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Board meetings are held every 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. View the full [2024 board meeting schedule here](#).

Richmond Towers Management Offices

Message from the Executive Director

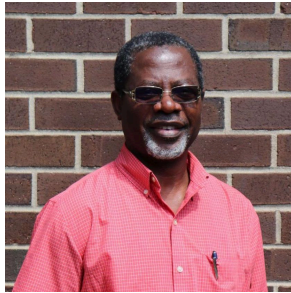
Every February I place great importance on taking the time to honor Black History Month. As an organization deeply connected with the Black community, all of us at the Housing Authority of Plainfield are celebrating the legacy of the incredible Black leaders who came before us. Acknowledging their accomplishments and understanding our past helps us shape the future of American history.



We invite residents and the community to join us at Richmond Towers on March 1st for our annual Black History Month program. At this year's Black Resistance-themed event, we look forward to welcoming guest speaker Pastor Mae Belin. I'd like to extend a huge thank you to all of HAP's fellow sponsors for making this event possible: The Plainfield Culture and Heritage Foundation, Premier Community Development Corporation (PCDC), and the



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Joanne Hollis Gardens & Richmond Towers Resident Associations. If you would like to contribute, all proceeds will go to the HAP/PCDC Scholarship Fund.

In this newsletter we have several updates to share, so read on to learn about Dr. Oji here at Richmond Towers, the return of our Employee of the Year Program, and free first-time homebuyer webinars hosted by New Jersey Citizen Action.

As always, we at HAP are dedicated to our people, proactive in our plans, and focused on our future.

Thank you so much for being part of our community.

Randall "Randy" Wood



HAP Spotlight: Dr. Oji

HAP is fortunate to offer an in-house doctor's office to residents at Richmond Towers that provides chiropractic and podiatry services in addition to vaccine administration. Family physician Dr. Oji and podiatrist Dr. Borrelli extend a high level of care to patients here at this convenient location, especially for those who have difficulty traveling for medical purposes.

This month HAP would like to shine the spotlight on one of our in-house doctors, Dr. Omobola A. Oji, MD, who first began serving HAP residents on-site at Richmond Towers in 2018.

Dr. Oji is a dedicated family physician with over 30 years of experience in the field of medicine. She has extensive experience having practiced here and internationally in different specialties including treating knee

joint injury, chronic diabetes, chronic high blood pressure, emphysema (COPD), and obesity/nutrition. She started her career in 1989 and practiced in the United Kingdom before settling in New Jersey where she has been in the field of family medicine and emergency medicine since 1996. She has a reputation of being a compassionate, caring physician while maintaining up-to-date patient care. She believes her patients should be treated "like family" and is **highly recommended by her patients**. Her practice serves children and adults encompassing all aspects of care while taking into account their individual background. She has an interest in Bariatric (obesity) Medicine.

Dr. Oji says, "Health is wealth. A lot of people are apprehensive to go to the doctor but it is better to prevent disease than to treat it. It's important to prioritize our health inasmuch as we take care of our families, work, etc. I strongly advise everyone to seek out a primary care doctor to set up physicals, conduct screenings, and educate themselves on vaccinations."

Dr. Oji practices at **Providence Medical Center located at 25 Craig Place in North Plainfield**. Dr.Oji is here at Richmond Towers once every two weeks and she will be here next on March 1st to aid residents' needs.

Thank you, Dr. Oji, for all that you do!

HAP Reestablishes Employee of the Year Program

Do you know someone who is worthy of recognition? HAP is now accepting feedback for the 2024 Employee of the Year Program!

HAP encourages residents and staff to share their gratitude for those who make a difference here every day. As Maya Angelou once said, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."



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- MAYA ANGELOU

HAP Residents are invited to share their compliments for HAP team members in several ways:

- Visit the administrative office at Richmond Towers
- Visit the Community Resource Center at Joanne Hollis Gardens
- Call us at [908-769-6335](tel:908-769-6335) or email info@hap-nj.org

Your submissions may also be included in future newsletters and other materials

Free Weekly First-time Homebuyer Webinars from New Jersey Citizen Action

Take the first step to becoming a first-time homebuyer by learning about affordable mortgage programs and down payment assistance through **New Jersey Citizen Action's free weekly webinars**. Their HUD-Certified Housing Counseling Service provides assistance to low- and moderate-income first-time homebuyers in English and Spanish.

Counseling services include:

- Pre-purchase counseling for first-time homebuyers
- Foreclosure Prevention Counseling
- General credit and budget counseling
- Home improvement counseling for homeowners
- Predatory lending counseling for victims of fraud, and
- Rental Counseling

Learn more and register for one of the weekly webinars

on New Jersey Citizen Action's website.

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The Housing Authority of Plainfield offers food banks to residents at Richmond

Towers every third Thursday of the month and at Joanne Hollis Gardens every third Saturday. These food banks are made possible by HAP's 501c3 non-profit organization, Premier Community Development Corporation. PCDC works in conjunction with the City of Plainfield to improve neighborhoods for local residents and focuses on the development and rehabilitation of quality housing for the improvement of family lives in urban communities. Established in 2007, PCDC serves primarily Union County but also has strong ties in Middlesex, Monmouth, and Somerset counties in New Jersey. The food distributions offered at HAP are only one example of the social service programs PCDC provides to the community. For more information about PCDC, visit www.pcdc-nj.com.

Upcoming Events

Black History Month 2024: Black Resistance – March 1st



HAP Presents

Black History Month 2024: Black Resistance

Friday, March 1st, 2024
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Richmond Towers
510-520 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060

If you would like to contribute, all proceeds will go to the HAP/PCDC Scholarship Fund. Call 908-769-6335 or visit the PCDC website: www.pcdc-nj.com

Come and celebrate Black History Month with us on Friday, March 1st from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Richmond Towers. This event is sponsored by The Plainfield Culture and Heritage Foundation, HAP, PCDC, and the Joanne Hollis Gardens & Richmond Towers Resident Associations. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Mae Belin. If you would like to contribute, all proceeds will go to the HAP/PCDC Scholarship Fund. Call 908-769-6335 or visit the PCDC website: www.pcdc-nj.com.

Exercise Class - March 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th

Exercise classes are held at Richmond Towers every Thursday from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.



Food Banks - March 16th & 28th

Food banks are held at Richmond Towers every fourth Thursday of the month and at Joanne Hollis Gardens every third Saturday.

2024 Board Meeting Schedule

March 18

Joanne Hollis Gardens

April 15

Richmond Towers

May 20

Joanne Hollis Gardens

June 17

Richmond Towers

July 15

Joanne Hollis Gardens

August 19

Richmond Towers
(Optional)

September 16

Joanne Hollis Gardens
(Annual Meeting 8:00 p.m.)

October 15

Richmond Towers

November 18

Joanne Hollis Gardens
(Optional)

December 16

Richmond Towers

*The Regular Board Meeting is held on the third Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. In the case of a holiday, the meeting is held the next day.

Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held at alternate locations; Richmond Towers Community Room located at 510 East Front Street and Joanne Hollis Gardens HAP Center located at 543 West 3rd Street in Plainfield, New Jersey.

About The Housing Authority of Plainfield

HAP will collaborate with residents and public, non-profit, and private entities to create viable, healthy communities and to empower residents to achieve financial independence. We will achieve the above while maintaining strong internal controls, and developing and

maintaining a strong culture of mutual respect, fiscal responsibility, and ethical behavior by our employees, residents, and other key stakeholders.

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