

# Buford Housing Authority

## “The Interview”

### July 2021, Newsletter



# “Interview”

A newsletter for the Residents of the  
Buford Housing Authority  
Calendar of Events for July 2021

**LAST DAY TO PAY RENT IS  
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2021**

**LOBBY REOPENING:** Our lobby will reopen **beginning Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**. Our doors have a new wave sensor that provides touch free entrance and exit. Simply hold your hand in front of the wave sensor box and the door will open. Temperature check at our kiosk and masks are required for everyone entering the lobby.



It is still best to continue to pay rent online and send documentation via the tenant portal on our website [www.bufordhousing.com](http://www.bufordhousing.com); drop rent or paperwork in the drop box; or send us an email at [bufordhousing@bufordhousing.com](mailto:bufordhousing@bufordhousing.com).

**Please call the office if you have any questions or if you need assistance.**



## **RESIDENT ASSOCIATION YARD SALE:**

The Resident Association is having a community yard sale on July 2nd & 3rd from 8am-3pm at the BHA Community Building located at 100 Circle View Drive, Buford. Come get to know your neighbors, support a good cause. All proceeds **collected for reserved spaces** will go toward purchasing Christmas gifts for Buford Housing resident children

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offices will be

**CLOSED**

**5<sup>TH</sup>**



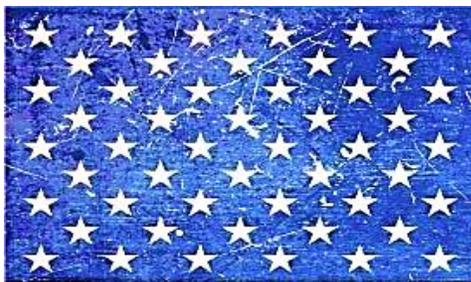
**JULY**

IN OBSERVANCE OF  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY**



"You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4<sup>th</sup> not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism."

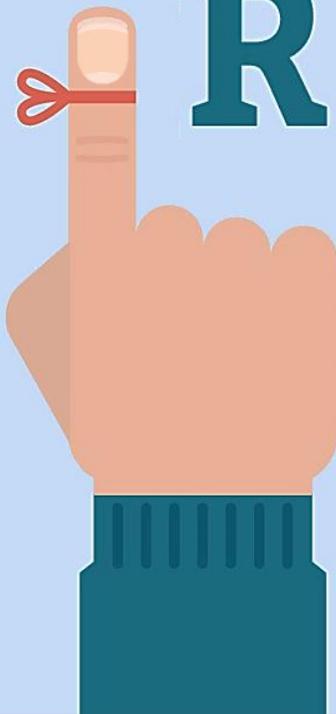
— Erma Bombeck



○ SAY CAN YOU SEE, BY THE  
DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT, WHAT  
SO PROUDLY WE HAIL'D AT THE  
TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING,  
WHOSE BROAD STRIPES AND  
BRIGHT STARS THROUGH THE  
PERILOUS FIGHT O'ER THE

RAMPARTS WE WATCH'D WERE SO GALLANTLY  
STREAMING? AND THE ROCKET'S RED GLARE, THE  
BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR, GAVE PROOF THROUGH THE  
NIGHT THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE, ○ SAY DOES  
THAT STAR SPANGLED BANNER YET WAVE O'ER THE  
LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME ○ F THE BRAVE!

# REMINDER



## HAS YOUR INCOME CHANGED?

**ALL income and deduction changes must be reported to the Buford Housing Authority office within 10-days of the change. This includes any employment, **unemployment**, child support, Social Security, SSI, help from family etc. Also, any deduction changes such as **childcare** are required be reported within 10-days as well. Please call the office if you have any questions.**



**INSPECTIONS: APARTMENT INSPECTIONS ARE COMING SOON!** We are waiting for scheduling, and **you will only have a 10-day notice.** NOW would be a good time to review the expectations, so you are prepared. Every room of your apartment will be inspected. Please read the following suggestions that will help you get ready.

