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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.

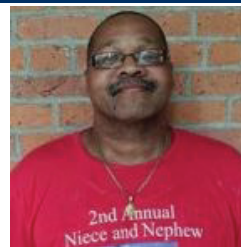
## 2024 Troy Housing Authority Tenant Commissioners

Wildelia “Nancy” Roman has Commissioner for a 2-year term December 31, 2026. Ms. Roman, raised in the Bronx where she Nancy began raising her family an Assistant Teacher for 32 years Opportunity-(CEO). Even continues to serve as a volunteer in CEO’s Foster Grandparent Program. Nancy’s love of teaching was passed on to one of her two sons who is a Teacher in the Lansingburgh School District. Nancy also has four grandchildren. Ms. Roman expects that her years of working with families will help in her duties as Tenant Commissioner. Nancy is bi-lingual and is able to speak English as well as Spanish, this will help her to connect with all of the tenants at the Troy Housing Authority. She is always ready and eager to listen to the tenants and their concerns so that she can provide meaningful input at Board Meetings and help to ensure effective outcomes for the tenants. As a tenant of the THA at Kennedy Towers, Ms. Roman has found the staff to be helpful, the buildings to be clean and the rents to be reasonable.



been re-elected to serve as Tenant from January 1, 2025 through was born in Puerto Rico and worked as a Doctor’s Assistant. in North Troy while working as at the Commission on Economic though she is retired, Ms. Roman continues to serve as a volunteer in CEO’s Foster Grandparent Program. Nancy’s love of teaching was passed on to one of her two sons who is a Teacher in the Lansingburgh School District. Nancy also has four grandchildren. Ms. Roman expects that her years of working with families will help in her duties as Tenant Commissioner. Nancy is bi-lingual and is able to speak English as well as Spanish, this will help her to connect with all of the tenants at the Troy Housing Authority. She is always ready and eager to listen to the tenants and their concerns so that she can provide meaningful input at Board Meetings and help to ensure effective outcomes for the tenants. As a tenant of the THA at Kennedy Towers, Ms. Roman has found the staff to be helpful, the buildings to be clean and the rents to be reasonable.

Walter Howard has been Commissioner for a 2-year term 31, 2026. Mr. Howard has been a has primarily lived at the Martin temporarily relocated to Gris-the Martin Luther King Apart-back at Martin Luther King and forward to the improvements Authority locations in the coming years. Mr. Howard is retired from a career that included nursing and cooking. He comes from a very large family and is presently raising two great nephews. He feels his experiences at work and in life will continue to serve him well as a Commissioner for the Tenants. He looks forward to listening to the tenants and helping them to improve the community. He is doing this for the children who represent our future.



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## Corliss Park Summer Nutrition Program

Troy Housing Authority would like to congratulate Nyisha Dozier, the Children’s Program Aide at Corliss Park. Nyisha received a Certificate of Excellence for an outstanding job in the Rensselaer County Summer Nutrition Program. THA was honored to work with the Rensselaer County Department of Youth this summer to bring Food Nutrition Programs to multiple THA sites such



as Griswold Heights, Martin Luther King and Corliss Park. Nyisha received deliveries and was available for children to attend free breakfast and lunch services, all summer long. “I have a bond with these kids and wanted to make sure they know they had a place to go”. said Nyisha. Hopefully we can do more like afterschool programs and other activities.

## Troy Housing Authority - New Online Portal

Troy Housing Authority has a new applicant/resident portal to make online payments, request work orders, submit an application, check your application status or update your information.

Please visit <https://myportal.troyhousing.org> for more information.

Create an account. (New applicants can track their application by creating an account)

Questions should be directed to (518)273-3600, or management for assistance.



