



# NEIGHBORHOODS

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## Board of Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners is the governing board of the Troy Housing Authority. The Board establishes the strategic vision for the Troy Housing Authority and sets the policies the Troy Housing Authority staff will follow. These policies must be comply with the rules and regulations of the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Board members do not get involved in the day to day work being done by staff of the Troy Housing Authority.

The daily operations of the Troy Housing Authority are done by staff members who report to the Executive Dir. The Board of Commissioners hold regular meetings every six weeks in accordance with the schedule posted at all sites and on the website of the Troy Housing Authority.

## Griswold Heights Community Renovations Will Begin Soon

The Troy Housing Authority (THA) and MDG Development (MDG) have successfully closed on financing to renovate Griswold Heights and other THA properties.

The Troy Portfolio Preservation Bundle 1 Project is the formal name of the Griswold Heights Renovation.

THA & MDG held resident meetings to talk about in-unit, building system, community space, and site renovations that we expect will begin in November 2023. Construction will be during the hours of 8am and 5pm.

Residents will receive updates about the renovation schedule through a professional relocation firm, **HousingToHome (HTH)**, who will have on-site Access Managers as a liaison between the construction team and residents.

HTH will be holding a Renovation Needs Assessment meeting to assist all Griswold Heights residents with their individual needs and circumstances. HTH will help each resident make arrangements to make sure units can be accessed by the construction team to complete renovations.



Eyesore will be removed during renovations



Griswold Heights residents meet MDG

# HTH Provides Support Before and During Renovations

Improvements include New LED Lighting, New Flooring, Renovated Kitchens with New Appliances, New Bathrooms, Building System Upgrades, Exterior / Site Improvements, and more.

HTH will support the residents to coordinate the necessary details for residents to remain in place and only have to leave their unit during the day while construction takes place. Existing residents will be provided the option to utilize a *Hospitality Suite* during the day while construction takes place in their unit.

**HTH – [griswold@housingtohome.org](mailto:griswold@housingtohome.org)  
or call (518) 652-1418**



Desi, Chris and Katie of HousingToHome (HTH)



## Sample of In-Unit Improvements



THA, MDG and Griswold Heights Residents discuss renovations

## From the desk of the Executive Director

*Deborah A. Witkowski*



I am extremely excited to report that on October 11, 2023, the Troy Housing Authority along with our Development Partner, MDG, successfully closed on its funding for the proposed Griswold Heights revitalization project. What that means is that over the next 24 months renovations will occur at Griswold Heights on all units, buildings, roofs, sidewalks, landscaping, playgrounds, the Community Center and much more!

Concurrently, the Troy Housing Authority and MDG are continuing to progress all pre-development due diligence necessary for us to apply for similar funding for the renovations of “bundle two” which includes Corliss Park, Phelan Court, Catherine Sweeney, and Grand Street apartments. Like the Griswold Heights

revitalization project, our goal with “bundle two” is to upgrade all the buildings mechanical systems, site landscaping, social activity spaces, and renovate all apartment units.

In addition to our partnership with MDG, the Troy Housing Authority has also partnered with Pennrose Development to build a new Taylor Apartments Community and Beacon Development and RIDA Architecture to redevelop the Arnold Fallon apartments.

Additionally, THA continues to work with the Community Preservation Corporation for funding to upgrade the units at the Conway Court site including upgraded mechanicals, new kitchens, bathrooms, flooring, fixtures, LED lighting, a new trash compactor, and many other upgrades.

In summary, the Troy Housing Authority continues to strive to improve the quality of life within the City of Troy by providing decent, safe, and sanitary homes that include amenities that support a healthy environment and best meets the needs of our residents who are THAs most valuable asset.

*We hope our efforts are appreciated.*

Find out more information on our website  
([www.troyhousing.org](http://www.troyhousing.org)).

or

Stop by your site office to share your thoughts and ideas.

Sincerely,

*Deborah A. Witkowski*

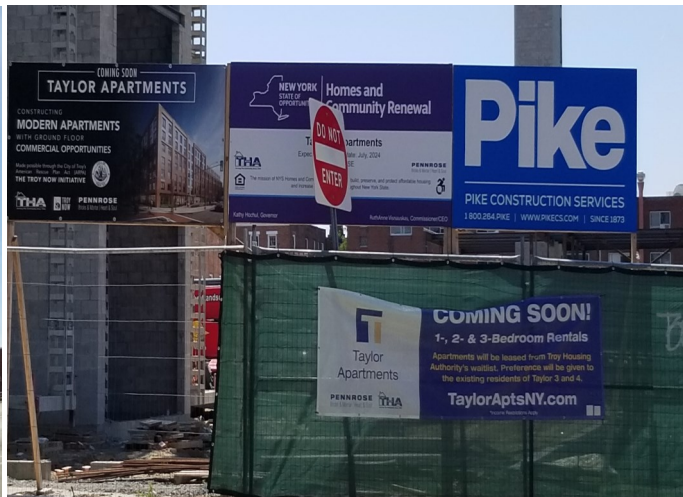
Executive Director

## Taylor Construction Update

Taylor Buildings 1 & 2 have been demolished. *Construction of a new building is underway.*

The shell of the building is up and the construction team is making tremendous progress in transforming Taylor Buildings 1 & 2. Tenants from Taylor Buildings 3 & 4 will be given preference during the leasing for the new building. The Troy Housing Authority will be applying for funds to demolish Taylor 3 & 4 so that we can rebuild at that location. The rebuild of buildings 3 & 4 will complete the transformation of this site in collaboration with Pennrose.

