

THE HRHA NEWSLETTER

News, announcements, and more from the
Harrisonburg Redevelopment & Housing Authority



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Great Community Give Success: Supporting Local Theater

On April 22nd, we proudly participated in the Great Community Give in support of Court Square Theater, helping raise a total of **\$3,423** toward sustaining this vital community arts space. The campaign focused on ensuring the continued operation of the historic theater and strengthening its role as a cultural anchor in downtown Harrisonburg.

Court Square Theater operates with annual building costs of approximately \$60,000, covering essential expenses such as utilities, insurance, cleaning, and ongoing maintenance. These funds are critical in keeping the doors open while long-term sustainability planning continues. Every contribution helps maintain a space where local actors, musicians, stage managers, and volunteers can perform, keeping live storytelling alive in the community.

HRHA would also like to extend a special thank you to match sponsors **Litten & Sipe** and **United Bank** for their generous support, helping to amplify the impact of every donation made during the campaign through matching funds. \$1,000 of the funds raised were awarded through a golden ticket! Thank you to the Daily News Record for sponsoring these funds!

Building Steps Toward Successful Homeownership

On Saturday, May 16th, HRHA collaborated with Virginia Housing homebuyer trainers to bring a **Live Homebuyer Education Class** at the **Lucy F. Simms Auditorium**, where residents and participants gathered from 9:30am–3:30pm to learn more about the homebuying process and available resources to support their journey toward homeownership. The in-person session provided a welcoming environment for individuals interested in becoming homeowners or strengthening their understanding of the steps involved.

Participants who had not yet completed a homebuyer education course were able to earn their certificate upon completion of the class. For those who had previously completed the course, the session also served as an opportunity to renew expired certificates, which may be required for certain down payment and closing cost assistance programs.

Throughout the day, attendees received valuable guidance on credit, budgeting, mortgage options, and the overall homebuying process. The interactive format allowed participants to ask questions, engage with instructors, and gain practical knowledge to support their future housing goals.

Building Resilience: HRHA Residents Explore Mental Wellness Strategies

On Tuesday, May 19th, HRHA hosted a virtual webinar titled **“Building Your Own Mental Health Wellness Plan”** from 5:30–7:00 p.m., offering participants a supportive space to focus on overall well-being and explore what mental wellness looks like in everyday life.

Residents joined the session online to reflect on their habits and strengthen skills that support emotional balance and long-term stability.

Behavior Health Wellness Specialist Jonny Morris from the Harrisonburg–Rockingham Community Services Board guided participants through practical tools for managing stress and developing healthier thought patterns. The session encouraged attendees to think intentionally about their daily routines and identify small, realistic changes that could positively impact their mental health over time.

Throughout the webinar, participants engaged in guided reflection and discussion, gaining strategies they could immediately apply to support personal wellness. The interactive format helped create an open, supportive environment where individuals could better understand the connection among mindset, habits, and overall well-being. This session reflected HRHA’s continued commitment to supporting residents not only through housing stability, but also through access to resources that promote mental health, resilience, and personal growth.



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HRHA Board of Commissioners

HRHA is governed by a seven-member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Harrisonburg City Council. The Board establishes the Authority's policies and procedures and appoints the Executive Director.

Board of Commissioner meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 4:00PM. Meeting location/access will be posted prior to meetings and in line with local health guidelines.

+ Michael Wong, (Not a commissioner)
Executive Director/Secretary-Treasurer

- + Gil Colman - Chair- Commissioner
Term Expires: November 29, 2029
- + Luciano Benjamin -Vice Chair- Commissioner
Term Expires: November 29, 2028
- + Amanda Morris - Commissioner
Term Expires: November 29, 2027
- + Anthony Hayes - Commissioner
Term Expires: February 11, 2028
- + Amanda Leech - Commissioner
Term Expires: October 13, 2028
- + Janet Awkard-Rogers - Commissioner
Term Expires: April 25, 2027
- + Joyce M Sampson-Franklin- Commissioner
Term Expires: February 11, 2028