

THE PHA Experience

A Community Newspaper For & About Residents

The Gift That Keeps Giving: HOMEOWNERSHIP

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When Mother's Day rolled around last year, Ms Les Brown gave herself a gift that keeps giving: homeownership.

After living in public housing for 30 years and raising a family of five, she felt it was finally time to give herself the life she's always wanted. Each time she pays her mortgage, her new home is helping her become more financially secure.

With the help of the Philadelphia Housing Authority's Opening Doors to Affordable Homeownership Initiative and PHA financial counseling partner, COMPASS Working Capital, Les was able to improve her credit, open a separate savings account just for her home purchase, and find the place of her dreams. Her monthly payments are only \$200 a month higher than the rent she last paid to PHA.

To reach the finish line, she gave up restaurant meals and buying stuff that she really wanted, but didn't need. She joined the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, which put the money she would typically pay in rent increases into a savings account.

She developed a regular savings plan as well. "I just put a certain amount into my savings account every week and I never missed a week," she said.

With a support team in place, she was able to identify grant programs that could provide her with funds for her mortgage down payment. She used her savings to furnish the house and

replace aging appliances after she moved in.

Les now lives in a beautiful, two-bedroom house in Eastwick with a finished basement, updated kitchen and bathroom, and a front yard where she can sit outside and watch the sunsets. There are busy shopping centers nearby as well as large park where neighbors chat and children play. "I would most definitely recommend this homeownership program to other PHA residents," said Les, who for many years lived at the Spring Garden Apartments. "You really have to be serious about it, though. You have to point yourself in the right direction."

Kelvin A. Jeremiah, PHA President and CEO, said homeownership provides a ladder to the middle class while it builds wealth and strong communities. PHA residents can choose from several affordable homeownership options including 5-H (Scattered Sites), the Housing Choice Voucher Program and new housing that PHA develops.

More than 700 PHA residents have used the program to help them buy a home.

"Homeownership definitely is more responsibility," Les said. "I am so proud that I did it. Thank you Philadelphia Housing Authority for helping me out with this. If you can believe, you can achieve."



Even though interest rates are higher, many PHA residents continue to qualify for home loans. If you are interested, make an appointment with our homeownership team by calling **215-684-8926** or visiting us at Vaux Big Picture High School, 2300 W Master Street, Philadelphia, PA 19121. Enter from 24th Street.

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Spring into Emergency Preparedness



At the Philadelphia Housing Authority, we protect our residents and employees by planning ahead for dangerous weather conditions, and unexpected

emergencies or disasters.

To keep our community safe, we must look out for each other.

The Federal Emergency Management Office has free material and planning tools on its website **Ready.gov**. The City of Philadelphia also maintains a website and multi-pronged program called **ReadyPhiladelphia** that alerts residents to potential hazards, such as last year's warnings about the city's drinking water.



Among the actions residents can and should undertake this spring:

- Write down what your family will do when there is an emergency, and use the family emergency plan form to record important contact details.



Make sure everyone in your household has a copy! Family members can keep the plan and emergency contacts in wallets and backpacks. Fill out a health information form for anyone with medical conditions, special needs, or prescription medications.

- Prepare a 'go bag' in the event you have to evacuate quickly. Plan your route in advance, and include backups roadways in case major roads are clogged.

- Designate a room in your home where you could shelter in place. Have enough food and other supplies one hand to last a minimum of three days.

- Ask an out-of-area friend or relative to be someone that household members can call during an emergency. Be sure every member of your family has the phone number of the emergency contact person.

- Sign up for The City of Philadelphia's alert notification system. To receive text alerts to your phone on emergencies or severe weather, simply text ReadyPhila to 888-777. To get more information sent as text or emails - like transit alerts, special events, and sirens from Philadelphia prisons, set your preferences on the ReadyPhiladelphia website.



- Report any non-working smoke detectors immediately to PHA by calling **215-684-4000**.
- Designate an In Case of Emergency contact (ICE) and identify them on your phone medical professionals and police can get information regarding your medical condition, age, etc.

Every minute we spend holding these important conversations with family and friends will pay off in the months and years to come. Enjoy the warm weather that's on the way. We hope to see you at PHA's upcoming events and activities.

