



THE ENTERPRISE

Welcome Back To School!

It's school time again! For all of you getting ready to set out for school, you're probably feeling excited and maybe a little sad that summer is over. Some kids feel nervous or a little scared on the first day of school because of all the new things: new teachers, new friends, and maybe even a new school. Luckily, these "new" worries only stick around for a little while. RHE wishes all parents and their children good luck on the new year back at school.



September/October

Special points of interest:

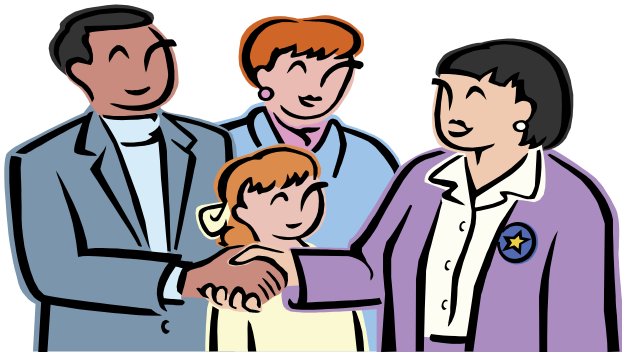
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Preparing Your Child for the First Days of School

Parents, you can help to prepare your children by explaining to them what to expect from their first day of school activities. Little ones can be very frightened by the thought of going to school every day and leaving the comfort of home that they know. In many cases it is not knowing what the first day of school activities will bring that causes the worry and fear. If they are prepared and know what it means to go to school, they will be less apprehensive and respond better to the whole idea. Parental guidance is very important at this point in a child's development. A positive attitude from a parent can change everything for a child. Going to school happy is far better than going full of fear.

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Mayor and Council Election 2009

City of Rockville elections are held every two years, at which time the mayor and four council seats are up for election. Rockville operates under a council-manager form of government.

Under the council-manager form of government, the elected body—in the case of Rockville, the five-member Mayor and City Council—is responsible for establishing policy, passing local laws and developing an overall vision for the city. They appoint a city manager to oversee the daily operations of the government and implement the policies they've established. Elections are scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Residents who live within the corporate limits of the city and are registered to vote may vote in City of Rockville elections. Polls are open on Election Day from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. The City will host voter registration drives in September or residents can register to vote through the Board of Elections of Montgomery County. For information, call the City Clerk's office at 240-314-8280. As residents it is important to vote every election not just in National Elections. Your voice needs to be heard.

Resident Council

Residents, please come to the Resident Council meetings. We need to hear your voice. The meetings are an opportunity for residents to express concerns to management and to work together to improve our community, and bring

about ideas about what activities they'd like to see and work with a committee to make it happen. Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the David Scull Community Center. RHE would like

all residents, including voucher holders (Section 8) to participate in meetings. For more information as to how you can participate in the meetings contact Resident Counselor, Florence Cole at (301) 424-6265 .

Resident Events

Thanks again to all the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher residents that came to the Community Summer Bash and National Night Out. Both events were a great success. Check out some of the pictures from these events.



RHE Resident Council On Facebook?

Yes, it's true! RHE's Resident Council is on Facebook. Now that technology is in every facet of life, the RHE Resident Council did not want to miss out. The Facebook page gives residents and others in the community the opportu-

nity to discuss important issues they have, and to find out what upcoming events the Resident Council is going to have. So if you would like to add us to your friends list or want to know more about our Facebook

page, contact Lydia York, President or Tosha Dyson, Vice President at (240) 715-5685 or just look for us on Facebook.



Housekeeping Reminders

Every once in a while you may need to clean your house from top to bottom. And even though it may take a really long time to do and your space is small, there is still a lot that needs to be cleaned. Bad housekeeping leads to vermin infestation, especially roaches. Dispose of food properly. Wash used dishes regularly. Cover stored food in tight containers. And when roaches are exterminated, please remove the dead ones.

This will help reduce the likelihood of your home being re-infested with critters. Parents, you can also get your children involved in the cleaning routine of the house. Giving children a 10-minute "pick-up time" each morning (to make their beds, pick up the clothes in their rooms, etc.) can eliminate the "disaster zone phenomenon" you have to deal with every weekend. If you keep on top of the clutter you won't have to worry about it later.



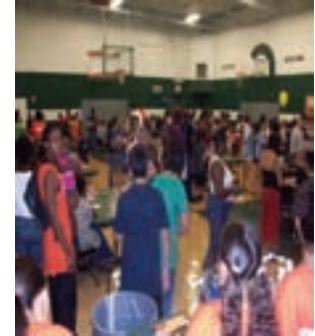
Housekeeping Inspections!

Before you move into your home, RHE always makes sure it is clean and in good condition. However, it is your responsibility to take good care of your home and to prevent anyone else from damaging it. We will charge you for any deliberate damage or vandalism done to your unit. You must keep the inside of your home clean. You are also responsible for keeping your yard and the outside of your property clean and tidy.

If your home is not kept clean and tidy, you will be in violation of your lease and could be evicted. RHE has scheduled Housekeeping inspections for September 9-11 2009. If you have any questions or would like more information as to how to keep your home clean, please contact the Resident Counselor, Florence Cole at (301) 424-6265 ext 311.

Back to School Jam

Once again the Back to School Jam was a big success. Thanks to all the staff and sponsors who volunteered their time and donated school supplies. This year over 600 back packs were donated and stuffed over night. The Back to School Jam featured different community partners in the neighborhood as well as DJ Yogi and prizes for people to win. The event was hosted and partnered with Lincoln Park Community Center as well as Linkages to Learning in Maryvale Elementary School, Mount Calvary Baptist Church of Rockville and Rockville Housing Enterprises.



