

WHA Board of Commissioners

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Housing Authority of Westwego will hold its Board of Commissioners meeting every third Tuesday of the month.

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HOMEownership program

If you would like more information on a Family Self-Sufficiency program, Homeownership Grant or other life building opportunities, please call our ROSS coordinator **Latoya Dale** for more information.

Westwego Housing

Quality People. Quality Housing. Quality Services.

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Words From The Executive Director, Cantrese Wilson

With almost 350 housing units, we are classified as a small housing authority by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. But by no means are we doing “small” work.

I am proud to announce that our housing authority here in Westwego has been recognized by the SWNHRO chapter of housing authorities as having the best newsletter in five states. Those five states are filled with hundreds of housing authorities.

This is a tremendous honor for us as we continue to highlight the fantastic work of our families and administration. I would like to thank everyone who works to make our small community noteworthy.

In other news, you may have noticed the bright trash drums mounted throughout the area. Please utilize these as you walk from block to

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NEW COLORFUL TRASH DRUMS MOUNTED IN WHA



In an effort to keep the Westwego Housing Community clean, the administrative team installed 18 permanent garbage cans throughout the property.

“We really want to encourage a clean environment here in Westwego,” said WHA Executive Director Cantrese Wilson. “As we walk by, we want people to throw their trash into a can so we won’t have to deal with excessive litter.

The initiative started when Maintenance team members noticed an increase in trash in the neighborhood. Maintenance team members will periodically empty the trash cans as they are filled.

Excessive trash in the neighborhood interferes with grass cutting and can attract unwanted pests into the neighborhood.

“I want to start a culture change here in Westwego,” said Wilson. “We’ve always been a tight knit community. I want us to be a clean community as well.”

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS



How to Make Your Home
MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT

1. Be Smart with Your Thermostat
2. Keep Your Home Easy & Breezy
3. Keep the Sun Out and the Cool Air In
4. Consider LED Lighting
5. Use the BBQ grill
6. Wash with Cold or Warm Water
7. Keep Track of Your Electronics



Hurricane Preparedness Tips

Jefferson Parish officials would like to remind all residents to prepare themselves, their families, and their homes for tropical storms and hurricanes. Hurricane season runs from June 1st through November 30th each year.

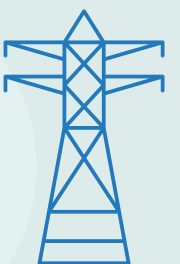
Know your zone.

Learn if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone that may flood during a hurricane and evacuate if you are told to do so.



Prepare for power loss.

Have a plan and supplies for extended power outages.



Make a plan.

Make a Family Emergency Plan on what to do and how to stay in touch in a storm. Create a plan to evacuate, including where you will go, and what you should bring.



Prepare for medical needs.

If you or a family member has special medical needs, equipment, or treatment, include these in your plan and talk to your care provider for additional advice or assistance.



Prepare your home.

Take steps to prevent damage from wind and flooding. Make sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



Build a kit.

Include supplies that your family would need for 3-5 days:

- Bottled water & food that doesn't need to be refrigerated
- Flashlights, a radio, & extra batteries
- Phone chargers
- First aid kit with medications, spare eyeglasses
- Special medical equipment if needed
- Personal care items
- Copies of important documents



Remember: Your kit doesn't have to cost a lot of money, and can be built over a period of time.

Prepare for pets and service animals.

Include food, supplies, medications, carriers, and other items your pet or service animal needs if you have to evacuate.

Remember, your service animal is always allowed in shelters, or anywhere else you go.



block so that we can keep our community trash free. We are working now to recognize those residents that go the “extra-mile” for our neighborhood. Thanks again for allowing me to work with you.

Sincerely,
Cantrese Wilson

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