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Board of Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners serves as the governing board of the Troy Housing Authority. The Board establishes the strategic vision for the Troy Housing Authority and sets the policies the staff are required to follow. These policies must be comply with the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Board members do not participate in the day to day work being done by staff of the Troy Housing Authority. Daily operations are carried out by staff members under the direction of the Exe. Director.

The Board of Commissioners hold regular meetings every six weeks in accordance with the by-laws of the Troy Housing Authority. This schedule is posted at all Authority sites and on the Authority website.

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT – EZRA CANTY

An eight-year resident of Corliss Park, Ezra Canty loves his sports. Whether it's basketball, bowling, softball or track & field, his passion for playing and competing runs deep. "Ezra is a very sweet, gentle guy. You would never know that he is a total rockstar," says Lorrie Sheeran, Asset Manager for Corliss Park. Staff, friends and family affectionately refer to Ezra as a "rockstar" because of his incredible journey as a Special Olympics athlete that began in 1991 when he was 22 years old. Ezra is a life long resident of Troy and a graduate of Troy High School and has built a legacy of perseverance, dedication and achievement.



Ezra's story began when an adaptive physical education teacher at Troy High School encouraged him to get involved in the Special Olympics. Longtime Coach Tom Nolan quickly recognized his potential and motivated him to compete. Coach Susan Handerhan remarked in a 2003 interview with the Troy Record, "Ezra is really a natural athlete, we gave him a tennis racket and within two hours he's hitting the ball back and forth with no trouble."

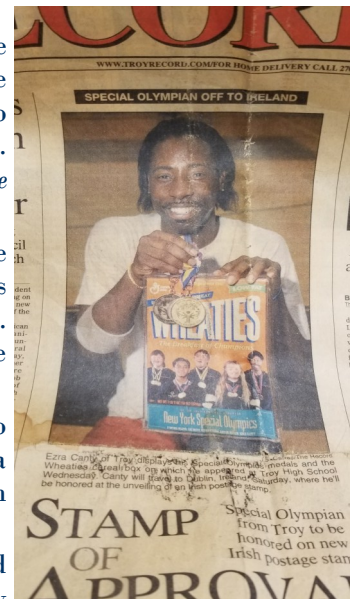
Ezra began competing in the New York Special Olympics in 1992 and his success only grew from there. In 1999, at the Special Olympics World Games, he brought home Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals across multiple sports, including bowling, basketball, softball, and track & field. Over the years, Ezra has earned approximately 52 medals through the New York Special Olympics & World Games competitions.

His achievements have not gone unnoticed. In 2003, the Troy Record featured Ezra on its front page in an article titled "Stamp of Approval" highlighting his journey to Ireland where he was honored on an Irish postage stamp. The Times Union also spotlighted Ezra in its *Life & Leisure* section that same year.

"I like to meet new friends, play sports, travel and have fun", says Ezra. Reflecting on his journey, he expresses gratitude to those that supported him along the way. "Coach Wilson and all of my coaches know how to keep me focused."

Since moving to Corliss Park in 2018, Ezra has continued to inspire those around him. "It's been a pleasure meeting Ezra when he moved to Corliss in 2018," says Sheeran. "I am extremely proud of him, his story and hard work."

The Troy Housing Authority is proud to recognize Ezra and the remarkable legacy he brings to Corliss Park and the City of Troy. **Ezra is more than a true Breakfast of Champions athlete and Special Olympian. He is truly a man of very few words with a huge smile and an even bigger heart. Congratulations Ezra! Everyone at THA is impressed by your legacy, cheering you on and excited for all that lies ahead.**



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT – EZRA CANTY

NYS Special Olympics Winner (**52 total Medals**)
Sports: *Bowling, Basketball, Softball, Track & Field*

1998 Pictured on *Wheaties* Box

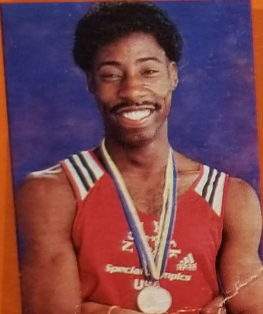
1999 Special Olympics *World Games* (*Gold, Silver, Bronze*)

2003 Stamp of Approval Article - *The Record*

2003 The Natural - *Times Union*

2003 Irish Postage Stamp: Honoring the 34th Special Olympics World Games





EZRA CANTY

TROY, NEW YORK – At 26 years old, Ezra has been involved in Special Olympics for eight years, training and competing in Track & Field, Basketball, Bowling and Softball. He has represented the Capital District Special Olympics Program at the sectional, state and international levels. Ezra represented New York as a member of Team USA at the 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Connecticut. At these World Games, he won a silver medal in the 200-meter dash and 4 x 100 meter relay and finished fourth in the 400-meter dash and Long Jump.

