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Leadership Update

HABC has participated in some very monumental things so far this year.

It is remarkable to see the improvements at many of our properties in the area of self-sufficiency, security, crime, maintenance requests, distributing resources and beautification. Next month, HABC plans to join our partners, McCormack Baron Salazar (MBS) and Baltimore City officials for the Perkins 2 ribbon cutting ceremony. At the end of the year, the agency plans to participate in the Somerset 2, also known as ‘The Ella’, ribbon cutting. Both of these projects are a part of the Perkins, Somerset, Old Town (PSO) Transformation Plan.

It’s October, which means it’s Sexual Harassment Month and our annual practice is to create awareness and educate employees on this policy. Please be on the lookout for upcoming trainings set to begin sometime this month. I would like to remind everyone that open enrollment begins October 29th and ends November 15th! Please keep an eye out for extended updates concerning this!

Onward,



Janet Abrahams
President and CEO

Event Turnout Healing Events at Brooklyn Homes

At the end of June, the Office of Resident Services (ORS) hosted an intimate healing event for Brooklyn residents.

On July 2, Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE) hosted a healing day at Brooklyn Homes – featuring meditation, massages, food, games, job resources and more.



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Janet Visits CCBC Essex

On Tuesday, September 10, **HABC's President & CEO Janet Abrahams** participated in a Department of Public Safety forum at CCBC Essex. Janet spoke to attendees about details concerning HABC's demographic, funding, HCVP and Public Housing opportunities. Moreover, she gave outlines on the PSO, Poe Homes and O'Donnell Heights Transformation Plans.

South Africans visit PSO

HABC provided tours of our PSO transformation plan to South African visitors, hoping to learn more about affordable housing and how they can implement what HABC is doing in their country.

Hotel Ribbon Cutting

HABC's President and CEO Janet Abrahams stood beside state and city officials at the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services (MHOS) Hotels Ribbon Cutting Ceremonial Press Event. The event was to celebrate the City reaching an agreement to purchase the Sleep Inn and Suites in an effort to assist with homelessness in Baltimore City.

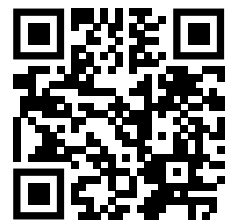
Emergency Preparedness Month

Each September is National Preparedness Month, and during this month HABC encourages residents to be prepared for disasters or emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities. We remind residents to use this opportunity to find ways or help others understand more about preparing for disasters and reducing risks to health and the environment.

LIVE Baltimore promotes HABC Homeownership program

In August, the Homeownership and Family Self-Sufficiency Departments met with the staff of LIVE Baltimore, who expressed interest in HABC's homeownership program. During the meeting, LIVE Baltimore gained insight into HABC's Resident Economic Mobility and Self-Sufficiency Supportive Services. The meeting proved to be both insightful and informative.

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Top Stories

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USI Job Fair

On June 24, HABC participated in a Skilled Trades Hiring Fair at The War Memorial. Attendees got to receive in-person opportunities to learn, apply, and interview for available jobs.

 The War Memorial



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Health Fair at Latrobe

Latrobe Homes hosted a Health Fair event. Residents received resources smiles and community.

 Latrobe Homes



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Rising Star Scholarship

HABC congratulates youth residents who received the Rising Star Scholarship! All recipients have started their college career this fall semester.

 Benton Building



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National Night Out

On August 13, residents conjugated at Douglass Homes for National Night Out.

 Douglass Homes



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HABC partners w/ USI & MBDA

On July 29, **HABC's Executive VP & Chief Administrative Officer, Michael Moore** joined Urban Strategies, Inc (USI) and Minority Business Development Agency to celebrate a partnership that strengthens opportunities and access for emergent enterprises of color.

Homeownership Brunch

The Office of Resident Services (ORS) hosted a brunch to celebrate 18 HABC families who've worked towards self-sufficiency purchased their first home within the last year.

ACOP Meetings

Throughout the month of September, HABC Executive staff hosted three meetings at Brooklyn Homes, Latrobe Home and Gilmore Homes to review the 2025 MTW Plan with residents. Also, staff members briefly reviewed proposed changes to the Public Housing ACOP and HCVP Admin Plan.



ACOP-Brooklyn Homes



ACOP-Latrobe Homes



ACOP-Gilmore Homes

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!



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2.3k Followers
@bmoreHABC



Facebook

9.2k Followers
@bmoreHABC



Instagram

3,163 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 →



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on the
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Heavy Hitter Award

Janet Abrahams
President | CEO

HOUSING AUTHORITY of BALTIMORE CITY

Employee Spotlight

Anu Francis

Executive Vice President & Chief Finance Officer

Congratulations to HABC's newly promoted **Executive Vice President & Chief Finance Officer, Anu Francis!** Francis brings 22 years of professional experience in finance and accounting, with a notable 12-year tenure at the Housing Authority of Baltimore City.

She has been instrumental in implementing objectives that benefit the Housing Authority of Baltimore City's, and she plans on continuing that!



Kudos Corner

Sharonda Saunders: An inspiring story of dedication, perseverance and homeownership



HABC would like to recognize Sharonda Saunders, a former HCVP Homeownership participant who purchased her home in March 2013.

After being terminated in November 2017 due to exceeding income limits, she reached out to Tonya Smalls to express her gratitude and appreciation

for all the support and guidance Smalls provided. Saunders shared that she has made her final payment on her home.

Additionally, she is currently working on rehabilitating a property she purchased from HABC last year. Moreover, Saunders has attended financial literacy classes and taking a second job, all with the aim of reducing her loan principal. She even took out a high-interest personal loan to acquire the HABC property.

As a single mother of three, her journey as a homeowner hasn't always been smooth, however, her dedication to reaching her personal goals, preserving her home, and ensuring her financial independence has remained steadfast.

Sharonda's story is truly inspiring.

Since announcing the Housing Authority of Baltimore City's Strategic Plan: Pathways to Success in 2019, progress has been made!

Check out the video below and see what Strategic Plan HABC has been completed - featuring **Faith Young, HABC's Constituent Services Manager!**

[See the video >](#)



Meet Angela Burnett, Service Coordinator at Rosemont Tower

Angela Burnett, Rosemont Tower Service Coordinator, shares insights about Rosemont's Group Art Therapy classes, which are designed to support the mental and emotional well-being of residents.

[See the video >](#)