Kelvin A. Jeremiah
President & CEO

We Are Here to Help

PHA Headquarters is again open to walk-in traffic during normal business hours.

IMPORTANT PHA CONTACTS

Contact	Phone Number
PHA Customer Service Center	215 684-4000
PHA Office of Public Safety (Administrative Office)	215 684-4840
PHA Office of Public Safety (Emergencies)	215 684-1911
Maintenance (Business Hours)	215 684-8920
Maintenance (After Hours)	215 684-1911
Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program FSS coordinator	215 684-5309
PHA Section 3 Resource Center	215-684-8926

FSS is a program which coordinates housing assistance with other resources to assist families to achieve economic self-sufficiency. Participation generally lasts five (5) years, during which participants identify educational, professional, and personal goals.

The PHA Section 3 Resource Center helps PHA residents and those receiving housing assistance find their place in today's economy by increasing skill and educational opportunities and connecting them to decent jobs, postsecondary training, entrepreneurship workshops, and homeownership.

To schedule an appointment for career training enrollment opportunities, email the Workforce Center at **vaux@pha.phila.gov**.

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Where can I access the Public Housing Customer Service Portal?

You may access the Customer Service Portal by going to the PHA Home Page (www.pha.phila.gov) and clicking the banner for the Public Housing Customer Service Portal.

Building Stronger Relationships Through Community Policing

The Philadelphia Housing Authority's public safety officers are visiting PHA sites to hold informal meets and greets with residents to discuss public safety and quality of life issues.

In recent weeks, officers held a Let's Talk Safety event and discussion at Raymond Rosen Apartments and at Johnson Homes where residents could meet the officers, and get safety tips. At Johnson Homes, the officers discussed concerns including vandalism, and the desire for additional cameras and more lights. During Spring Break, safety officers went with PHA staff to several housing communities to deliver needed resources to residents and books to children. "We are putting our safety officers into the development neighborhoods so they can really get to know the people living

there and help the PHA Office of Public Safety identify the resources currently needed to keep our communities safe," said PHA Public Safety Vice President Robert Clark.

The in-person meetings, spontaneous site visits, and discussions are part of the overhaul of the Philadelphia Housing Authority's police department, which has been rebranded, and reimagined as a community-based public safety department. Officers spend more time out of their cars, and engaged with site managers, resident leaders and residents. This strategy enables them to devote more time to crime prevention and to build collaborative partnerships that allow safety officers to get to know and better understand their communities. Kelvin A. Jeremiah, PHA President and CEO, noted

that the City of Philadelphia also is planning to expand its community policing strategies, and the two organizations are working together to improve the overall quality of life.

"PHA has undertaken this effort as a way to serve residents and improve their overall well-being," said Jeremiah. "We intend to do this by prioritizing their most urgent safety needs and concerns, and by finding ways to prevent crimes while building trust between the community and our officers. With this shift, we will work to ensure our neighborhoods are safe, resilient and secure for everyone, especially our youth."

The new approach uses smart technology to provide PHA housing communities with modern security devices and protections. It expands the number of cameras,



enhances closed circuit TV, and uses improved dash and body cams to expand video availability. Cameras will now automatically activate and synchronize when there is use of a vehicle, taser or holster. As safety officers direct safety resources quickly to these hotspots, PHA staff reach out to area residents and connect them with trauma recovery and social service programs that heal families in crisis and resolve conflicts.



The Philadelphia Housing Authority is Hiring Public Safety Officer Recruits

- \$2,500 signing bonus
- Monday - Friday Schedule
- GED or High School Diploma Required
- PHA Pays for Police Academy
- Career Advancement Opportunities
- Recruit Salary - \$55,889.60

Help Bring Back CommUNITY!



To apply to become a Public Safety Officer, visit the PHA job board at:

www.pha.phila.gov

WHY VOTING MATTERS

PHA Residents Raised Their Voices, and Folks Are Listening

In April 2023, the Philadelphia Housing Authority and the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) hosted a forum where resident leaders could question candidates for Philadelphia mayor.

