

# OUR HOUSE

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QUARTER 2

## Leadership Update

As HABC moves forward with our recently revamped security team, I am hopeful the agency will continue to strengthen our initiative to create safe and thriving communities.

Our new **VP of Security Operations, Desmond Carter-Bey** has hit the ground running — bringing his experience from the Baltimore City Police Department to HABC. The future of the safety movement is not so much dependent upon the invention of safety devices as on the improvement of methods enhance the ideal of caution and safety. As we move

forward to change the appearance and perception of public housing in Baltimore City, I'm excited to know different communities we oversee are receiving a new and improved look! We want our residents to experience a community equipped with all the tools and resources needed to thrive. We also want them to participate in activities in a secure places making community activities grander.

Onward,

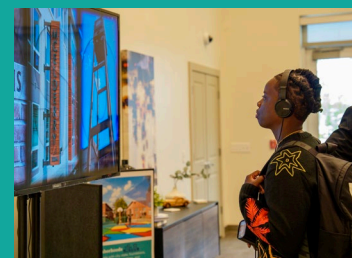


**Janet Abrahams**  
President and CEO

“Providing affordable and low-income housing is critical for our communities. HABC, along with its partners, has collaboratively demonstrated a commitment to neighborhood revitalization through redevelopments like Perkins Square.” — Janet Abrahams

## Event Turnout

On April 27, the Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) joined with elected officials, McCormack Baron Salazar (MBS), development and community partners, and residents to **celebrate the completion of Phase 1 of Perkins Square**, formerly known as Perkins Homes, **providing 103 new mixed-income housing units.**



# HABC News | **CLICK** the **LINKS** for more information

## RAB Regional Collaborative Meeting

HABC's Resident Advisory Board (RAB) welcomed the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis and the District of Columbia Housing Authority to participate in Baltimore's Regional Collaborative Meeting where attendees shared accomplishments, voiced concerns, gave testimonials, and shared advice.

## Chromebook Distribution at PVG

On March 25, the Office of Resident Services (ORS) gave out Chromebooks to residents who signed up for one at Pleasant View Gardens community center. ORS continued to give out the remainder of the Chromebooks at different HABC properties until the established deadline.

## CHAI Awards

HABC received the "Business Partner of the Year" award from the Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc (CHAI). The business partner award was in recognition of HABC's excellent collaboration, support, professionalism, contribution towards achieving shared goals and leasing objectives. HABC remains committed to the success of the Weinberg Housing Project.

Check out the new and improved HABC App. Click [HERE](#) to learn more!

## Top Stories

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### Healthy Cooking Classes

HABC residents were able to attend cooking classes over the span of 5 weeks to receive lessons on how to prepare and cook healthy meals with the food they have access to in their neighborhoods.

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### Community Law Center Resource Fair

The Community Law Center group held a resource fair at Gilmor Homes.

 Gilmor Homes



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### Fire Drill Practice – Benton Building

To familiarize HABC staff with re-enforced proper evacuation routes and practices during fire emergencies, employees participated in fire drill practices.

 Benton Building



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### Congratulations to Brooklyn Homes Youth

Congratulations to Brooklyn Homes youth resident, Tyliah McFadden who recently graduated from Baybrook Elementary/Middle School.

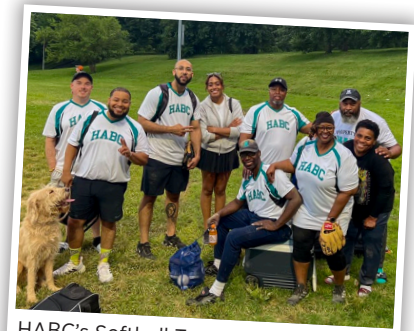
 Brooklyn Homes



# INITIATIVES → RESULTS

## GED Training at Gilmor Homes

Resident Services, Inc. is appreciative of their Partnerships in Action with Baltimore City Community College's (BCCC) General Education Development (GED) program, which was held at the Gilmor Homes Community Center. HABC residents received assistance with obtaining their GED.



HABC's Softball Team poses for a group photo!

## Emergency Preparedness Training

HABC staff attended an Emergency Tabletop Exercise to participate in a low-stress, discussion to talk through how HABC as an organization will respond to a hypothetical emergency in coordination with its key local partners. The goal was to figure out where the gaps and areas of improvement are, and then identify corresponding corrective actions moving forward.



Emergency Preparedness Training in May

## AMP Tours

HABC's fiscal department traveled to various HABC properties such as Perkins Square, Brooklyn Homes, Arbor Oaks, Poe Homes, and Gilmor Homes to tour the communities, so they can physically see the results of projects they approve funding for - as well as resources needed in the future. Thanks, **Joseph Staskiewicz, HABC's Senior VP of Budgets & Administration Budgets** for organizing these tours.



Gilmor Homes Asset Manager, Fentress Jackson and HABC Security Officer

## Social Corner

We need **YOUR** help to **GROW!** Take a look at our stats below and make sure to follow so we can make a bigger impact for everyone we serve!



Twitter

2.3k Followers  
@bmoreHABC



Facebook

9k Followers  
@bmoreHABC



Instagram

2,834 Followers  
@officialHABC

## HABC TV/App Updates

Attention HABC residents, you can now stay connected with your community with the click of a button! Want to contact your asset manager? Or create a work order? Or maybe you want to subscribe to get outage alerts or updates sent directly to your phone.

You can do all these tasks and more just by downloading the new HABC app! Learn about the property managers that are committed to improving your community on the app. You can even get all property forms and information on upcoming events and services, like job training and career advancement help, all through the HABC app!



Scan QR code to download app →

# HABC SURVEYS MATTER

Thank you to the nearly 300 staff members who responded to the Employee Appreciation Survey.

**This survey has been extended until Wed, July 3rd. Check your email to complete survey.**



# Employee Spotlight

## Marvin Jones

### Sr. Manager Housing Projects and Training

HABC would like to shine a spotlight on **Marvin Jones, HABC's Senior Manager of Housing Projects & Training**. Jones consistently goes above and beyond to assist with special projects needed at HABC. Moreover, Jones collaborates with other departments such as, fiscal, communications and public housing, etc. offering guidance and help when he can. Thanks for your dedication and hard work!



## Kudos Corner

### HABC residents making a difference and being good neighbors



**Martha E. Scott**  
Douglass Homes resident

"I'm just a people person. I love people, I like talking with people and making people feel good about themselves. Some people have low self-esteem and if they're depressed, they say when I come around, I make them happy. If I can help somebody my living won't be in vain."



**Sabrina Harman**  
Brooklyn Homes resident

"I like living in Brooklyn Homes because it's quiet, it's peaceful, and we have security. We have programs being implemented for our youth, so they have something to do. To be a good neighbor you must be friendly, kind and help those in need because if you don't, then we're not a community."



**Timothy**  
Scattered Sites resident

"It's a challenge being a single dad but it's a big help living in HABC due to the low income because there's a lot of other things I'm able to tackle. The area is perfect for my kids to go outside and play. I think it's a pretty good neighborhood."