



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

YOUR HOME, OUR COMMUNITY

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SPRING 2025 RECAP

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Police Non-Emergency

609-989-4170

Emergency 911

Fire and Emergency Services

609-989-4038

THA Security

609-278-5040

THA Work Orders

609-278-5027

THA MANAGEMENT OFFICES:

Abbott/Josephson Apartments

609-278-5035

Donnelly Homes

609-278-5008

French Towers

609-278-5030

Lincoln Homes

609-278-5023

Prospect Village/ Frazier Courts

609-278-5020

Turner Pointe

609-427-8715

Wilson/Haverstick Homes

609-278-5036

A Message from Executive Director Clifford Godfrey



It is a tremendous honor to serve as the new Executive Director of the Trenton Housing Authority. As we move through 2025, our commitment to empowering Trenton's families through housing, opportunity, and community investment remains stronger than ever.

I am proud to follow in the footsteps of Jelani Garrett, whose leadership helped secure the \$19.1 million HUD Choice Neighborhoods grant in 2024—one of the most significant investments in Trenton's revitalization in decades. His dedication to thoughtful, inclusive development set the stage for the work we are doing now.

This spring, THA is advancing that momentum through a number of exciting initiatives. We are growing the Family Self-Sufficiency Program to help residents reach their financial and career goals, expanding youth leadership development through the Jr. Toastmasters Club, and continuing to align social services with housing for a more holistic approach to neighborhood transformation.

Our residents are at the heart of everything we do. Together, with our partners and stakeholders, we are building safer, stronger, and more vibrant communities—where every resident has the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. I look forward to working alongside you to shape the future of housing in Trenton.

Warm regards,

Clifford Godfrey

Executive Director, Trenton Housing Authority

About THA:

The Trenton Housing Authority (THA) has provided safe and affordable housing to Trenton residents for 85 years, along with the resources to help them improve their lives. THA's communities serve 1,700 households and 3,200 residents.

Need to start a work order?

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THA Says Farewell to Executive Director Jelani Garrett

A decade of leadership. A legacy of transformation.

Jelani's Journey with THA

2016

APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THA

Led with a mission to uplift Trenton's communities

2019

SECURED HUD CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS PLANNING GRANT \$15M

to transform the North Trenton/Battle Monument area

2020

LAUNCHED TRANSFORMATION PLAN

Housing, Education, Employment, Safety — all resident-focused

2022

SMART GROWTH AWARD WINNER

Honored by New Jersey Future for innovative urban planning

2023

HELPED GUIDE \$300M+ IN CITYWIDE REDEVELOPMENT

Focused on affordable housing, community-first initiatives

2025

RETIREMENT

Celebrated for visionary leadership and community impact

Jelani's Impact



Housing

- ✓ Rehabilitated hundreds of affordable units
- ✓ Modernized infrastructure across THA sites



Opportunity

- ✓ Expanded education and workforce development programs
- ✓ Built community partnerships for long-term success



Leadership

- ✓ Led with transparency and inclusion
- ✓ Advocated for residents at the state and national level

A Message From Jelani Garrett

Thank you, Trenton Housing Authority. It's been an honor to serve this community and watch it grow. I leave inspired by what we've accomplished together — and excited for what's ahead. This has truly been amazing.

— Jelani Garrett

A Message From Clifford Godfrey, Executive Director

Jelani leaves behind big shoes to fill. His leadership, compassion, and commitment to the people of Trenton made THA stronger in every way. I hope to model my time as Executive Director based on the legacy set forth by Jelani.

— Clifford Godfrey

Thank you, Jelani. Your legacy lives on.

Spring Events Recap



**FEB
21**

THA Black History Event

THA proudly hosted its first Black History Event on February 21 at Donnelly Homes Gym, bringing together students, families, and community members for a night of celebration, performances, and unity. The evening featured student renditions of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," poetry, dance, and heartfelt thanks to the dedicated staff and volunteers who made it all possible.

**MAR
23**

Senior Celebration

THA seniors joined over 400 guests from across the county for a joyful day of food, dancing, and connection at this year's Senior Celebration. Special thanks to Assemblyman Verrilli and Assemblywoman Reynolds Jackson for making this unforgettable event possible and bringing the community together in style.



**APR
10**

Empowerment Workshop

Trenton Housing Authority and Provident Bank launched a three-part Empowerment Workshop Series at Turner Pointe, offering residents tools for financial wellness, small business success, and homeownership. The first session kicked off on April 10, with future workshops scheduled for May and June, each providing resources, refreshments, and community support.

**APR
12**

Black Entrepreneur and Vendor Fair

THA proudly supported the Black Entrepreneur and Vendor Fair hosted by Shiloh Baptist Church and the Trenton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on April 12. With over 30 vendors showcasing local Black-owned businesses, the event highlighted community talent, creativity, and economic empowerment.

**APR
19**

Trenton Great Egg Hunt

Families gathered at Cadwalader Park for The Great Egg Hunt, a festive spring event filled with egg hunts, bounce houses, face painting, and photos with the Easter Bunny. From best dressed contests to petting zoo fun, it was a joyful day of community celebration and memories made.

**APR
29**

AACCNJ Mobile Academy's Career and Resources Fair

On April 29, job seekers gathered at Mercer County Community College's James Kerney Campus for the AACCNJ Mobile Academy's Career & Resources Fair. Attendees received free career coaching, résumé reviews, professional headshots, and more aimed at empowering their next professional step.

**APR
29**

Heal the City Event

Community members gathered at Trenton City Hall for Heal the City, a heartfelt event focused on healing, awareness, and solidarity. Hosted by Stacy D. Heading, the gathering united residents and advocates to stand together against sexual abuse, domestic violence, child trauma, and gun violence.



**APR
30**

MCCC Artifacts of African Diaspora Exhibit

The Artifacts of the African Diaspora exhibit at the James Kerney Campus Gallery offered visitors a powerful look into the rich cultural legacy and global impact of the African Diaspora. Running through April 30, the exhibit showcased meaningful artifacts that honored the diverse history and contributions of the community.

**MAY
3**

Walk for Wellness 5K

The 1st Annual Christian Jackson Walk for Wellness 5K brought the community together for a day of movement, mental health awareness, and support for the Christian Jackson Scholarship Fund. Held at Crystal Lake Park, the event featured team participation, wellness tabling, and a strong turnout in celebration of life and legacy.

**MAY
20**

Choice MEANS Choice Conference

The THA's Redevelopment Department, Donnelly Homes Resident Council, and Trenton's Choice Development Partner, Property Resources Corporation (PRC), recently attended the Choice MEANS Choice Conference in Baltimore, hosted by CNI partner Urban Strategies Inc. (USI). The event included a tour of Perkins Square, a completed Choice Neighborhood site, and offered valuable opportunities to connect with residents, grant recipients, HUD representatives, and other community development stakeholders.

Special recognition goes to Christina Blanche, a Donnelly Homes resident and Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) participant, who proudly represented her community. Christina's dedication to personal growth and advocacy reflects the heart of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative.





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Summer 2025 Housing Update

We're excited to announce that the **THA Waiting List is expected to reopen soon** for select bedroom sizes and developments! As we prepare for this update, we encourage you to stay tuned for the official public notice, which will be provided in accordance with our Admissions and Continuing Occupancy Policy (ACOP).

PLEASE NOTE: The waitlist application will **reopen exclusively for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities at this time.** The waitlist will remain closed for all other applicants until further notice.

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Paying rent is simpler than ever. THA's convenient Online Payment Portal helps you:

- Easily review payment amounts.
- Avoid late fees.
- Ensure smooth and timely transactions.

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