Among the tough questions resident asked:

- “As Mayor, what steps would you take to address bias in policing and bias in employment hiring in our City?”
- “Police officers would be more apt to work towards a greater good if they knew people in the neighborhood. As Mayor, would you require and/or strongly suggest that police officers live in the communities they are sworn to protect and serve?”
- “Would you hire Philadelphians who do not have college degrees to work for you?”
- “How would you ensure that all neighborhoods get a fair share of city resources?”

Cherelle Parker, one of the candidates who attended the PHA forum, won the election in November. When votes were examined, analysts found the city’s first female mayor won big in the neighborhoods most impacted by violence.

On Parker’s first day in office, she issued three executive orders – each one addressing some of the major concerns raised by PHA residents.

Parker’s first executive order declared a public safety emergency and directed the Police Commissioner and Managing Director’s Office, along with other City Departments, to develop and deliver comprehensive plans, within 100 days that address public safety in our city and community policing.

Parker’s second executive order dealt with the unequal distribution of city services. That executive order sets forth an approach to improving City service delivery that meets the needs of residents from every neighborhood.

Finally, the third executive order began a review of the city’s employment practices, exploring whether college degrees and written exams could be eliminated for some jobs.

“Our residents know and understand their communities. We are so pleased that people are listening to their important ideas and that they are acknowledging that PHA residents are capable problem solvers who work long hours to improve their communities,” said Kelvin A. Jeremiah, PHA President & CEO.



Sharwood Transformation Nears Completion

The Philadelphia Housing Authority capped off a milestone year in 2023 with the Grand Opening Celebration for 58 scattered-site townhouses located in the 2300 and 2400 blocks of Master Street, and the 2400 Block of Ingersoll Street.

The \$27.2 million townhome community, known as PHA rental phase 4A, is among the final developments planned in Sharswood, a historically disadvantaged community where PHA-led developments have resulted in new capital investments, job-creating businesses, and community amenities such as a bank, a restored park and grocery.

The modern, spacious apartment homes are among the units that have replaced housing from the Blumberg Towers, a symbol of urban decay near Center City that was in need of costly repairs. The high-rise apartment buildings were imploded

in 2016 as part of PHA's 10-year, \$500 million effort to transform the formerly redlined neighborhood.

The new housing preserves affordability in a rapidly gentrifying neighborhood and has a community center where residents can socialize or use computers to advance at work or in school. In all, there will be 16 one-bedroom units; 10 two-bedroom units; 24 three-bedroom units; 7 four-bedroom units, and 1 five bedroom unit.

PHA's Grand Opening Celebration welcomes back some residents who will be moving into new homes during the holiday season. They will live across the street from the Vaux Community Building, a PHA site that offers services to foster self-reliance including homeownership classes, career development training and support for entrepreneurs. Crystal

Robbins, a former resident of Blumberg Apartments, is planning to move into the 4A townhouse community. She doesn't drive, so the convenience of having a grocery store and bank nearby is a real draw. "Blumberg was OK but they had a lot of problems with it," she said. "It was old and needed major repairs." Plus, there were drug dealers roaming the hallways."

Sharswood is a community that is connecting residents with life-changing opportunities, said Kelvin A. Jeremiah, PHA President & CEO. "Home for the holidays celebrates the fact that more children will now have safe places to study, and more adults will have spacious, decent housing," Jeremiah said. "PHA, the residents, the City, HUD, and other stakeholders have transformed a severely



distressed neighborhood into a walkable, livable, desirable community and ultimately a city of choice."

A few blocks away, construction crews have begun work on one of the final developments planned as part of the Sharswood Choice Neighborhoods Transformation. That development, known as PHA rental Phase 6A, is centered on a cluster of

desolate blocks where empty lots had been used to discard trash and unwanted items. Included in this modern, new energy-efficient community will be 12 one-bedroom units, 22 two-bedroom units, 19 three-bedroom units, 11 four-bedroom units, and 1 five-bedroom unit. Construction is expected to be completed by next year.

A Champion of Hope: Darrell L. Clarke Takes a Bow

In late December, the Philadelphia Housing Authority honored retiring Council President Darrell L. Clarke, a champion of affordable housing and equity, by naming its newest community center in Sharswood after him.

