

The VOICE

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A Royal Moment to Remember

We are thrilled to celebrate one of our very own, Kaymora Patrick, who was crowned the 2026 Lanett High School Prom Queen! She looked absolutely stunning, graceful, confident, and effortlessly elegant.

Kaymora carried herself with poise and charm, as a symbol of beauty and self-assurance. With such confidence and determination, she is well on her way to a bright and promising future.

Congratulations, Kaymore! We at the Lanett Housing Authority are incredibly proud of you and all that you represent. Keep shining!

Summer Edition
2026

From the Executive Director's Corner

Opportunity to Succeed at Lanett Housing Authority



As summer brings new opportunities, I want to thank our residents, staff, Board of Commissioners, and community partners for your continued support of the Lanett Housing Authority. Together, we are building a stronger, more connected community.

This season has been filled with exciting activities for our youth, educational opportunities for families, and programs designed to enrich the lives of residents of all ages. From our Summer Camp to community events and resident services, we remain committed to providing meaningful experiences that promote growth, learning and well-being.

As we continue moving our agency forward, I am pleased to share an important update regarding our Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) initiative. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued a Commitment to Enter into a Housing Assistance Payment (CHAP) for our Jackson Heights and Crystal Springs communities. While this is not the final approval for conversion, it is a significant milestone that brings us one step closer to our goal of preserving and enhancing affordable housing for our residents. Throughout this process, we remain committed to keeping residents informed, listening to your feedback, and ensuring transparency every step of the way.

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs. Annie Wright as the newest member of the Lanett Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. We look forward to the insight that she will bring as we continue working to improve the quality of life for all our residents.

We also appreciate your patience and cooperation during this time. Your involvement, feedback, and support are essential to helping us fulfill our mission of providing safe, quality, and affordable housing while fostering stronger communities.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the entire Lanett Housing Authority staff, I wish you and your family a safe, enjoyable, and memorable Juneteenth, 4th of July holidays as well. Thank you for allowing us the privilege of serving you.

Best Regards,
Deborah Story, Executive Director

From the Commissioners' Corner

The Housing Authority of the City of Lanett, Alabama, is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners. The City's Mayor appoints these individuals, who represent a diverse group of people from the community. The Commissioners are responsible for overseeing and monitoring the fiscal management of the Agency and approving all policies. They also appoint an Executive Director, as needed, to administer the daily affairs of the Housing Authority. Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. (Meeting dates are subject to change.)

Thank you, Commissioners, for your loyal and dedicated service to LHA!

CURRENT MEMBERS

Dr. Rose Wood, Chairperson

Mrs. Phyllis Stiggers, Vice-Chairperson

Mr. Herschel Allen

Mrs. Annie Wright

Ms. Susan King, Resident

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WELCOME,

COMMISSIONER ANNIE WRIGHT

The Lanett Housing Authority is pleased to welcome Mrs. Annie Wright as our newest Board of Commissioners.

Mrs. Wright is the Senior Pastor of Agape Ministries in Lanett, Alabama, where she faithfully serves both the congregation and the community.

A dedicated leader with a heart for service, Mrs. Wright remains actively involved in community outreach and programs that uplift and support others.



We look forward to the knowledge, experience, and compassion she will bring as we continue working to enhance the quality of life for our residents and the Lanett Community.

Revitalizing Community Engagement

The Crystal Springs Community Center is buzzing with renewed energy, thanks for the arrival of **Mrs. Tabatha Bledsoe** to our team through our partnership with the Easter Seals Program. From her very first day, Mrs. Bledsoe came ready to work and has played a vital role in bringing the Crystal Springs Community Center back to life.

Thanks to her dedication, energy, culinary skills and commitment to resident engagement, participation has grown tremendously, with residents coming out in great numbers to enjoy activities, fellowship, and community events. We are grateful for the positive impact she has already made. We are excited to have her as part of the LHA family.

Welcome to the team!