## Griswold Renovation Update

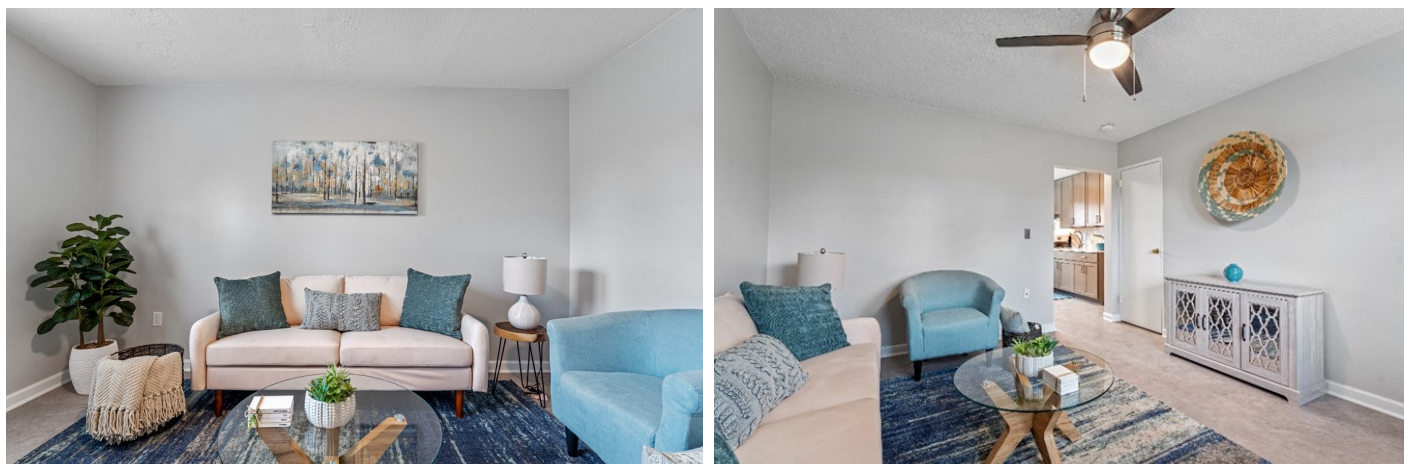
Construction teams were hard at work throughout the winter months. Early Spring MDG & THA staff announced the completion of some units and released pictures. Some of the pictures are shown below.

*For more pictures, info and the latest updates please view the THA Website and Social Media.*

### Griswold Before & After (Kitchen & Bathroom)



### Griswold Updated Livingroom



## From the desk of the Executive Director

*Deborah A. Witkowski*



I am extremely excited to report that the Troy Housing Authority along with our Development Partner, MDG are continuing progress with Griswold Heights Reno.

Concurrently, the Troy Housing Authority and MDG have begun renovations for “**Bundle 2**” which includes **Corliss Park, Margaret Phelan, Catherine Sweeney, and Grand Street**. Pallets of construction materials can be seen at our Grand Street location. And if you have visited or live at our Corliss Park location, construction crews are working hard on the roofing and outsides.

Like the Griswold Heights revitalization project, our goal with “**Bundle 2**” is to upgrade the buildings mechanical systems, site landscaping, social activity spaces, and renovate all apartment units.

Along with the excitement surrounding the redevelopment projects, Troy Housing Authority is proud to support various resident programs and activities.

REACT continues to provide food to those who request assistance through their Food Pantry. (Details on the last page)

Septembers’ 911 Memorial and Veterans BBQ at Kane Apartments was a success. Veterans, residents, staff, community police and other officials came together to celebrate our Veterans and Remember those who gave their lives for our country.

This is an exciting time for children who live in Troy Housing Authority. I am beyond ecstatic to be able to work with Rensselaer County on a few programs starting with this summers’ successful Food Nutrition Program. Currently we have a contest with participants age 6 to 18 years for THA’s Fire Safety Poster Contest sponsored by the HAI Group. THA Staff is taking requests for our annual collaboration with Toys for Tots.