1. If you live in a handicap apartment, please pay attention to the emergency cords in the bedroom and bathroom. The cords should reach the floor and should be within reach. Please pull the cord right now so that you can check it out and if you do not hear the bell ring outside or the cord will not reach the floor, please call the office.
2. Every apartment should be clean and neat, porches free of trash and accumulation. Trash should be picked up in the yard and around the apartment. Trash cans should not be overflowing.
3. All wires and electrical cords should be up off the floor, or they will be counted as a TRIP HAZARD; these include internet, TV, and computer cables as well as lamp and appliance cords.
4. All plates on light switches and electrical outlets should be whole and unbroken. If you have missing, broken, or cracked electrical plates, please call the office now. You will be charged \$20.00 for EACH damaged plate found during inspection.
5. Any dripping plumbing, non-working plumbing, or leaking pipes especially under the sinks or hose bibs located on the exterior of the building, should be reported to the office.
6. Toilet, tub, shower, and sinks should all be operational and drain well. Bath sinks and tubs should have stoppers that hold water. Hot and cold-water handles must be in place and working. Toilets must be in place and not wobble.

7. The caulk around the tub and bathroom sink should not have damage and there should be no mold, mildew, or peeling paint anywhere in the apartment.
8. All smoke detectors should be in place and working. There is a \$20.00 charge for EACH damaged, missing, or disabled smoke detector. 2<sup>ND</sup> occurrence will result in EVICTION.
9. Blocked windows or doors - one window in every room needs to have easy access for fire escape. Do not block with furniture or other items that may prevent escape in case of fire. All windowsills should be clean and clear of clutter. Every window will be checked, and they should stay up when raised.
10. Any broken glass including picture frames, mirrors, dishware, tabletops, etc. should be removed. Broken windows should be reported to the office for repair.
11. Stoves and ovens should be clean and free of grease. All burners on the stove must light. If they do not work, please call the office. All knobs on the stove must be present.
12. Refrigerator gasket seals cannot be broken or damaged on refrigerator or freezer doors.
13. If you see roaches or know that you have them, please call the office now for treatment.
14. Access to the electrical panel, furnace, and water heater doors cannot be blocked by furniture or other items that are not easily moved.
15. Exterior door seals, weather stripping and door sweeps on exterior and storm doors must be in place without damaged. Door hardware should not be loose and should lock and/or latch properly.
16. There should be no damage to sheetrock or holes in walls.
17. All Flammable/Combustible Materials - must be properly stored. (Charcoal, lighter fluid must be stored inside the covered grill outside on the porch.)

Please call the office and schedule maintenance repairs on any of the above items ASAP!

**SUMMER BREAK:** Our school children are on their summer break now. Please watch out for children at play throughout the neighborhoods. Parents, please make sure your children do not play around cars, in the streets, or in parking lots. Trash and toys should be cleaned up from the yards every evening.

We would also like to remind tenants that **swimming pools or pools of any sort, children's swing sets, chimeneas, firepits, and trampolines are not permitted** on Housing Authority property.

**Parents are also reminded to report changes in childcare to the office at the end of every month.**

SCHOOLS  
OUT  
FOR THE  
SUMMER

**BARBECUES AND GRILLS:** It's grilling season! We want our residents to enjoy all the flavors of summer with their barbecues and grills. Here are a few guidelines to keep this grilling season safe and enjoyable for everyone.



1. All grilling must be out in the yard away from buildings and sidewalks. **You must not operate grills or barbecues on any covered porch.**
2. Grills should be covered and stored on your porch or patio when not in use.
3. It is a lease violation to store flammable items *inside* your apartment. Keep all grilling supplies such as charcoal and lighter fluid inside the cooled grill on your porch when not in use.
4. Chimineas and firepits are not permitted.

**NOTICE:** This will inform you that Maintenance personnel will be going door to door during the month of **July on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 23<sup>rd</sup>** to replace furnace filters. Maintenance will be going into each room to check every vent. This is your NOTICE that Maintenance personnel will be coming into your apartment. **Please make sure your maintenance closet is not blocked with furniture or other personal belongings.**

# Tips to Help Your Home Beat the Summer Heat

With summer temperatures heating up, these top home cooling tips will help boost your comfort and energy savings.

1. **Keep Cool Air Flowing** Be sure your air vents and returns are not blocked by couches, tables, curtains, or other obstructions. Your home's HVAC system was designed to allow for maximum air flow, and covering the vents prevents proper cooling of your rooms. Also keep all interior doors open for good air circulation.

2. **Consider Different Ways to Cook** Keep your home more comfortable by firing up the grill instead of heating up your oven or cooking on the stove. The longer days and beautiful evening weather make outdoor cooking a breeze. Cooking in an Instant Pot or slow cooker also cuts down on residual heat in your home from your stove or oven.



3. **Manage Your Windows** Keeping your drapes, or shades closed during the peak heat of the day (mid to late-afternoon) will help keep your home cool, especially for south-facing windows.