RAD Update: HUD Conditional Approval (CHAP)

On June 5, 2026, LHA held a resident meeting to discuss the recent CHAP approval received through HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program.

Topic discussed included:

- Residents' rights to rental and relocation assistance
- Residents' rights to return following any temporary relocation
- Residents' protection availability throughout the RAD process
- Upcoming milestones and next steps toward RAD conversion

LHA remains committed to keeping our residents informed and involved throughout this important process.



Egg-citing Easter Fun for Everyone



The children had an amazing time filled with laughter and excitement as they enjoyed the Easter egg hunt, egg decorating, sack races, spoon runs, and lots of fun, fun, fun! A special thank you to resident volunteer, Ms. Zemetera Holliday, who went above and beyond in helping with decorations and food preparation. Whatever was needed, she was there to lend a hand. Resident Charlotte and Bradley Sprayberry also assisted us with set up and hiding eggs for the children. It was a joyous occasion for all.



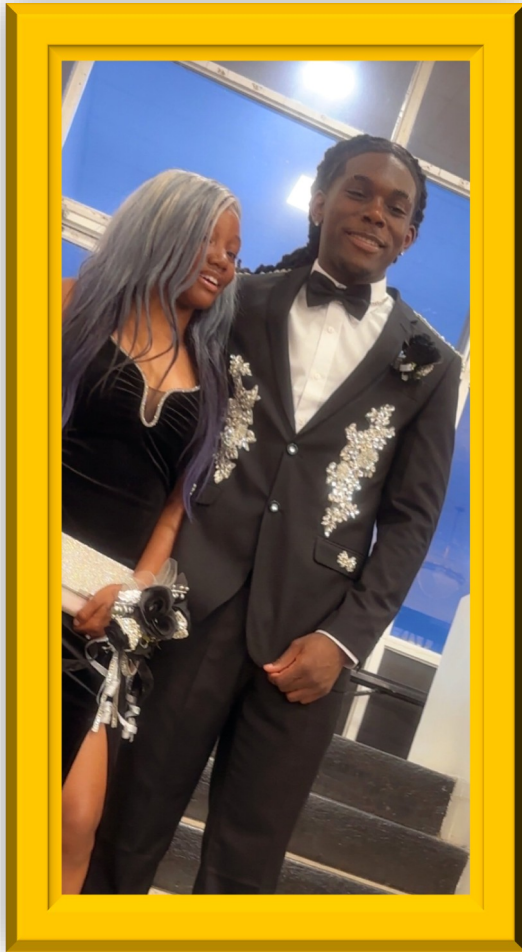
Easter Egg Hunt 2026 (cont'd)

Happy Easter



We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday filled with happiness, reflection, and special memories. May the spirit of the season continue to bring hope, peace, and blessings to you and your loved ones throughout the year.

LHS Prom



Mr. Na'Darious Morgan son of
Ms. Shakea Benton

2026 Lanett High School
Prom Queen
Miss Kaymora Patrick



Prom is one of the most anticipated events of the high school experience, and our students certainly made the most of this special occasion. Dressed in elegant gowns, sharp tuxedos, and stylish attire, they stepped out with confidence and excitement as they celebrated a memorable milestone with their classmates, friends, and relatives.

The evening was filled with laughter, music, dancing, and countless photo opportunities, creating memories that will last a lifetime. These photos capture not only the excitement of prom night, but also the growth, accomplishments, and bright futures of our young people. We are proud of each student and are honored to share a glimpse of this special event as they continue their journey toward graduation and the next chapter of their lives.

