

The St. Louis Housing Authority residents have participated in the Senior Olympics for the past 15 years and is gearing up for the 16th year. One of our own Resident Commissioners, Mr. James

Murphy was a strong competitor in the pool competition in 2015. He will be competing again in the 2016 Olympics.

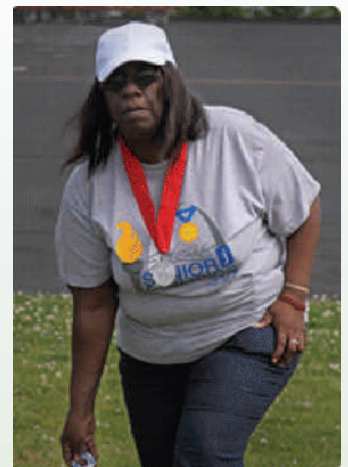
With the help of 200+ volunteers, more than 1,100 athletes are able to participate in 90 events over Memorial Day weekend each year. SLHA residents are gearing up and practicing for the 2016 Senior Olympics. The St. Louis TAB President, Ms. Juanita Brown, competed in the Washer Toss in 2015.



Mr. James Murphy, Resident Commissioner

**Senior Olympics Registration
Please contact your local
Tenant Affairs Board or
Marvin Bostic (314) 535-3616**

**Registration Deadline:
April 18 (Early) & May 9 (Final)**



Ms. Juanita Brown, President of the St. Louis Tenant Association

Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Program

The Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program offers a variety of resources to residents of public housing including the supportive services offered to participants who sign a five year contract.

Household Management Skills Classes is a favorite of residents. This interactive course provides community service credit and a variety of tips and ideas of how to maintain a clean, healthy and clutter free unit. Those participants who complete the series of five 2 hour classes receive a household kit valued at \$50.

Who doesn't want free stuff?

Other helpful resources include the 8 week series, Relationships 101 (Anger Management) that enhance communication skills, negotiation methods and stress reduction. Get into a positive mind-frame as you tackle the daily grind.

Please contact Judy Lynum for more information (314) 286-4296 or jlynum@slha.org.

HCV Family Self-Sufficiency Program

The FSS program promotes economic independence and self-sufficiency for participating individuals receiving Section 8 rental assistance. When the family or individual enrolls in the FSS program, they are required to sign a contract of participation (for 5 years) that outlines a series of steps or goals that will help the family become more self-sufficient. The final goals are to be employed and to be independent of all welfare programs for twelve consecutive months.

As a participating family increases their income and pays more toward their rent. Due to increased earned income, the St. Louis Housing Authority will generally deposit a percentage of the earned income into an escrow account for the family. When all goals which include employment and independent of all welfare programs for 12 consecutive months are met, all accumulated escrow funds will be released to the family.

Please contact Karen Jamerson for more information (314)286-4324 or Kjamerson@slha.org.

Elderly & Disabled Services



Congratulations to the five residents who attended the Metal and Woodworking class with perfect attendance. The participants pictured above with Cheryl Lovell Executive Director, SLHA (center) had perfect attendance. Our participants are from left to right: Sam Hollister, Keith Griffin, Jeffrey Hill, Gary Wilson, and Samuel Walter.



Geraldine Ivy of Kingsbury was recently honored as a recipient of a \$500 scholarship from our Second Act, Inc. to attend St. Louis Community College. Our Second Act, Inc. is a non-profit organization comprised of women 55 years and older, founded by Ms. Lois Laster.



The residents of Renaissance Place at Grand are participating in an Intergenerational Art Project with Artist, Solomon Thurman (center) to create a hand drawn Mural of their housing development. This project is funded by a grant from the Regional Arts Commission and a grant from the Blumeyer Endowment. The project will be completed at the end of April, 2016.