The Center, at the corner of 24th and Master streets, will serve residents living in Sharswood 4A, a stylish new development of affordable, rental townhouses.

"Council President Darrell L. Clarke has been a champion of hope, most especially for Sharswood and North Philadelphia," said Kelvin A. Jeremiah, PHA President & CEO. "I cannot think of a more fitting tribute for a man so deeply committed to preservation and

expansion of affordable housing, equity, and social and economic mobility. When PHA began to revitalize the formerly red-lined neighborhood of Sharswood, the skeptics told us our bold plans wouldn't work. We made promises to the people in this once-forgotten neighborhood, and we were able to keep them because Darrell Clarke worked beside us, advocating mightily for the residents in the Fifth Council District. Both of us are stubborn, and both of us refuse to take no for an answer."

Clarke introduced and passed legislation authorizing PHA to acquire over 1, 200 parcels. He supported and advocated for PHA's \$30 million Choice Neighborhoods

Implementation Grant, and secured city grant funds to meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) local match requirement. Clarke supported the overall project as well, assisting in obtaining zoning and expedited building permits that allowed PHA to meet the growing demand for affordable homes.

Asia Coney, a PHA resident who serves on the PHA Board of Commissioners, said the recognition is well deserved.

"Council President Clarke is often there before we can even make the call asking for help," Coney said. "He travels around the neighborhoods listening to residents' concerns and seeking



bold ways to improve housing affordability and preserve the existing housing stock. PHA

residents are grateful for all that he has done for the city, for us, and for our communities."

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BOARD RESOLUTION UPDATES

SEPTEMBER

Resolution 12301: Adopting the comprehensive annual financial and compliance report of the Philadelphia Housing Authority for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

Resolution 12302: Authorizing a contract with Ainsworth Inc. for preventive maintenance for building automation systems.

Resolution 12303: Authorizing a task order amendment with A.P. Construction/Synterra a joint venture for the Philadelphia Housing Authority warehouse and logistics center.

Resolution 12304: Authorizing the Philadelphia Housing Authority to obtain approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide operating subsidy to nine developments and convert the developments to project-based vouchers under the Rental Assistance Demonstration program and close the transactions.

Resolution 12305: Authorizing approval of the award of two U.S. Housing and Urban Development – Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Project-based voucher proposals totaling 20 project based Vouchers

Resolution 12306: Authorizing a contact with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for workers compensation and employer's liability insurance coverage.

Resolution 12307: Authorizing the Philadelphia Housing Authority to make an additional loan in

connection with a mixed-use retail development in the Sharswood/Blumberg neighborhood.

Resolution 12308: Authorizing the submission of a \$500,000 grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for Keystone Communities Program fund for the Fairhill redevelopment.

OCTOBER

Resolution 12309: Authorizing conversion under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program of two-hundred twenty-two units in six developments for annual contributions contract operating subsidy to project-based Section 8 subsidy

Resolution 12310: Authorizing contacts for interior painting services with Milestone Construction Management, Inc.; Hispanic Ventures, Inc.; W & W Contractors, Inc.; Creativescpae, Inc.; and Hot and Cold Mechanical, LLC.

Resolution 12311: Authorizing contracts for flooring installation services with R & D creations, LLC.; Milestone Construction Management, Inc.; Continental Flooring Company; Creativescape, Ins.; and Hot and Cold Mechanical, LLC.

Resolution 12312: Adopting and approving amendments and revisions to the Employee Handbook.

Resolution 12313: Authorizing settlement of litigation.

NOVEMBER

Resolution 12314: Authorizing execution of a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for funding pursuant to the fiscal year 2023 Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant Program award.

Resolution 12315: Authorizing contracts for management consulting services with Bronner Group, LLC; CSG Advisors, Inc.; DU & Associates, Inc.; and Edgemere Consulting Corp

Resolution 12316: Authorizing a contact for trash chute cleaning services with Envirofoam LLC doing business as Fresh Foam.

Resolution 12317: Authorizing contracts for pest extermination services with Allergy Technologies, LLC; Alpha to Omega Termite and Pest Control, LLC and BB Pest Control, Inc.

