



# HUD GRANTS to the EHA security improvements

The quality of safety is important to our community. As a result of our high level of safety efforts, EHA was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in order to further ensure the health and safety of our public housing residents and to improve their quality of life. The grant will fund the installation of additional security cameras, upgrading the existing security system to help the Edison Police Department in its efforts to combat crime at both Julius Engel Gardens and Robert E. Holmes Gardens. Also, an investment will be made to secure the entrances and exits of both administration buildings.



## TENANT NOTICE EHA TEXT-CALL FEATURE

- If you wish to:
- Learn about upcoming EHA events
  - Receive notices about the food pantry operation
  - Have your apartment exterminated for ants, bed bugs, and other pests

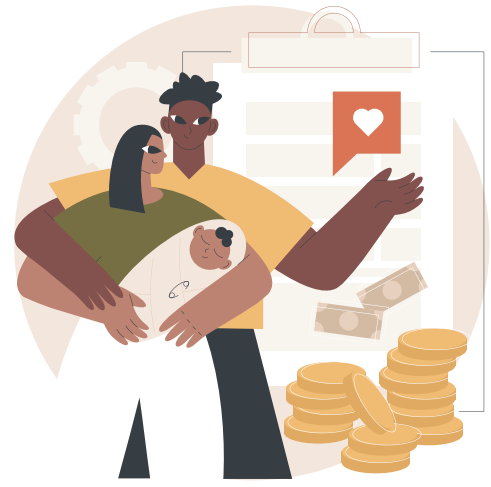
Make sure your number is on our Text-Call feature. You will be able to receive important information from the Edison Housing Authority that helps to provide a positive quality of life within your community. Call Executive Assistant Carmen Amalbert at 908-561-2525 and have your name and mobile number placed on our list. Please know that your information is not provided to the public or used for any purposes unrelated to EHA activity.



### Jolanta Kubacka Director of Property Management

Jolanta is the Property Director for Housing, please see her schedule below:

**Robert E. Holmes Garden:** Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Julius Engel Garden:** Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



## EDISON HOUSING AUTHORITY NEW PROGRAM

### Family Self-Sufficiency Program

On May 28, 2024, EHA was awarded a \$66,150 grant for the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program. FSS is a unique opportunity established by the federal government to allow those who experience financial hardship to elevate themselves and their families to a level of self-sufficiency where they no longer need subsidies to live above the poverty level.

The program is now available to Public Housing residents and Section 8 voucher families. Our program coordinator, Director of HCV/COC Program Zena Sutton will be managing the FSS program and working with each family to set goals and provide linkages to the service providers needed to meet those goals. We are excited to be working with various agencies and organizations to help meet the needs of our residents and participants.

## EXTERMINATOR

Attention all Robert E. Holmes Gardens and Julius Engel Gardens families, please be advised that our new service provider, E & G Exterminator will be on-site between the hours of **9 a.m. - 12 p.m** the following weeks:

JEG - the second week of each month  
REH - the third week of each month  
This is a preventative service that you should not refuse. Should you have any concerns please contact the **Property Manager Jolanta Kubacka at (908) 217-6695.**

## BOARD MEETING 2024

December, Tuesday 17, 2024  
Julius Engel Gardens

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 12/20/24

**Annual Holiday Celebrations Holiday** celebrations will be held at Robert E. Holmes Gardens and Julius Engel Gardens from **4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** with fun holiday activities for all of our residents!



# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Winter has now arrived, and we hope to continue bringing new opportunities and resources for Edison Housing Authority and its residents.

In this newsletter, you will find highlights on some of our staff, upcoming events, programs, and other services available to residents.

As of June 19th, Patricia Tamburello has retired but she will very much be missed. She has positively impacted numerous seniors' lives here in the community and we are grateful for her time with us.

Our annual Family Fun Day was on July 20th presented in partnership with the Mobile Family Success Center of Middlesex County was a success yet again, providing summer activities, food, and of course fun to the residents. We also had over 250 families attend our annual back-to-school event on August 22nd where children received backpacks with school supplies. We place great importance on fostering young minds and look forward to setting students up for success each school year.

As always, the Board of Commissioners, EHA staff, and I take it upon ourselves to improve the lives of our residents and present opportunities for self-sufficiency. We are excited to now offer the Family Self-Sufficiency program to Edison Housing Authority residents. We look forward to the holidays coming up and what the new year will bring for Edison Housing Authority.

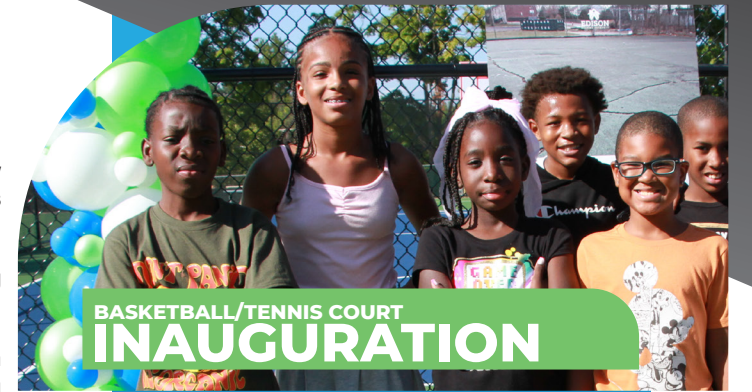
Be sure to subscribe to our text/call feature to get the latest updates on all EHA events and notices.