LHS Prom



Ty'Zavious Dunn son of
Ms. Jennifer Broughton



Ma'Kayla Davis daughter of
Ms. Bianca Wilcoxson



Jamarian Whatley
son of
Ms. Jessica Long

Celebrating Our Graduates



Ty'Zavious Dunn



Makayla Davis



Na'darious Morgan

Congratulations

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Lanett High School



Kaymora Patrick



Melasia Patten



Marquavious Tarver



Jamarian Whatley

Caps Off to Our Graduates



Ty'Zavious Dunn and Family



Mrs. Phyllis Stiggers, Vice– Chairperson

During our June Board meeting, we recognized the 2026 graduating seniors who call our communities home. Their commitment to excellence, personal growth, and accomplishments are a source of pride for the Lanett Housing Authority family. The Board of Commissioners and the staff of the Lanett Housing Authority congratulate each graduate and wish them continued success and countless blessings as they begin the next chapter of their journey. We thank the parents and families for being part of this special celebration and supporting our graduates every step of the way.



Dr. Rose Wood, Chairperson



Makayla Davis and Family

Class of **2026**

Music for the Soul ~ Point University

Point University “Music for the Soul” field trip provided our After-School Program students with a wonderful opportunity to enjoy an inspiring musical performance presented by students from the Music Development Program. The talented students showcased their musical abilities through a variety of uplifting selections that entertained and encouraged the audience.



From the traditional spiritual Elijah Rock to Killing Me Softly With His Song to the student-arranged Passacaglia to praise and worship songs such as Refresh, Better Is One Day, Honey In The Rock, and The Blessing. Each song left you wanting more. Sunday’s performance was dedicated to Miss Jenna Bragg, a student of the Music Department. As an added bonus of the evening’s celebration, we were honored to be guests of the Music Department, under the direction of Dr. Toni Anderson.

The musical performance was particularly exciting for Robiero “RJ” King, who was thrilled by the “Singin’ In The Rain” tap dance and the instrumental performance of “The Blessing”. He declared “I want to come back tomorrow for the Monday night performance.” Afterward, he hoped to meet and greet all of the students, and they were happy to oblige. Everyone was so welcoming to our children, even providing us with front row seating.



Walking Through History at Tuskegee University

Our Juneteenth Experience



Juneteenth marks the day when the last enslaved African Americans learned of their freedom, reminding us of the long journey toward equality, opportunity, and justice. Because of the sacrifices and perseverance of those who came before us, we are able to learn, grow, and celebrate the rich history and achievements of African Americans today. In honor of Juneteenth, we visited Tuskegee University, a historic HBCU that has educated generations of leaders and changemakers. Our tour included the George Washington Carver Museum and the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site, where we reflected on the remarkable contributions of African Americans whose courage, innovation, and determination helped shape our nation. The visit served as a powerful reminder that the freedoms celebrated on Juneteenth made it possible for institutions like Tuskegee to flourish and continue inspiring future generations.



Honoring Our Dear Mothers

To the women who make a difference everyday! Thank you for the love, guidance, and dedication you pour into your families and communities. Your strength, patience, and wisdom help shape the lives of your children and inspire them to become their best selves. Through every lesson taught, every sacrifice made, and every moment of encouragement shared, you are creating a lasting legacy. We celebrate and honor the incredible women who nurture, lead, and make a difference every day. Thank you all for coming out and joining us as we celebrate the love, strength, and grace of our mothers.



The influence of a mother reaches far beyond what we can see. Her love, wisdom, and sacrifices help shape the future.



Celebrating the Strength of Fathers



Staff of the Lanett Housing Authority, extend warm Father's Day wishes to all the fathers, grandfathers, father figures, and mentors within our LHA family and community. We wish you a wonderful day filled with love, appreciation, and special moments with those you cherish most.

Happy Father's Day!

For Your Information



The Lanett Housing Authority invites your feedback on the proposed conversion of Jackson Heights and Crystal Springs from Public Housing to long-term Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program. HUD issued a Commitment to enter into a Housing Assistance Payment (CHAP) on February 26, 2026, allowing us to proceed with this phase of the process.

As we move forward, your input is an important part of meeting HUD requirements and ensuring that resident voices are heard. Please share your comments, questions, concerns, and suggestions on how we can better serve our residents, strengthen our community, and improve the overall quality of life.