4. **Set the Dial Higher** The U.S. Department of Energy recommends setting your thermostat at 78 degrees (all temperatures cited here are in degrees Fahrenheit). You will save 5 to 8 percent on cooling costs with each degree above that mark.

If you're really committed to turning up the temp while you're home, ease into it. It can take time to for your body to adjust to a warmer environment. Try raising the temperature by one degree every day or two, until you get to 78.



Also, remember that humidity can make you feel hotter. So be sure to **keep the A/C on**, even at a higher temperature, to help draw humidity out of the air. **WE DO NOT RECOMMEND TURNING YOUR SYSTEM OFF WHILE YOU ARE AWAY.**

When you leave home for more than one hour, setting the thermostat to 7-10 degrees above your normal setting while you're away, could save as much as 10% on your electricity bill. That said, if you have a pet at home, make sure you keep it cool enough for them to be comfortable. Reset it upon your return, and the room will cool down in only 15 minutes. The system will use less energy during the cool-down period than if you had left it running at a lower setting while you were out.



# Gwinnett County Head Start / Pre-K



Scan the QR code or go to [www.ndo.org](http://www.ndo.org) to do a Pre-application

All locations will start accepting applications on March 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2021



**Don't Delay - Call Today!**

## GWINNETT COUNTY LOCATIONS:

### Buford

**Accepts 3- to 4-year-old**

84 Maddox Road  
Buford, GA 30518  
(770)271-8345

### Norcross

**Accepts 3- to 4-year-olds**

5030 Georgia Belle Court  
Norcross, GA 30093  
(678) 225-5427

### Easter Seals of North Georgia

**Accepts 6 weeks to 4-year-olds**

4335 Steve Reynolds Blvd  
Norcross, GA 30093  
(770) 674-5797

### Sunshine House (Three Locations):

**Accepts 3- to 4-year-olds**

208 Hurricane Shoals Rd NW  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046  
(770) 339-4240

**Accepts 4-year-olds**

1494 Pleasant Hill Dr.  
Duluth, GA 30096  
(770) 279-9888

**Accepts 3-year-olds**

2840 Sugarloaf Pkwy,  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045  
(770) 513-1000

## All Centers Are Following COVID-19 Guidance From CDC

### Application Requirements for Head Start/Early Head Start

- Proof of Age: Head Start children must be 3 years old and Early Head Start children must be 6 weeks on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. (Examples: Passport, Official Hospital Birth record or Birth Certificate)
- Proof of Income for the past 12 months/52 weeks for all adults living in the household. (Example: 1040 Tax Form 2020)

**Additional documents may be requested once the child has been accepted into the program.**

### Application Requirements for Georgia Pre-K

- Proof of Age: Pre-K children must be 4 years old on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. (Examples: Passport, Official Hospital Birth record or Birth Certificate)
- Gwinnett County Proof of Residency
- Social Security Card (if available) or waiver

**Additional documents may be requested once the child has been accepted into the program.**

**\$ No Cost to program participants \$**

<b>Quality Learning</b> Opportunities to promote school readiness.	<b>Family Support</b> Services including parent education.	<b>Health and Development</b> Screenings and assessments.	<b>Disability and Mental Wellness</b> Support for families.	<b>Nutritious Meals</b> Nutritious and balanced meal

Ninth District Opportunity Inc. is a Non-Profit Community Agency and an EOE.

Head Start/ Early Head Start is a federally funded program.

We serve children with disabilities and do not discriminate based on race, sex, creed, religion, or disability.

**Transportation is NOT provided.**



# What to Read?

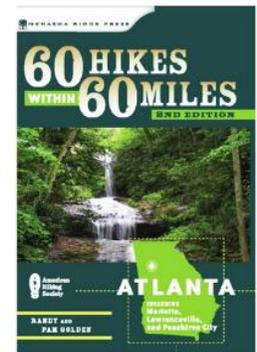
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## "National Parks & Recreation Month"

Looking for a grand outdoor adventure? July is officially "National Parks and Recreation Month!" GCPL has a variety of books catering to your outdoor needs. Don't forget to ask us about our 2021 Georgia Park Passes too!