Resolution 12318: Approving the Philadelphia Housing Authority's standard operating procedures for the ongoing Lead-Based Paint Maintenance program.

Resolution 12319: Authorizing the Philadelphia Housing Authority to acquire properties in the Strawberry Mansion neighborhood.

DECEMBER

Resolution 12320: Authorizing the Philadelphia Housing Authority to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development its Moving to Work ("MTW") Annual plan for fiscal year 2025 and a significant amendment to the fiscal year 2024 MTW Plan.

Resolution 12321: Approving amendments to the Philadelphia Housing Authority's Public Housing Admissions and continued occupancy policy and the Housing Choice Voucher administrative plan.

Resolution 12322: Authorizing the Philadelphia Housing Authority to take certain actions in connection with the Ridge and Cecil B. Moore Avenues mixed-use development.

Resolution 12323: Authorizing the Philadelphia Housing Authority to accept the transfer of Three Million Dollars (3,000,000) in funding from the City of Philadelphia and loan these funds to the apartments at 40th Street Place development.

Resolution 12324: Adopting both the Philadelphia Housing Authority amend and restated retirement income plan and its amended and restated defined contribution plan

JANUARY

Resolution 12325: Authorizing a contract for rent reasonableness services with Nan Mckay and Associates, Inc.

Resolution 12326: Authorizing contracts for water and sewer protection services with One Mechanical New Innovation LLC. and Hot and Cold Mechanical LLC.

Resolution 12327: Authorizing contracts for independent audit services with Clifton Larson Allen, LLP.

Resolution 12328: Adopting the Philadelphia Housing Authority supplemental retirement plan

PHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

The third Thursday of every month at 3pm

- **May 16**
- **June 20**
- **July 18**
- **No August Meeting**



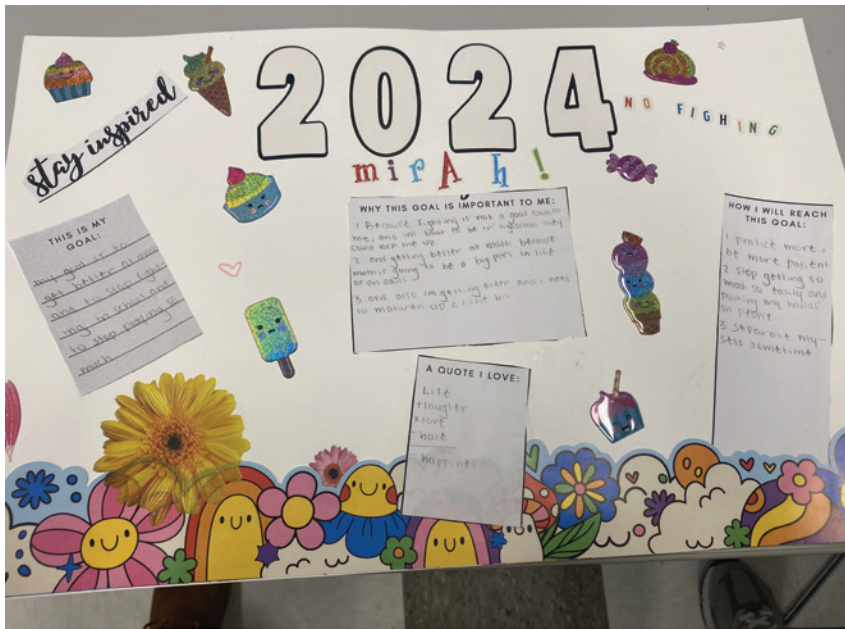
PHA Board Meetings Are Held at
PHA Headquarters at
2013 Ridge Avenue, 19121

Working Together as One City

PHA residents are active in their communities as they attend workshops, host neighborhood meetings, and invest time developing life-saving skills.

Over the past few months, residents gathered to develop vision boards, enjoy arts and crafts, and attend wellness programs and workshops that make communities safer and

stronger. Diversionary Initiatives and Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) worked with the City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health and the Center for Engagement and Opportunities to sponsor Narcan training for PHA residents. Participants learned how to use Narcan correctly and safely, and each received a Narcan kit to take back home.