Efforts at Taylor Apartments are part of a larger City of Troy initiative to improve the Historic Downtown and create more ways to access the waterfront. The Troy Housing Authority and Pennrose are very proud to be part of this effort by providing high quality affordable housing which will ensure that persons of all income ranges can live, work, and play in Troy’s vibrant downtown. The Taylor Apartments redevelopment was also included in the City of Troy’s Downtown Revitalization Initiative.



Current events can also be found on the News & Events page of our newly upgraded website  
[www.troyhousing.org](http://www.troyhousing.org)

# Conway Courts Garden & Terrarium



Residents of **Conway Court Apartments** gathered to spruce up both inside and outside common areas using plants, water and handmade signs. Donna, Darlene and a host of others did a great job with both events. Judy, a Conway Court resident, created beautiful artwork by hand using roofing slate and paint!!!! What a way to get the residents out of the house for a little bit to learn about plant life. Residents had a wonderful time seeing some of their neighbors, learning about plants, chatting, laughing.

**Thank you to the residents of Conway Court for the invitation to both plant-life events, my plants are thriving. ~SHAQ**



# FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

## IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES



Get a better paying job...  
Own your own home...  
Continue your education...  
Improve your credit...  
Purchase a vehicle...  
And  
Earn an escrow while reaching goals



## LIPH FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

We have limited slots available and they are filling quickly.

### HOW DOES IT WORK

You will need to meet with the FSS Coordinator to establish and work on goals.

### EARN ESCROW

Once you begin working, or your earned income increases, you begin to earn an escrow. Every time your rent increases due to earned income, the difference in your new tenant payment is placed into an interest bearing escrow account. You receive these monies when you reach your goals and successfully complete your contract.

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# R.E.A.C.T

REACT, Inc. (**Resident Empowered Action Council of Troy**) is the City-wide Resident Organization for all Troy Housing Authority tenants. REACT, Inc. supports site based tenant associations and also serves as the Resident Advisory Board to Troy Housing Authority when we are making plans or setting policies that will have an impact on tenants.

REACT also advocates on behalf of all tenants of the Troy Housing Authority. As a recognized not-for-profit organization REACT raises funds to help support programs and services to tenants of the Troy Housing Authority. REACT provides supplies for Homework Clubs and Summer Nutrition and Recreation Programs available at Troy Housing Authority locations. REACT operates a Food Pantry for Troy Housing Authority tenants. Tenants needing food should call REACT at 518-272-8974. You will need to provide your name address and the age of everyone on your lease to make an appointment. You also need to bring a current *Shelter Verification form* to pick up your food. Feel free to call REACT if you have any questions.



# TROY HOUSING AUTHORITY CALENDAR

**November 21, 2023 - Pop-Up Pantry/Regional Foodbank 9:30AM @ Kennedy Towers**

**November 21, 2023 - Giving Thanks to PMGA Veterans 11AM @ Peter M Guenette Apts**

**November 28, 2023 - Griswold Construction Job Fair 10-2PM @ GH Community Room**

**December 22, 2023 - Troy Housing Authority Board Meeting 11:00AM @ TBD Location**

**BULLETIN: 2024 NYSPHADA Scholarship** available to **high school seniors** living in Public Housing. Please Contact **THA**, if you know any high school seniors who **live in Troy Housing** and want to apply for the scholarship funds to assist with college costs. Deadline is February 5th, 2024. More info on THA's website at [www.troyhousing.org](http://www.troyhousing.org)



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Deborah A. Witkowski, Executive Director

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## THA LOCATIONS

### THA Administration

One Eddy's Lane  
Troy, NY 12180

### Corliss Park

1450 Corliss Park  
Troy, NY 12182

### Taylor Apartments

125 River Street  
Troy, NY 12180

### Fallon Apartments

847 River Street  
Troy, NY 12180

### Sweeney Apartments

4th & Trenton Street  
Troy, NY 12180

### Griswold Heights

100 Griswold Heights  
Troy, NY 12180

### Phelan Apartments

17 Hopkins Street  
Troy, NY 12180

### Kane Apartments

5 115th Street  
Troy, NY 12182

### Grand Street Apts.

521 Grand Street  
Troy, NY 12180

### Conway Court

12 Conway Court  
Troy, NY 12180

### Martin Luther King

One Eddy's Lane  
Troy, NY 12180

### Kennedy Towers

2100 6th Avenue  
Troy, NY 12180

### SFC Peter M. Guenette Apartments

6-8 115 Street  
Troy, New York

### Section 8 Program

125 River Street  
Troy, NY 12180

## SFC Peter M Guenette Veterans

TROY HOUSING AUTHORITY (THA), DAV Chapter 38, DAR, Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office & Uncle Sam Military Banner Committee unite to uplift local veterans of Troy Housing Authority's SFC Peter M Guenette Apartments.

Eight Veterans who reside at SFC Peter M. Guenette Apartments each received a gift bag with toiletries; toothpaste, toothbrush, shaving supplies, deodorant, shampoo, soap, blanket, a small jacket, \$100 gift card and a boxed lunch in a small celebration in front of SFC Peter M Guenette Apartments.

