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Friendship Court NEWSLETTER

May 2020

Friendship Court Apartments

418 Garrett Street
Charlottesville, Va 22902

Office Hours

The leasing office and community center are currently closed until further notice.

Contacts

Community Center:
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Changes at the Community Center

As many of you already know, as of May 1, Beth Kennan will be moving on to another professional opportunity. We know she played an important role for many so we have a short-term plan for now, and are developing a long-term plan.

Beth joined us as a project manager for the Friendship Court redevelopment planning back in 2016. She has played a major role in moving the redevelopment forward, applying for and securing funding, and maintaining a resident-lead approach when it comes to programming and resident services in the community.

Until the long-term plan is underway, Charlene Green, Piedmont Housing Alliance's Deputy Director, and Miss Myrtle Houchens, a former Friendship Court resident and member of the Advisory Committee, will be available to support residents.

- Charlene Green: 434-409-8656
- Jessica Eldridge: 434-422-4845
- Sherri Hopper: 434-295-9794
- Myrtle Houchens: 434-295-9794
- Shawna Wells: 434-806-5005



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EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY



COVID-19 Move in & Recertification Policy

As we continue to social distance, person-to-person contact to complete annual recertification will be used as a last resort. Instead, the leasing office will utilize the following procedures:

- Paperwork will be completed via phone, email, fax, or the drop box.
- Signatures not required “extenuating circumstances” selected.
- Signatures will be obtained after the State of Emergency is lifted.
- We will utilize DocuSign and other forms of electronic signatures, but must still obtain a set signature after State of Emergency is lifted.
- Annual Recertification, Rent increase, and Rent Change notices will still be posted on doors or mailed.

Recognizing Our High School Seniors

We will be recognizing high school seniors and their accomplishments in the June newsletter!

If your household contains a high school senior and you'd like to acknowledge them, please complete the attached form and submit it via the drop box at the leasing office or email acknowledgements to ldurrett@piedmonthousing.org or submit via a text message to **571-405-1101**. All those who submit acknowledgements will be given a “Graduation party pack” consisting of a cake, banner and a gift card for the graduate. Please submit your acknowledgements by Monday, May 18.



