

# WHA Board of Commissioners

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## PUBLIC HEARING

The Housing Authority of Westwego will hold its Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, August 23rd at 6 p.m.

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# Westwego Housing

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Words From The Executive Director, Dorian Rawles

I was so happy to see so many families and residents come out and participate in our Welcome Home Event last month.

I was extremely encouraged by the amount of interest being generated by our newly renovated home. It is my sincere goal to make sure that everyone who lives in the Westwego Housing Community will have a chance to reside in an updated and remodeled unit. Our commitment to safe, sanitary and decent housing has never been stronger.

I was overjoyed to see so many of our children playing and dancing together at the mobile video game station, while our adults danced and socialized. Our staff also gave a phenomenal effort by fulfilling our mission of service as they cooked

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# Westwego unveils renovated unit at community event



More than 200 people came out on July 19th to celebrate a Welcome Home Event sponsored by the Westwego Housing Authority. The event was held to celebrate the renovation of an apartment that will be the “new standard” for quality housing throughout the entire Westwego Housing community. The renovation features new flooring, ceiling fans, decorative counter tops, an open floor plan, private closets and a separate laundry area.

The housing authority paid for the renovation with regular operating funds and used only 21 working days from the staff to complete.

“I was extremely happy to see so many of our families come out and tour the new unit,” said Rawles. “The turnout was amazing and our staff worked really hard to serve.”



## Meet Your Employee Jodie Lubag



Housing Specialist Jodie Lubag has worked at the Westwego Housing Authority for more than 26 years. Most residents will see her tucked away at her desk doing recertifications and income verifications surrounded by mountains of files and paperwork.

Normally, Lubag takes a quick lunch break to eat at home with family or friends and then comes back to her desk.

Lubag can seem shy at times and away from the action, but when she’s not at work she’s the first person you may see on Sunday.

“I’m active in church and I’m a greeter at my church,” says Lubag who attends God’s House church in Westwego.

When she’s not praising, Lubag can be seen working out at the gym or fitness center.

“I think I am most proud of the new renovation that we just did,” said Lubag. “Those units are just beautiful to look at — I love the new apartment. New floors, different colors, counter top and central air.”

Random Facts:  
Favorite food - Steak.  
Dream destination - Hawaii.

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and served the community. As we continue to move forward, I would like to remind all of our Heads of Household of a few things:

1. Please ensure that only persons who are officially on the residential lease with the Housing Authority are occupying the unit. This is a very serious matter and violations will result in eviction.
2. We are asking all our residents to monitor the trash and debris on their front and rear yards. We have a beautiful campus and we want it to remain nice at all times.
3. Please eliminate all clutter and unapproved furniture from the front porches of the units. Not only is this unsightly, but it is also a violation of our inspection protocol.

We remain committed to providing quality housing and quality services to our clients. Please do not hesitate to contact our office for any services or assistance needed.

With kind regards, I remain...

*Dorian Rawles*

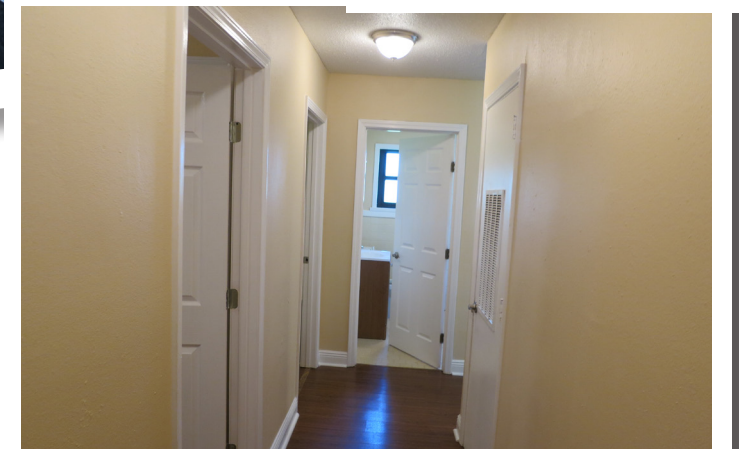
Workers set up a large tent with tables and chairs. A DJ played songs as many seniors danced and children played games in a mobile video game station.

Both maintenance and administrative staff members worked hard all day to grill hamburgers, fry chicken, make hot dogs and serve food to all of the residents of the community.

In addition to the party atmosphere, a registered State Farm agent was available to talk to heads of households about renter’s insurance. Voter’s registration forms were also available for those people who had not yet signed up to vote in the upcoming elections.

Rawles said the housing authority will renovate each unit as they become available to transfers, applicants and residents communitywide.

To see more pictures and a video slideshow of the event, go to [www.wegohousing.com](http://www.wegohousing.com).



## On The Cover:

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