



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

YOUR HOME, OUR COMMUNITY

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FALL 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 an honor and a privilege to serve as Executive Director of the Trenton Housing Authority. I am inspired by the dedication of our staff, the resilience of our residents, and the unwavering commitment of our community partners. Every day, I am reminded that meaningful change happens when people are united with a shared purpose and vision.



Throughout my career, I was fortunate to be a leader on transformative redevelopment projects that include securing numerous HUD grant funding and directing large-scale initiatives which resulted in the construction of the Newark TREC Center, the Waterfront recreation facility, and Newark 5th Precinct/Emergency Management Office. While working at the Trenton Housing Authority, I have been able to apply my skills for managing complex capital budgets and community programs. I am committed to transferring my experience to work every day, ensuring that our redevelopment efforts, property management, and resident services are executed with excellence, equity, and impact.

Since stepping into this role, I see the power of collaboration. Our recent tour of the CNI Battle Monument area highlighted the scale of opportunity before us. Nearly 300 properties that, through strong public-private partnerships, will be transformed into safe, vibrant, and thriving spaces for Trenton families. We also strengthened relationships with local, field office, and regional PHA administration, and I am grateful for the recognition we received from Regional Administrator Jason Loughran for our dedication to this community.

This year alone, we made exciting strides: assisting in land acquisition for the groundbreaking of the Maternal Health Center, securing roughly \$5 million from DCA for expanding Healthy Homes and Homeownership programs, helping THA's 3rd family purchase their very own home, launching the HandyRides Program that has assisted with providing 200 free rides to FSS families, and engaging residents in creative, empowering initiatives like our "Painting with Purpose" partnership with One Simple Wish. Those moments, large and small, demonstrate that every action we take can uplift families and strengthen neighborhoods.

2026 will be a continuation of our focus on strategic investments that enhance long-term impact. From launching THA STEM lab with support from local universities, to advancing Choice Neighborhoods redevelopment programs, we are building the foundation for safe, connected, and resilient communities. True transformation requires purpose, planning, and partnership. At THA, we strive to do all three with intentionality and empathy.

To our residents, staff, and partners: thank you for your trust, energy, and commitment. Together, we are shaping a Trenton where opportunity, pride, and hope will thrive. I look forward to building on the incredible momentum of this agency and sharing the successes that are yet to come.

*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?

For more information, including paying your rent, call (609) 278-5000 or visit [THA-NJ.org](http://THA-NJ.org).



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## HUD Visits THA's Battle Monument CNI Project

The Trenton Housing Authority was honored to welcome HUD Region II Regional Administrator Jason Loughran and regional leadership for a site visit and tour of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) Battle Monument area. The visit highlighted ongoing efforts to rehabilitate nearly 300 properties recently conveyed to THA by the City of Trenton—properties that represent both a significant challenge and an incredible opportunity for community transformation.

During the tour, HUD leadership engaged in meaningful dialogue with THA, city officials, and community partners about the unique needs of Trenton residents. These conversations reinforced that revitalization is about more than rebuilding properties—it's about creating opportunity, strengthening families, and building a brighter future for the community.

THA was also honored to receive a prestigious Region II token of appreciation from Administrator Loughran, recognizing the dedication of staff, board members, and community partners who work daily to expand housing opportunities and strengthen neighborhoods.

A special thank you to Mayor Reed Gusciora and the City of Trenton leadership for joining the tour. Your collaboration ensures that our redevelopment efforts reflect the vision and needs of the Trenton community. Together, we are building a stronger future for Trenton families.

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# Community Recap

This season, the Trenton Housing Authority has been hard at work creating meaningful opportunities for residents to connect, grow, and thrive. From hands-on community projects to programs that support families, our efforts are bringing people together and strengthening neighborhoods across Trenton.



## Central Love Market Partnership

The Central Love Market brought joy, fellowship, and fresh produce to seniors at French Towers —offering garden-fresh vegetables, herbs, and eggs, along with kindness and connection. We're grateful to Les Summiel for helping make this partnership possible and look forward to expanding it to Abbott and Josephson senior sites.



## Community Partnership Meeting

Our Community Partnership Meeting brought together local leaders to align efforts and strengthen our shared mission of unity. Together, we laid the groundwork for summer camp and expanded community pantry sites. We also introduced the Pride Assisted Living Program, providing onsite care from Dr. Normy Dessalines at Josephson to help remove transportation barriers for seniors.



## Reclaiming Our Boys: Empowerment Breakfast

Sponsored by Catholic Charities, NJ4S, and Boyd Youth Development, the Reclaiming Our Boys mentoring program hosted an Empowerment Breakfast focused on healing, growth, and resilience. Participants explored mental health, trauma, counseling, and financial wellness, learning how showing up, supporting others, and building knowledge can empower individuals and strengthen communities.



## Donuts with Dads

In partnership with Trenton Public Schools, Pastor Bellamy, and Monument School, THA hosted Donuts with Dads as a celebration of fatherhood and presence over presents. Plans are underway to make this a monthly event connecting dads with career, education, and support opportunities.



## Mental Fitness Workshop

At Razor Sharp Barbershop, THA's ongoing Mental Fitness Workshop provides a safe space for men to talk, heal, and uplift one another. Hon. Ras Baraka joined us for an inspiring session about leadership, family, and community.



## Painting with Purpose

THA's After-School Program teamed up with One Simple Wish for a heartwarming art project where children painted rocks to share with loved ones—small gestures of kindness inspired by penguins offering pebbles to show connection.



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## Note on the Recent Government Shutdown

We recognize that the recent government shutdown created uncertainty and hardship for many families in our community. With the shutdown now officially ended, we remain committed to supporting those who may still be feeling its effects. Below are local food pantry resources available throughout Trenton and Mercer County for anyone who may need assistance:

- **Trinity Cathedral Food Pantry**  
801 W State St, Trenton, NJ
- **Arm in Arm**  
48 Hudson St, Trenton, NJ
- **Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK)**  
72½ Escher St, Trenton, NJ
- **Mount Carmel Guild**  
73 N. Clinton Ave, Trenton, NJ
- **Mercer Street Friends**  
151 Mercer St, Trenton, NJ

## Streamline Your Rent Payments with THA's Online Payment Portal

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

Pay online at [msbpay.com/TrentonHousingAuthority](https://msbpay.com/TrentonHousingAuthority)  
for an easy, hassle-free way to manage your rent!



## Seasonal Tips for THA Residents

### Stay Warm Without Breaking the Bank -

Seal drafts with towels or inexpensive weatherstripping, layer clothing, and use blankets to trap heat. Create a cozy blanket fort for reading, games, or relaxing—it keeps heat in and adds some fun!

### Prevent Frozen Pipes and Water Damage -

Open cabinet doors under sinks and let faucets drip slightly on very cold nights to prevent pipes from freezing.

**Keep Walkways Safe** - Make snow and ice clearing a mini community mission. Spread sand or ice melt, clear paths carefully, and invite neighbors to join—together you can keep everyone safe and warm.

**Protect Your Health** - Wash hands often, get a flu shot if possible, and keep gloves, hats, and scarves handy. Take a quick stretch or enjoy a warm drink after coming in from the cold!

**Build a Winter Support Network** - Check in on neighbors, especially seniors or those living alone. Share resources, rides, or a hot meal to make winter safer and more connected for everyone.