STILL AVAILABLE

**ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
+ COMMUNITY WEALTH
BUILDING**

AT FRIENDSHIP COURT


Contact Shawna Wells

Email: swells@piedmonthousing.org

Cell phone: 434-806-5005





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<p>Attend a Virtual Chamber of Commerce Program</p> <p>Minority Business Alliance (MBA)</p> <p>(Tell me what program you like)</p>	<p>Attend a virtual job fair</p> <p>Virtual Job Fair link</p> <p>Wednesday, May 6th, 2020 - 1pm - 4pm</p> <p>(Tell me what you like)</p>	<p>Tell me a hobby you or a neighbor has that would make a good business.</p>	<p>Check out this google docs form and opportunity</p> <p>Cville Community Cares: Join the Network - 2020</p> <p>(Tell me what you like)</p>	<p>Watch Unemployment Video</p> <p>Unemployment, Skimm'd video link</p> <p>(Tell me what you learned)</p>
<p>Tell me your answer to CWB trivia</p> <p>(See below)</p>	<p>Check out options for Young Adults</p> <p>Virtual Student Federal Service Internship link</p> <p>Blue Ridge Job Corp Link</p>	<p>Check on a neighbor</p> <p>(Tell me if you used phone, email, text, Facebook)</p>	<p>Read the newsletter</p> <p>(Tell me news you can use)</p>	<p>Check out Downtown Job Center Immediate Jobs</p> <p>Immediate Jobs link</p>
<p>Let's talk about finding the hidden job market</p> <p>Hidden market link</p>	<p>Check out virtual career services</p> <p>Goodwill Virtual Work Services</p> <p>(Tell me what was helpful)</p>	<p>FREE</p> 	<p>Tuesday Tea talks with Shawna</p> <p>Tell me about your Job, Business, Education goals</p> <p>(Signup for a time)</p>	<p>Check out Home to Hope Program</p> <p>May 1 Facebook Meeting or</p> <p>Home to Hope website</p> <p>(Tell me what was helpful)</p>
<p>Complete an informational interview by phone</p> <p>Informational Interview Link</p>	<p>Tell what you like</p> <p>Charlottesville Therapist giving free webinars</p> <p>WOMEN'S INITIATIVE</p> <p>Region Ten</p> <p>Help Happens Here</p> <p>A Voice virtual art show</p> <p>(tell me about all of the above)</p>	<p>FC Community Connector Program</p> <p>Questions about Social Services. Contact Shawna to connect with Kelly Logan.</p>	<p>Read <u>any</u> article about money or jobs</p> <p>The Money Manual</p> <p>Forbes Job searching during a crisis</p> <p>(Tell me what was helpful in the article)</p>	<p>Check out a home buyer class or meet with a housing counselor</p> <p>Piedmont Housing Alliance Housing Counseling</p> <p>Operation Hope</p> <p>(Tell me what class or Housing Counselor)</p>
<p>Complete any <u>online</u> training</p> <p>Goodwill e-learning</p> <p>(send me verification)</p>	<p>Record a 1 minute video answering the interview question, "Tell me about yourself"</p> <p>(Send to Shawna)</p>	<p>Let's talk about how you plan to spend your stimulus check.</p> <p>The Penny Hoarder</p>	<p>Tell me what you like about it</p> <p>CWB Bingo CWB Trivia question</p>	<p>Attend a live online career class</p> <p>Goodwill Live Online Classes Link</p>



Community Wealth Building Trivia Question:
 Is Housing Discrimination based on source of income illegal?
 Find out answer next month or connect with a housing counselor.



Play Bingo with us this MAY!

Who can play: Friendship Court resident on lease. One winner per household.

How to play:

- 1) Attend a virtual event or complete a task on Bingo card
- 2) Inform Shawna when attend event or complete task
- 3) If you need help or think you have Bingo, contact Shawna
- 4) At the end of the month, a drawing will be held from all that participated

Prize: \$25 gift card for 2 Winners

Access opportunities wherever you are! The above Bingo has links to different online resources and virtual events. This allows you to receive training, classes, and career coaching from many resources wherever it is easiest for you. You can participate if you have access to internet and computer, tablet, or smartphone. Access keeping you from virtual options, let's talk. Call Shawna at 434-806-5005.

Focus, Organize, and Prepare for the success you want! I am here to help.

Career Resources

- Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC)
- Charlottesville Downtown Job Center
- Goodwill
- Virginia Employment Commission
- Explore with Shawna

Business Resources

- Chamber of Commerce
- Community Investment Collaborative
- City of Charlottesville Office of Economic Development
- Explore with Shawna

Educational Resources

- Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC)
- PVCC Adult Learning Center
- Jefferson Madison Regional Library
- Explore with Shawna

Piedmont Housing Alliance

- Economic Opportunity Coordinator, Shawna Wells
- Housing Counselors, Kristen Lucas and Michelle Tanner

I want to know when a community resource meets or exceeds your expectations and when it does not. Your Insight allows me to work towards improved systems of services and to recognize resources providing great service. Please take a minute or two to share your thoughts. Shawna Wells at 434-806-5005 or swells@piedmonthousing.org



**Virtual Art
Show**

FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Now accepting art work on mental health challenges & coping with COVID-19.

Send submissions to saartcenter@gmail.com through May 8th.

Stay Tuned for Virtual Show on May 14th



High School Senior Recognition

Recognize the high school senior in your household! If you have a graduating high school senior who is a resident at **Friendship Court**, complete the below and return it via the drop box to have them recognized in the June newsletter. Submit via the the drop box by May 18.

Apt # _____ Phone/Email: _____

Your name:

Student's Name:

School:

Honors/awards:

Message:

A large, empty, rounded rectangular box with a decorative, pointed top and bottom, intended for a message.