A Busy Spring Break

During Spring Break, PHA sponsored a Youth Health Fair with free eye exams, and health screenings. The youth learned CPR, collected free books to read over break, and even engaged in some high-stepping exercises.



Taking health to heart

The American Heart Association designated February as American Heart Month. PHA residents and workers joined together and wore red clothing to support community health.



Wisdom of elders

PHA's elders are leaders in our communities. They look out for neighbors in their buildings; decorate the hallways for holidays, and fellowship at events like Painting With A Twist.



Who Are You Going to Call?

When companies need new workers, they come to PHA. Residents are prepping for the workforce by updating resumes; learning new skills at workshops, and interviewing with some of the city's top employers.



Live and Work On Your Own Terms: Celebrating PHA's Resident Entrepreneurs

When the Philadelphia Housing Authority hosted a Section 3 Listening Event for officials from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Department in January, it hired three businesses owned by PHA residents to provide the food and decorations.

Aisha Burnett, owner of Ruthann's Kitchen and a scholar in the PHA Entrepreneurial Fellowship, cooked delicious turkey wings, Mac and Cheese, green beans, and crab balls. Her son, Amir, designed and created the balloon decorations.

Amir, owner of Mir Balloons, was raised in a family of entrepreneurs. His mom says he loves playing with balloons and his company gives a way to make money while he has fun.

Reshay Johnson of Nuri's Sweet Treats provided the scrumptious banana pudding. She graduated from the PHA Entrepreneurial Fellowship that helps residents start and grow their own companies.

Prestina Serrano, another entrepreneur who attended the meeting, is in the process of developing a drive-through funeral home named Ride View Requiem Venue (RVRV). Prestina also graduated from the fellowship program, and is enrolled in the PHA advanced small business program.

Thanks to all the PHA residents and employees who participated in the HUD Listening Roundtable Discussion including **Asia Coney**, PHA Board Commissioner and Resident Advisory Board president;

Ethel Wise, PHA Board Commissioner and President of the Wilson Park Resident Council: **LaToya Little**, **Janet Warryton** and **Dwayne Clark**.

All of the PHA residents who have taken and completed the Entrepreneurial Fellowship are able to provide services and goods to PHA. If you own a business or are considering starting one, get started today by taking advantage of our free entrepreneurial resources and workshops.



Need A Car to Run An Errand?

PHA's Zipcar Partnership Puts Cars Within Reach!

The Philadelphia Housing Authority, the nation's fourth largest and leading housing authority, and Zipcar, the world's leading car-sharing network, have launched a new partnership that makes shared vehicles available to PHA residents at a discounted rate.

"Our mission is to open doors to affordable housing, economic opportunity and safe, sustainable communities to benefit Philadelphia residents with low incomes," said Kelvin A. Jeremiah, PHA President & CEO. "We provide tools to residents to assist with economic mobility. Zipcar

is one of those tools. Now residents will have access to transportation in real time to get job interviews or other amenities throughout the community."

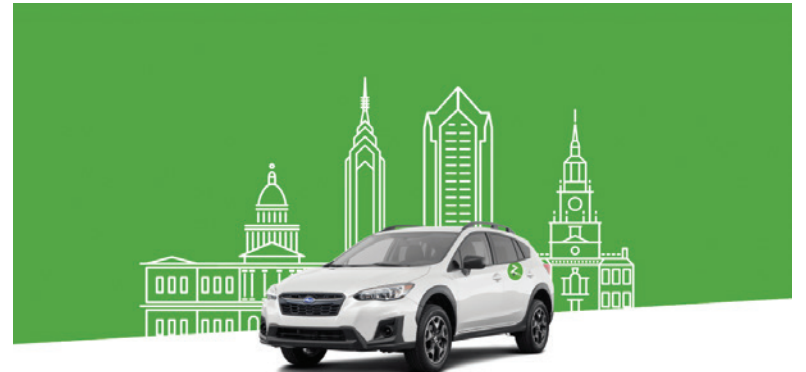
PHA residents and people in the surrounding community can sign up for the Zipcar service, and then rent the cars for a few hours or even an extended period.

