

## **RESIDENT MEETING NOTICE**

## HUD Rental Assistance Demonstration

The Housing Authority of Savannah will soon be applying for HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD. HAS will host three meetings to provide information about HUD's RAD Program and the HAS's planned application. All residents are encouraged to attend to receive important information that may affect your neighborhood.

## Wednesday, October 10, 2012 10:00 AM

Department of Family & Children Services 761 Wheaton Street

## 11:30 AM

Horace Stillwell Towers 5100 Waters Avenue

## 3:00 PM

Department of Family & Children Services 761 Wheaton Street

Please contact HAS at (912) 235-5800 ext. 116 for additional information.





## FRED WESSELS HOMES RESIDENT MEETING

DATE: Monday, October 12, 2014 TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. WHERE: Savannah Baptist Center 704 Wheaton St.

### HUD RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION (RAD) PROGRAM

RAD is a central part of HUD's rental housing preservation strategy, which works to preserve the nation's stock of deeply affordable rental housing, promote efficiency within and among HUD programs, and build strong, stable communitieS.

# **FRED WESSELS HOMES** IS PART OF HUD'S RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.

Join us to receive details regarding how RAD will affect you and your family. If you are unable to attend, please send a representative, Written material will be provided.

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## EAST SAVANNAH GATEWAY COMMUNITY DESIGN MEETING RE: Robert Hitch Village, Fred Wessels Homes & Edgar Blackshear Homes

#### DETAILS

The Housing Authority of Savannah and the Hitch Village development team are hosting a collaborative Design Meeting to hear from the community regarding the redevelopment of Robert Hitch Village and the rehabilitation of nearby neighborhoods, Fred Wessels Homes and Edgar Blackshear Homes.

Visit www.eastsavannahgateway.com for details about this event and the East Savannah Gateway Transformation Plan.

> COMMUNITY DESIGN MEETING When: Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Where: Savannah Baptist Center, 704 Wheaton Street





Earline Wesley Davis Executive Director



Dear [Resident Name],

In 2012, the Housing Authority of Savannah applied for the HUD Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program, and in December 2012, the applications were accepted. At that time, the Housing Authority entered into Housing Assistance Payment Contracts for four of its properties. Prior to its application, staff held five meetings in October 2012 with all public housing residents prior to its application to receive input. Several meetings were also held in 2013 and 2014 to keep all residents informed of the progress as HAS moves forward with this new program.

Currently, rehabilitation work, as a result of RAD, will begin in 2015 for Fred Wessels Homes and Edgar Blackshear Homes. At this time, we expect that rehabilitation may require you to be relocated (temporarily or permanently) from your unit. We will provide further details to you as plans develop. **This notice does not mean that you need to leave the property at this time. This is not a notice of eligibility for relocation assistance.** The remainder of this letter only applies to situations where you will need to be relocated from your unit.

This notice serves to inform you of your potential rights under the RAD program and a federal law known as the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (URA). If the proposed RAD project receives HUD approval and if you are displaced permanently as a result, you may become eligible for relocation assistance and payments under the URA, including:

1) Relocation advisory services that include referrals to replacement properties, help in filing payment claims and other necessary assistance to help you successfully relocate;

- 2) At least 90 days' advance written notice of the date you will be required to move;
- 3) Payment for moving expenses; and
- 4) Payments to enable you to rent a similar replacement home.

NOTE: Aliens not lawfully present in the United States are not eligible for URA relocation assistance, unless such ineligibility would result in exceptional and extremely unusual hardship to a qualifying spouse, parent, or child as defined at 49 CFR 24.208(h). All persons seeking relocation assistance will be required to certify that they are a United States citizen or national, or an immigrant lawfully present in the United States.

As a resident of a property participating in RAD, you have the right to return to the project after the project is complete. You will be able to lease and occupy a unit in the converted project when rehabilitation is complete.

If you are permanently displaced from your home, you will not be required to move until you are given at least 90-day advance written notice of any required move and at least one comparable replacement dwelling has been made available to you. If you are temporarily relocated and your temporary relocation lasts more than one year, you will be contacted and offered permanent relocation assistance as a displaced person under the URA. This assistance would be in addition 22



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to any assistance you may receive in connection with temporary relocation and will not be reduced by the amount of any temporary relocation assistance you have already received.

If you are required to relocate from the property in the future, you will be informed in writing. HAS will inform you of what assistance and payments you are eligible for if you will be relocated because of RAD and how you will receive these payments. If you become a displaced person, you will be provided reasonable assistance necessary to complete and file any required claim to receive a relocation payment. If you feel that your eligibility for assistance is not properly considered, you will also have the right to appeal a determination on your eligibility for relocation assistance.

You should continue to pay your rent and meet any other requirements specified in your lease. If you fail to do so, HAS may have cause for your eviction. If you choose to move, or if you are evicted, prior to receiving a formal notice of relocation eligibility, you may become ineligible to receive relocation assistance. It is very important for you to contact us before making any moving plans. You will be contacted soon so that we can provide you with more information about the proposed project. If the project is approved, we will make every effort to accommodate your needs. In the meantime, if you have any questions about our plans, please contact:

Janice R. Watkins, Director of Public Housing 1407 Wheaton Street Savannah, GA 31404 (912) 235-5800 ext. 104 jwatkins@savannahpha.com

This letter is important to you and should be retained. In the meantime, a meeting has been scheduled with you, as the Head of Household, during the week of April 20, 2015 to discuss the contents of this notice further.

Sincerely,

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Earline Wesley Davis Executive Director