New York Man On Irish Stamp

That's not an Irishman on the 57-cent stamp Ireland issued recently to commemorate the **Special Olympics**. It's a New York State resident: **Ezra Canty** of Troy, New York.

In celebration of the **11th Special Olympics World Summer Games**, which are being held in Ireland June 16-29, **An Post** issued a set of 4 commemorative stamps on May 20th, 2003.

The stamps, featuring athletes, comprise black and white photographs with a single element in each highlighted in color, designed to draw in the eye and illuminate the overall image. The designs are by **Irish International**.

Canty, has won medals in multiple events, including gold, silver and bronze track and field medals in the **1999 World Games**.

He began competing in 1990. "I will be honored to be on the stamp. All my friends can look at it," **Canty** said.

PMGA Veteran Resident Honored with Street Banner



The Uncle Sam Military Banner Committee, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 38 of Troy/Lansingburgh (DAV), Lansingburgh Veterans Association, Troy Housing Authority, Johnson Electrical, Carol Weaver - Rensselaer County Legislator and members of the community gathered to brave the cold weather and wind on January 21, 2026 to honor 98-year-old Veteran Thomas F. Keenan "Gus".

Nora Dwyer of the Uncle Sam Military Banner Committee invited local organizations and the

community to honor 98 year old veteran Thomas Keenan with a banner outside of Kane Apartments. Nora Dwyer, Joe Simonik, Marisol Candelario, PJ Higgitt and members of the Keenan family coordinated to make the Street Banner Ceremony a success. Special Thanks to Joe Johnson, Sarah



Arnold and Ronnie Kivet of Johnson Electrical for dedicating their time and equipment to hang the banner outside of Kane & PMGA Apts. Gus, a WWII Veteran, is a current resident of SFC Peter M. Guenette Apartments (PMGA) operated by Troy Housing Authority.



Gus is excited about the chance to see the street banner dedicated by the Uncle Sam Military Banner Committee in his honor.

Ronnie Kivet and Sara Arnold of Johnson Electrical honor 98-year-old Veteran Thomas F. "Gus" Keenan

Veteran William Scott Roy, Marisol Candelario-THA Asset Manager, Selena Skiba-THA Deputy Director

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NEW LAUNDRY SERVICES FOR 2 THA SENIOR SITES



Executive Director Deborah Witkowski announced in late November that the **Troy Housing Authority** has partnered with a new vendor to install and operate updated, card-metered laundry machines. The new machines have been installed at both Kane and Conway locations. These upgrades are part of THA's ongoing commitment to improving resident services.



NEW Washer & Dryer Features:

BRAND NEW Maytag Washers / BRAND NEW Maytag Dryers

Energy Star High Efficiency Smart-card machine (no change needed)

Raised platform for washer/dryers to make the machine height easier for seniors to use without excessively bending to place clothes in/out of the machines.

FSS PROGRAM CELEBRATES GRADUATES



Latoya Grooms

Taaliyah Evans

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) is a voluntary program for families to increase their income and achieve long-term economic independence.

The Troy Housing Authority has recently celebrated the graduation of two participants. **Latoya Grooms** and **Taaliyah Evans** successfully completed the program, achieving the goals they established in collaboration with their caseworkers.

Through FSS, participants work collaboratively with a caseworker to develop an individualized action plan that outlines specific goals related to employment, education and financial stability.

A key feature of the FSS Program is the escrow savings account. Upon successful completion of the program and fulfillment of their goals,

participants receive the full escrow balance, which can be used toward major milestone such as homeownership, higher education, starting a business or eliminating debt.

By combining financial incentives with personalized support, the FSS Program empowers families to build assets, reduce dependency on public assistance and achieve lasting self sufficiency. For more information, please contact a FSS Coordinator for the Troy Housing Authority.



Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) PROGRAM

Visit the www.troyhousingauthority.org for more information, pictures and updates of THA Renovation Projects.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



At the first Organizational Meeting of 2026, all seven Commissioners were present to approve the Board Meeting Schedule for the year. During this meeting, Steven Sanders was elected Chair and Elizabeth Rodriguez was elected Vice Chair of the Troy Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for 2026.

In the months of February & March, the Board approved new contracts for Painting Services and Pest Control, continuing its commitment to maintaining and improving THA properties.

The Troy Housing Authority Board of Commissioners look forward to 2026 and the completion of construction projects that began in 2025 bringing continued improvements to the community.

See the below chart for the next Board of Commissioners meeting.

2026 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

- April 29th, 2026 - Board Meeting: 4:30 PM @ MLK ADMIN ANNEX & ZOOM**
- June 10th, 2026 - Board Meeting: 4:30 PM @ MLK ADMIN ANNEX & ZOOM**
- July 15th, 2026 - Board Meeting: 4:30 PM @ MLK ADMIN ANNEX & ZOOM**
- August 19th, 2026 - Board Meeting: 4:30 PM @ MLK ADMIN ANNEX & ZOOM**
- September 30th, 2026 - Board Meeting: 4:30 PM @ MLK ADMIN ANNEX & ZOOM**
- November 12th, 2026 - Board Meeting: 4:30 PM @ MLK ADMIN ANNEX & ZOOM**
- December 18th, 2026 - Board Meeting: 11:00 AM @ MLK ADMIN ANNEX & ZOOM**

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From the desk of the Executive Director

Deborah A. Witkowski



The Troy Housing Authority, in partnership with MDG Construction, continues to make significant progress on renovations as part of “**Bundle 2**” which includes **Corliss Park, Margaret Phelan, Catherine Sweeney, and Grand Street** apartments.

Similar to the Griswold Heights revitalization project, the goal of “**Bundle 2**” is to upgrade building mechanical systems, enhance site landscaping, improve social and community activity spaces, and fully renovate all apartment units.

To celebrate the completion of these improvements, a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held in the near future. More details will be forthcoming soon.

For the latest construction updates, or to submit an application for housing

within our Troy Housing Authority Portfolio, please visit : www.troyhousing.org

In addition to the excitement surrounding these redevelopment projects, the Troy Housing Authority is proud to partner with local organizations such as Capital Roots, CEO, and the Rensselaer County Summer Food Program. These partnerships support residents and staff, while encouraging growth and development within our communities and throughout the City of Troy.

As Executive Director of the Troy Housing Authority, it is a priority to connect residents and staff with meaningful opportunities.

From personal growth and educational resources to job opportunities and food assistance programs, we are

committed to supporting our community.

We also encourage our senior residents to pursue their interests, including gardening and plant life, as part of maintaining vibrant and engaging living environments.

We encourage all residents to take advantage of the opportunities made available through these partnerships and to work together to keep our communities clean, respectful and strong. By supporting one another and taking pride in our neighborhoods, we can ensure the continued success of the Troy Housing Authority for years to come.

PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Witkowski



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Deborah A. Witkowski, Executive Director

THA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Steven Sanders, Chair
Elizabeth Rodriguez, Vice Chair
John (Jack) Mahoney
Richard (Buddy) McAvoy
Richard Mason

Walter Howard, Tenant Commissioner
Wildelia "Nancy" Roman, Tenant Commissioner

THA LOCATIONS

THA Administration

One Eddy's Lane
Troy, NY 12180

THA SITES

Corliss Park

1450 Corliss Park
Troy, NY 12182

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

12 Congress Street
Troy, NY 12180

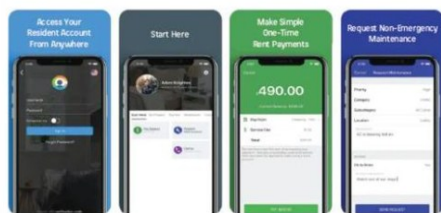
Taylor Apartments

150 River Street
Troy, NY 12180

THA APP

Want to pay rent, or submit a maintenance request?

There's an app for that.



TROY HOUSING AUTHORITY



EVENTS

Capital Roots Food Truck

Thursday @ Kane Apts
4:00pm-4:30pm

Fridays @ Conway Courts
10:45am-11:30am

Email:

mobilemarkets@capitalroots.org

Newsletter or Social Media Story Ideas?

Chat w/ ShaQ

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