"Zipcar is thrilled to partner with the Philadelphia Housing Authority to bring affordable, convenient access to vehicles, and better yet, professional job and personal opportunity to its residents," said Angelo Adams, Head of Zipcar

and Philadelphia native. Growing up in the Logan neighborhood of North Philadelphia, I'm eager to see Zipcar help drive this community forward."

Eight Zipcars will be available 24/7 on-demand by the hour, day or week in two dedicated, on-street parking spots located at **John F. Street Community Center, the Lucien Blackwell Community Center, the Vaux Community Building and the Wilson Park Apartments.**

The Zipcars are being used to help residents drive to job interviews, healthcare appointments and run



important errands. During the first year of the pilot program, Zip Car has agreed to waive the membership fee for PHA residents. The Zipcar service provides gas, and takes care of maintenance costs.

With the cost of car ownership on the rise, Zipcar estimates it saves its average member \$1,000 monthly on costs associated with transportation. To join, book and drive, Philadelphia Housing Authority residents simply visit zipcar.com/partners/pha

Getting Unhoused Veterans Homes

The Philadelphia Housing Authority has received 100 additional HUD-VASH vouchers, valued at \$746,196 annually, from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The vouchers will be used to provide at-risk veterans with housing.

"Veterans have served

their country well, and it is a privilege for us to be able to serve even more of them with these additional vouchers," said PHA President and CEO Kelvin Jeremiah, "Homeless and at-risk veterans need more than shelter. They need stable housing and, at times, critical support services to address their unique needs. Philadelphia

has long had a goal of eliminating homelessness for its veterans, and these funds offer vital support."

The HUD-VASH program, which merges rental assistance from HUD with case management and clinical services from the VA, has played a big role in PHA's and the City's ongoing efforts to eradicate homelessness among

veterans. With the new vouchers, outreach can expand enabling PHA to serve a total of 924 veterans through the VASH program.

Under the HUD-VASH program, veterans facing homelessness are assessed by VA Medical Centers and referred to local housing agencies like PHA for voucher assistance.



PHA SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS:

June 26, 2024 – August 16, 2024

Mondays through Fridays 9am – 3pm

Breakfast and lunch provided for all campers

Partners: The Boys and Girls Club of Philadelphia, Dream, Inc., and Mighty Writers

Activities: Recreational, Sports, Literacy, Arts, Crafts and Mentoring

FREE to PHA Residents Ages 5-17

Locations:

Abbotsford Homes

Abbotsford Community Center
3226 Mc Michael Street 19129

Bartram Village

Bartram Village Community Center
5409 Gibson Drive, 19143

Johnson Homes

Johnson Homes Community Center
2500 W. Norris Street, 19121

Mantua Community Center

Mighty Writers West
3520 Fairmount Avenue, 19104
267-239-0899

Morton Homes

Morton Homes Community Center
5820 Morton Street, 19144

Norris Apartments

Norris Community Center
2000 N. 11th Street, 19121

Richard Allen/Cambridge

John F Street Community Center 1100
Poplar Street, 19123

Sharswood

(Camp location to be determined)

Vaux Big Picture High School

Mighty Writers North
2300 Master Street, 19121
267-239-0899

Wilson Park

Wilson Park Community Center
2500 Jackson Street, 19145

Register at the PHA Youth & Family Center

**2013 Ridge Avenue, Suite 122
215-684-5987**

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

June 26 – August 16, 2024

Mondays through Fridays

Hot meals served daily, prepared fresh.

Breakfast: 9am – 11am

Lunch: 12pm – 2pm

FREE to ALL Philadelphia youth (ages 18 and younger)



Locations:

Abbotsford Community Street
3226 McMichael Street, 19129

Bartram Village Community Center

5409 Gibson Drive, 19143

Hillcreek Community Center

528 Adams Avenue, 19120

John F. Street Community Center

1100 Poplar Street, 19123

Johnson Homes Community Center

2500 W. Norris Street, 19121

Lucien E. Blackwell Center

741 N. 47th Street, 19139

Norris Community Center

2000 N. 11th Street, 19121

Oxford Village Community Center

6150 Algon Avenue, 19111

Raymond Rosen Community Center

2301 Edgely Street, 19121

Whitehall Community Center

1824-26 Foulkrod Street, 19124

Wilson Park Community Center

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