Sistah Speaks!

We all know that it's not easy sometimes being a single mother, having to pay the bills, go to work and still make sure that there's dinner on the table for your children, and that sometimes the stress of all these things can make it very challenging to get through the day. However, you are not alone. Sistah Speaks is here to listen. Sistah Speaks is a place to talk out your frustrations as well as gain long lasting friendships with other women. For more information about Sistah Speaks and how success can be achieved and your potential maximized contact Tosha Dyson, at 240-715-5685.



Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS)

Whether you are a Public Housing Resident or a Housing Choice Voucher resident..

Whether you are single, married or a parent..

Whether your ultimate goal is homeownership, opening a small business or going back to school..

The FSS Program can assist you in meeting your goals and reaching for your dreams.

How would you like to earn money in account every month just for working on your goals?

If you are not a participant in the FSS Program.. What Are You Waiting For?

Call RHE at (301) 424-6265 to find our more! Ask for Jean Caraway, Housing Choice Voucher Program, or Florence Cole, Public Housing Program.

Recognition for Good Grades

Rockville Housing Enterprises wants to invite all parents to let the FSS staff know of any of your children who have at least a B average (3.0) in the current grading period. Please let us know so that the hard work of these good students

(and their parents) can be recognized. We have certificates for them. Call Jean Caraway or Florence Cole at (301) 424-6265. We know how important education is and want your son or daughter to shine for their efforts.

Congratulations to Amina, Jabril, and Iqra Mohamed on Outstanding work in School. Keep up the good work!



Congratulations on FSS Participant Accomplishments

- Congratulations to Debra Shaw for a fantastic Credit Score Great Job!!
- Congratulation to Kim Percival for successfully completing her goals and graduating from the FSS Program.

Great Job Ladies!

Alerts for Parents

Parenting Resource

Centers: Encourage those needing parenting help to use Parent Resource Centers (PRCs), which re-open September 2, 2009.

PRCs provide a place to play and learn with their child, share ideas about parenting problem-solving, parent's concerns, resources that support

families, experiences where children are valued and respected, learn about child development, parenting skills, gain expertise about child development, parenting and family life.

Locations in Rockville

area: Children's Resource Center, Rockville MD, phone number is (301) 279-8497 or

Millian Memorial United Methodist Church, Rockville MD, phone number (301)933-3646.



BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTERS

Kids need someone they can relate to. Sometimes there's nothing better for a little boy or girl than a mentor. The Big Brother Big Sister program is there to help children reach their potential. The Big Brother Big Sister program matches children ages 6 through 18 with mentors in

professionally supported one-to-one relationships. The Big Brother Big Sister volunteer programs are in communities across the country. For as little as an hour a week, Bigs and Littles meet in their community to share fun activities. If you would like more information on how your son or

daughter could be part of this program or know of a child that would benefit, please contact Resident Counselor, Florence Cole at (301) 424-6265 ext 311 or contact the Director of Big Brother Big Sister, Mr. Vincent Antonelli at (301) 330-0436.

Manna Foods Is Moving

Sometime in mid-September, Manna will no longer distribute food at the Loftstrand Lane warehouse. Manna will be distributing their food at the new warehouse in Gaithersburg (9311 Gaither Rd) the (Ride On Bus 63) Monday through Friday 12pm to 3 pm. Manna's will have a satellite site in Rockville (112 w. Montgomery Avenue). Clients will still need to have a referral in order to pick up food from both locations. Manna's phone number is (301) 424-1130 You can also go to Manna's website for distribution sites and referral information at If you would like a referral please call (301) 424-6265 and speak with the Resident Counselor, Florence Cole.



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
		<u>September 1</u> Resident Council Mtg. 5:30- 7:00pm	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Housekeeping Inspection	10 Housekeeping Inspection	11 Housekeeping Inspection	12
13	14	15	16 RHE Board Mtg. PTA General Mtg. @Maryvale	17 Sistah Speaks Mtg. 5:30-6:00pm	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	<u>October 1</u>	2	3 Housing Financial Fitness Day
4	5	6 Resident Council Mtg. 5:30 -7:00pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 RHE Board Meet- ing	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Halloween Party 5:30 -9:00 pm	31

Alerts!

Housing Fair & Financial Fitness Day! Families come out and attend Saturday October 3, 2009 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, Summit Hall Farm in Gaithersburg MD (240) 777-3602. There you will learn how to manage money and credit, prevent eviction, save energy and lower utility costs, and prepare for home purchase. For more information please contact Activity Center. **Child Support Services:** Parents, children have a right to be

supported by both parents; parents, you have the duty to support your children. If you or someone you know is having difficulty receiving that support for their child please call 1-800-332-6347 or go to 51 Monroe St. 9th floor in Rockville. For a copy of "Child Support" Why Should Advocates Care? Call (410) 261-6780.

Commission for Women: The Commission for Women Counseling and Career Center provides a broad scope of programs and services: personal counseling, career counseling,

referrals for community resources and legal call back services, designed to meet the needs and interests of women in the community while fulfilling the Commission's mandate to address inequities women experience in society.

For more information or to obtain services, please call (240)777-8300 or you can go to 401 N. Washington St.#100 Rockville MD.

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Jean Caraway

Housing Choice Voucher

FSS Coordinator

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Wonder Bread Store

The Wonder Bread/Hostess Store has reopened at First and Taft Streets. It's open Tuesday thru Saturday from 10 am to 6:00 pm. For example, you can get a loaf of bread for \$0.89.

