

# Message from the Executive Director

William Dotson, HHA Executive Director

I was honored to have attended the graduation ceremony honoring those students enrolled in the Cabell County Youth Empowerment Program, The YouthBuild Program, The Huntington School of Fine Woodwork and the ROSS program. What a thrill to see twenty-six students walk across the stage in their cap and gown to receive their GED.

I was also thrilled to hear of those students who are attending college and/or are working full or part time jobs as a result of the assistance and training they received through these programs. The entire second group of adults to complete our ROSS program are now working and being productive citizens in our community. Well Done!!!



I want to commend the staff that coordinates these programs; all of you have done a wonderful job. Thank you for being so committed to your work, it truly is paying off, these kids have all of you to thank for believing in them and encouraging them. The older I get, the more I realize that we only have a short time, thanks for making the most of the time we have keep pushing these young adults.

I want to encourage all our residents to take full advantage of the educational and job training programs we offer. Do you need to get your GED, further your education, get quality job skills to find and keep a good job for you and your family? If you answered yes to any one of these questions, you need to call Tim White and his staff at 522-0576 and get started on your way to a better and brighter future.

It is spring and summer is right behind, with all the accompanying activities that go with the pleasant weather. We are again reminding families and individuals that illegal activity of any kind will immediately remove you from our communities, in other words, you will be evicted.

The negative actions of some of the families we are currently housing will require our managers to remove you from your apartment and place you on the street before summer is through. There is a rumor on the streets that our cameras are no longer working. This is a false rumor, all of our cameras are working and when they do go down and sometimes that happens, we immediately fix the problem. We can see what you are doing and we will use the evidence to assist us in removing you from our communities.

We have our share of young mothers, or just young women, unattached, that are residing in our communities. Many of these young women elect to bring into their households, unauthorized and unwanted single male friends. Many of these males are from out of town, Detroit, to name one city, and they are feeding the drug and criminal element of Huntington. Many of these young males are here for one reason, to make money pushing drugs. I have told you before and will remind you again, use of illegal drugs will get you evicted and quickly, whether you are using them or not, if the drugs are in your apartment then you are guilty in our eyes and we will not allow you to stay.

You may think that you can get away with breaking our rules. This is very poor thinking. Our security officers, our cameras, our staff and most of all, our residents, are watching and reporting what you do. We will not tolerate fighting, fussing or feuding. We have over 500 people waiting to take your apartment should you be evicted. Those of you that want to give up the best deal in town in terms of renting, just keep doing what you are doing and we will eventually catch you and remove you. This is a promise, not a threat. I also want to remind you that anyone who is evicted from public housing anywhere due to illegal drugs or weapons is placed on a national register and will not be permitted to get public housing assistance for at least five years.

We will not tolerate hooligans and hell raisers to live or even visit in our communities. If you think you can slide by and go unnoticed, keep doing what you are doing. It is not right for you to inflict your attitudes, morals and general behavior on a community that just wishes to live in peace and harmony. If you want to do drugs, fight and argue, hate your neighbor, please go someplace else to live.

For some of you, those that think their actions are invisible; I will see you in court. For most of you, I wish you a safe and peaceful summer season.

# News From the Sports Center

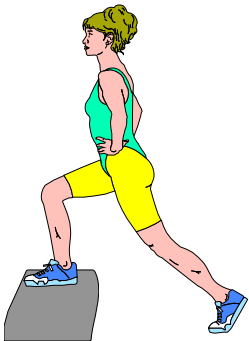
Sockie Minor, Clerk

The Sport Center would like to invite all residents to come and participate in our new Martial Arts classes. Classes are offered each Monday and Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Ages 6 through adults are welcome.

We also have a new dance class which takes place each Tuesday evening from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Mrs. Aimee Chapman is the instructor.



We had a girl's only lock-in on May 25th at the center for the girls that participated in the Operation Right Choice class and the Dance/Stomp group. Everyone that attended had a great time.



Ladies it is swim suit time. Steve Dotson our Boxing Coach/instructor has started a Shape Up/Workout group for the ladies of our communities. If you are interested in taking these classes which are held on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM come join us and shape up for the summer. If you need more information contact me at 304-526-4471.

The Summer Lunch Program for Marcum Terrace will start on June 12th and run through August 17th. Lunch will be served from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. This is a first come first served so come early. Parents do not send younger children with older ones. Parents need to attend the lunch with younger children if not they will be sent back home.

City Mission Day Camp will be June 19th through July 27th check with your child's school for application or with Sockie at the Sport Center or call 304-526-4471. The City Mission over night camp will start August 6th through August 10th. If you are interested contact Justin Cox at the City Mission he is over seeing the Day Camp. For more information call City Mission phone and asked for Mr. Cox at 304-523-0293.