Finally, I want to welcome aboard the following new employees to Troy Housing Authority:

### MLK Admin.

*Patricia Vaquiz*, Confidential Assistant

### MLK Apts.

*Melyssa Lewis*, Asst Affordable Housing Spec.

*Dianne Desantis*, Asset Manager

*Lamont Morales Jr.*, Laborer

*Jeremy Northup*, Building Maintenance Person

### PHELAN / SWEENEY

*Shannon Bernard*, Account Clerk

### CORLISS PARK

*Ahzhane Lynch*, Asst Affordable Housing Spec.

*James Green*, Laborer

### KANE

*Brianna Johnson*, Asst Affordable Housing Spec.

*Jayshaun Scott*, Laborer

### GRISWOLD HEIGHTS

*Veronica Felix*, Spanish Speaking Assistant

Affordable Housing Specialist

### SECTION 8

*Kimberly Marro*, Asst Affordable Housing Spec.

### TAYLOR

*Ezequiel Mendez*, Laborer

Sincerely,

*Deborah A. Witkowski*

Executive Director

## Capital Roots & THA



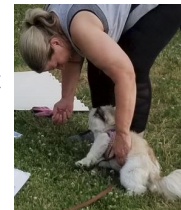
Like many Capital Region individuals, the senior residents at Conway Court face food access challenges but are passionate about gardening.

Luckily, we have a spacious yard with a gazebo and plenty of green that’s perfect for growing fresh, healthy produce!

The Capital Roots Healthy Communities Team, volunteers from Farmers Insurance, THA Staff and Puppy Friend “Noodle” worked hard to build raised beds, filled them with decomposing sticks, fresh compost and planting seeds.

The plant beds are tall for accessibility by our residents at Conway using wheelchairs and mobility devices!

Learn more about Capital Roots Healthy Communities at [www.capitalroots.org/whatwedo](http://www.capitalroots.org/whatwedo)

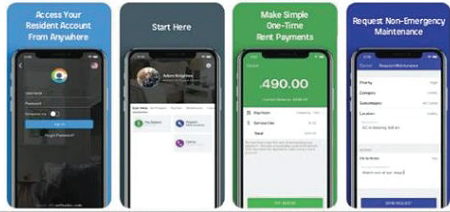


Current events can also be found on the News & Events page of our newly upgraded website  
[www.troyhousing.org](http://www.troyhousing.org)



**THA RESIDENT/APPLICANT PORTAL**

Want to pay rent, or submit a maintenance request?  
**There's an app for that.**



**TROY HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Has contracted Yardi Software to give all our tenants Access to "RENT CAFÉ" an online portal that will allow Families to:

- PAY RENT
- REQUEST RENT CHANGES
- REQUEST MAINTENANCE
- SEE YOUR TENANT LEDGER

Please list your Email in the space below and return to your site management office.  
 To get your registration code electronically when we GO LIVE !!

Tenant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt# \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\*please print clearly \*

**EVENTS**

**Newsletter or Social Media Story Ideas?**  
**Chat w/ ShaQ**  
**(518)273-3600**

or  
**Email**  
**info@troyhousing.org**

**Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO)**



**(518)272-6012 or**  
**Website: ceopowers.org**  
**Employment opportunities, training and other assistance**

**FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM**

**Cherelle Willett**  
**THA Residents FSS Coordinator**  
**(518) 279-7881 Ext. 162**  
**Cherelle.Willett@troyhousing.org**

Or

**Jewel Evans**  
**Section 8 Residents FSS Coordinator**  
**(518) 271-8353 Ext. 205**  
**Jewel.Evans@troyhousing.org**

**Photos**  
**Old & New Photos of THA Staff or Buildings**  
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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 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 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

**THA BOARD MEETING**

**November 13th, 2024 - Troy Housing Authority Board Meeting: 4:30 PM @ TBD Location**

**December 20th, 2024 - Troy Housing Authority Board Meeting: 11:00 AM @ TBD Location**

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