***60 Hikes Within 60 Miles: Atlanta, Including Marietta, Lawrenceville, and Peachtree City***

by Randy Golden

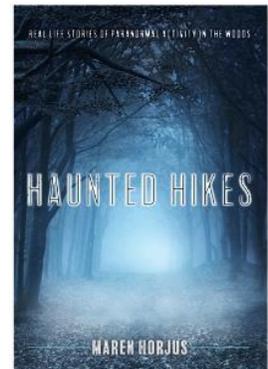


***100 Parks, 5,000 Ideas: Where to Go, When to Go, What to See, What to Do***

by Joseph R. Yogerst

***Frommer's Yellowstone & Grand Teton National Parks***

by Elisabeth Kwak Hefferan



***Haunted Hikes: Real Life Stories of Paranormal Activity in the Woods***

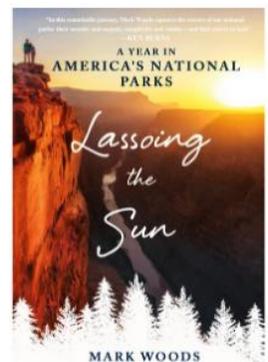
by Maren Horjus

***Hiking Atlanta's Hidden Forests Intown and Out***

by Jonah McDonald

***Lassoing the Sun: A Year in America's National Parks***

by Mark Woods



Check our library catalog for more: [gwinnettbibliocommons.org](http://gwinnettbibliocommons.org)



# Buford-Sugar Hill Branch July Programs

## **Bilingual Book Club - For Adults and Teens** **Tuesday - July 7th @ 1pm - Via Zoom**

Lea el libro del mes en inglés o español y venga a discutirlo con nosotros en inglés o español.

**July's Book:** *La Esposa Entre Nosotras / The Wife Between Us*  
by Greer Hendricks



## **Arduino: Thermometer - For Adults and Teens** **Wednesday - July 14th @ 6:30pm - In Person**

Learn how to prototype a digital thermometer with Arduino.

**\*Registration Required**



## **Reading Buddies - For Ages 5 - 8** **Mondays - July 12th & 26th @ 4pm - Via Zoom**

Join GCPL and the Black Women's Association of Sugar-Hill for a fun session of learning, reading and bonding!



## **Universal Scribbles - For Teens** **Every Tuesday in July @ 5:30pm - Via Zoom**

Calling all young writers and artists; submit your work to our literary magazine! **\*Registration Required**



## **Raspberry Pi 101 - For Adults and Teens** **Wednesday - July 28th @ 6:30pm - In Person**

Learn how to build electronic circuits, and Python coding.

**\*Registration Required**



## **Afternoon Storytime LIVE! - For Kids of All Ages** **Wednesdays @ 1pm**

Join us virtually for a storytime every Wednesday!

**\*Registration Required**



GWINNETT COUNTY  
**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**BUFORD-SUGAR HILL BRANCH**  
2100 Buford Highway, Buford, GA 30518

Find links to these events at: [https://gwinnettpl.libnet.info/events\\*](https://gwinnettpl.libnet.info/events*)

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YARD SALE:**

The Resident Association is having a community yard sale on July 30th & 31st from 8am-3pm at the BHA Community Building located at 100 Circle View Drive, Buford. Come get to know your neighbors, support a good cause, get rid of stuff around your apartment, and make some extra money.



Residents may reserve a space that is approximately 6 x 10 to sell their items. The charge is \$15 to reserve a space. Spaces are available inside and outside the Community Building. If you would like to reserve a space to sell your household items, please fill out the form below, place it in an envelope along with your **CASH PAYMENT**, and put it in the DROP BOX at the office no later than July 26<sup>th</sup>. **The money collected for reserved spaces will go toward purchasing gifts for our resident children's Holiday Party.**

So, clear out the clutter from your apartment and support your Resident Association. Reservations are made on a first come basis. Tenants are responsible for setting up and selling their own items. All spaces must be cleared by 4pm on sale day. *Due to COVID, there is a limit of 20 sellers and shoppers combined that can be inside of the Community Building at one time.*



Tenant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tenant's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Tenants are responsible for setting up and selling their own items. All spaces must be cleared by 4pm on sale day. By signing below, I understand and agree that I will be charged \$20.00 if I do not have the space assigned to me cleaned by 4pm on July 30th & 31st.

Reserved space *OR*  Reserved space with table **\$15 CASH ONLY**

Inside Community Building *OR*  Outside Community Building

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE



# Buford Housing Resident Association School Supply Give-Away

**WHO CAN ATTEND:** Resident school age children

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 11 am - 2 pm

**WHERE:** The Community Building  
100 Circle View Drive, Buford

Please RSVP by returning the completed form below to the office  
no later than Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>



Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_