Resident comment forms are available for pickup at the Lanett Housing Authority Rental Office during regular business hours. Once completed, please place your form in the designated submission area or give to one of our staff members. We encourage every resident to participate.

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LANETT

You've requested to join
our notification group.
Reply YES too Opt-in

YES

You have
Successful opted-in

Sign up for text

Report an issue to us via text messages

TextMyGov

Get Alerts

Text: "LANETT" to

Receive text updates!

To: 91896

What to Expect:

- After the initial keyword is sent, you will receive a confirmation message asking you to reply YES to verify opt-in.
- You may receive multiple text messages a month with a notification.

You can text STOP at any time to remove yourself from the notification list. But refusal can affect your lease at the housing authority.

Visit: <https://textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions/> to view terms and privacy policy info. Msg & Data rates apply. Msg frequency varies. Text STOP at any time to opt-out.

For Your Information (cont'd)



Exercise: Commit to Your Health

Make time each day to move your body. A short walk can boost your energy, improve your mood, and support a healthier lifestyle. Staying active doesn't have to be complicated. A few minutes of daily exercise can make a big difference in how you feel today and in the future. Your health is worth the commitment.

SELF CARE

Nutrition: Commit to Healthy Eating

Good nutrition is the foundation of a healthy lifestyle. Be intentional about what you eat, stay hydrated, and remember that every smart choice brings you one step closer to better health. Choosing balanced meals with fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and plenty of water can boost your energy, strengthen your body, and support overall wellness.



Mental Reset: Protecting Your Peace

Taking care of your mind is just as important as caring for your body. In a world full of noise, stress, and constant demands, it's important to create moments of quiet and clarity. Protect your peace by setting healthy boundaries, stepping away from negativity, and making time to rest your mind. A mental reset helps you recharge, refocus, and show up as your best self.

For Your Information (cont'd)

Lanett Housing Authority

*Crystal Springs
Community
Center*



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Whether it's a reception, workshop, a birthday, or a private party, our stunning venue is designed to bring your vision to life.

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Welcoming ✓

Affordable ✓

Community-Centered ✓

Please contact Mrs. Deborah Brooks to complete a Community Building Request Form if you would like to reserve the facility. A deposit of \$200 is required, and \$50 will be refunded if the building is returned in good condition.

dbrooks@lanetthousing.com or (334) 644-5330

For Your Information (cont'd)

LEE & CHAMBERS COUNTIES

YOUNG ADULT EMPLOYMENT SKILLS

YES! Project

**16-24 YEAR OLDS WHO WANT ASSISTANCE
WITH CAREER & EDUCATION GOAL**

We are eager to help you move forward in your life with excellent training resources and tools to accomplish your goals with support

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE

GED Prep	Technical Training	Employment Readiness
Career Exploration	Post-Secondary Prep	Job Shadowing
Life & Leadership Skills	ASVAB Support-Military	Work-Based Learning
Financial Literacy	Job Assistance	Skills Gains

Earn Cash Incentives While Training

Program is for young adults needing to complete H.S. Diploma (G.E.D.).
Additional eligibility requirements for H.S. graduates.
Call the numbers below or scan the QR Code to inquire today!

*This project is funded 100% with Federal funds made available to the State of Alabama Department of Commerce by the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration as the Grantor.



Circle of Care Center for Families
14 Medical Park, Valley AL 36854



334-768-4091



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

The Lanett Housing Authority would like to remind you to
always call Alabama 811 before digging.

By locating and marking underground utilities, you protect yourself as well as your utility service. Unintentional damage to underground facilities during excavation is a significant cause of disruption in utility services, as well as other vital service operations. Accidentally breaking a natural gas pipe isn't just an inconvenience, it's a hazard to you, your neighborhood and your community.



REMEMBER : NOTIFY 911 IMMEDIATELY

DO NOT allow open flames or spark producing objects in presence of un-ignited gas

DO NOT extinguish flames of escaping gas unless life is in danger

DO NOT operate any type of machinery

DO NOT operate any valves on the city installations without consulting gas company

DO NOT ring doorbells, operate electrical switches, or use any type of phone where un-ignited combustible natural gas is suspected

SMELL GAS? CALL

334-644-5330



IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION



It's important that you and your family recognize this odor, whether or not you have natural gas service.

Lanett Housing Authority
334-644-5330

For Your Information (cont'd)

Alabama Extension **Human Science**

Helping People

Develop Essential Knowledge and Skills

Lead Better Lives

Be Work and Career Ready

Build Strong Families

Make Meaningful Contributions to Our Communities

Alabama Extension offers educational programs to help Alabamians be healthy, financially secure, and experience improved family relations. Our research-based information includes financial literacy; workforce development education; nutrition, diet, and health; and family wellness and resilience. This quality-of-Life programs are offered in person and virtually, when possible. Our educational opportunities, most of which are free, build healthy people, strong families, and elevate communities. These efforts are affiliated with **Human Sciences Extension** in the College of Human Sciences at Auburn University and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. For more information, email aceshse@auburn.edu.



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July 2026



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 No Summer Camp Soup for the Soul 11:30am-1pm	2 No Summer Camp	3	4
5	6 Office Closed 4th of July Holiday	7 Summer Camp 9am-2pm	8 Summer Camp 9am-2pm Soup for the Soul 11:30am-1pm Internet Provider Meeting	9 Summer Camp 9am-2pm (Field Trip)	10	11
12	13 Summer Camp 9am-2pm	14 Summer Camp 9am-2pm Board Meeting @ 5pm	15 Summer Camp 9am-2pm Soup for the Soul 11:30am-1pm	16 End of Summer Camp 8am-5pm (Field Trip)	17	18
19	20	21 Midday Reflection 12 pm-1 pm (Mrs. D. Brooks (CSCC)	22 Soup for the Soul 11:30am-1pm	23 Resident Council Meeting @ 5pm (OJHCC)/End of Summer Award Ceremony @12	24	25
26	27	28	29 Soup for the Soul 11:30 am-1 pm	30	31	

Notes

Van Service will began operating again on August 6, 2026 from the hours of 8:30am through 11:30 am. The last pick up will be at 11:00am until farther notice. Due to scheduling and time limitations, residents may be transported to only one destination per trip. To ensure timely transportation services, please schedule doctor appointments for the early morning whenever possible. Please note that van services are available for local destinations only.



August 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 Faith Congrega- tion Community Day 9am-2pm
2	3	4 Back to School Bash 3-5 pm	5 Soup for the Soul 11:30am- 1pm	6 Van Service 8:30-11:30 am	7 1st Day School	8
9	10	11 Board Meeting @ 5pm/ Van Service 8:30-11:30 am	12 Soup for the Soul 11:30am- 1pm	13 Van Service 8:30-11:30am	14	15
16	17	18 Midday Reflec- tion w/Mrs.D. Brooks@ Noon/ Van Service 8:30-11:30 am	19 Soup for the Soul 11:30am- 1pm/	20 Resident Council Meeting @5pm/ Van Service 8:30-11:30 am	21	22
23	24	25 Van Service 8:30-11:30 am	26 Soup for the Soul 11:30 am- 1pm/ Wise Money with Mrs. Ange- la Taylor 12:00 pm at CSCC	27 Van Service 8:30-11:30 am	28	29
30	31					



September 2026

		1	2	3	4	5
		Van Service 8:30-11:30 am	Soup for the Soul 11:30am-1pm	Van Service 8:30-11:30 am		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Labor Day Holiday Office Closed	After-School Tutoring 3-5:30pm/ Board Meeting @ 5pm/ Van Service 8:30-11:30 am	Soup for the Soul 11:30-1pm/ After-School Tutoring 3-5:30pm	After-School Tutoring 3-5:30pm/ Van Service 8:30-11:30 am		
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