As always, stay safe and if you have any questions feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,



Deborah M. Hurley, MPA, C-PHM



## BASKETBALL/TENNIS COURT INAUGURATION

## EDISON HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Patricia Tamburello's  
Senior Social Worker

# Happy Retirement

## PATRICIA TAMBURELLO'S

Many of you had the pleasure to become familiar with Patricia (Pat) Tamburello here at EHA, who retired this year. Pat is a certified social worker who assisted residents with accessing medical and mental health services as well as comprehensive social services at no cost. Pat led the Bridges program for EHA and assisted many of our seniors. In her spotlight feature in our EHA newsletter from 2022, she shared, "I enjoy helping people and being an advocate for them. I'm here to listen if they have problems with housing, rent, or issues with other residents. I help them negotiate and move forward to a more positive place."

She has been part of the New Jersey Institute for Disabilities (NJID) for over 25 years and served the EHA community as a Bridges service coordinator for over a decade. NJID offers specialized facilities and support across the State of New Jersey and beyond for infants, children, and adults with developmental and related disabilities. It is one of the largest not-for-profit agencies of its kind in the nation. NJID's Bridges is a special project offered to EHA residents 62 years and older which is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development/Residents Opportunity for Self-Sufficiency (HUD-ROSS). This program "bridges" individuals with disabilities to supports and services that are available in the town and county, "Connecting Today to Tomorrow."

The EHA team celebrated Pat's last day on June 19th and presented her with a special award for her service. We cannot thank Pat enough for all the work she did for the Edison Housing Authority community. She has left an enormous impact on all the seniors that she helped throughout the years and the staff she worked with. The Bridges program will continue here at EHA, but she will be greatly missed. Please join us in wishing her a very happy retirement!

# EHA SPOTLIGHT

## DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE

# MARC WEBB

The Edison Housing Authority would like to shine the spotlight on Marc Webb, Director of Maintenance. With more than 20 years of experience, Marc has been a pivotal force in enhancing living conditions and contributing to his community.

Marc's career in building maintenance began with a passion for fixing things and improving conditions. From his early days working in senior buildings to his current role, he has always been driven by solving problems and making a positive impact.

Marc has notably transformed EHA's maintenance operations. Proactive and solution-oriented, he has revamped infrastructure and managed problematic units with impressive results. His qualifications, including an inspector's license for Section 8 units and a black seal boiler license, add significant value to his role.

As Director of Maintenance, Marc is hands-on, working alongside his team to address repairs and issues with dedication. He often tackles challenges like aging infrastructure, particularly during harsh winters, ensuring the safety and comfort of residents.

Beyond repairs, Marc's most rewarding achievement is the personal connections he builds with residents, especially children who call him "Mr. Marc." His ability to mentor and befriend residents underscores his importance to the community. Marc takes pride in shaping the maintenance department and improving life for EHA residents. His story is a testament to the profound impact one dedicated individual can have on a community.

From our team at the Edison Housing Authority, we'd like to extend a big thank you to Marc for all of his hard work and for ensuring the safety of our residents every day!



Patricia Tamburello's  
Farewell with seniors

## STEM PROGRAM

STEM Program started back up on October 10, 2024 and will end on February 13, 2024. We extend our gratitude to all who contribute to the success of our STEM program, including our dedicated partners, supporters, and, most importantly, the talented students who continue to inspire us with their enthusiasm and achievements

Stem Program  
Event at EHA

**EDISON HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**GRAND OPENING**  
AND DEDICATION OF THE EDISON HOUSING AUTHORITY  
**BASKETBALL & TENNIS COURT**

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 5TH 2024 | 4PM TO 6PM  
14 REV. SAMUEL CARPENTER BLVD. | EDISON, NEW JERSEY 08820  
FOR MORE INFO CALL 908.561.2525 X310 OR EMAIL: CAMALBERT@EDISONHA.ORG  
WWW.EDISONHA.ORG

# Basketball & Tennis Court RENOVATIONS & INAUGURATION

Renovations to the basketball and tennis courts at Robert E. Holmes Gardens began in 2023 and culminated in a much-anticipated ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 5th, 2024. The event was met with an incredible turnout, as residents and EHA community members gathered to celebrate the milestone.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to HUD for their funding support, as well as to Mayor Sam Joshi and the Edison Township administration for their contributions through the Community Development Block Grant Program and their assistance with event logistics. During the ceremony, Mayor Joshi delivered inspiring remarks, highlighting that this project is just the beginning of many initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of life in Edison Township.

A special thanks to Commissioner William Thomas and the Department of Public Works for their generous donation of the boulder used in the dedication. We also deeply appreciate the support from Stateside Affairs, whose efforts helped ensure the success of the event.

It brings us great joy to see residents making the most of the newly renovated courts and enjoying themselves even during the winter season!

# GIRL SCOUTS

EHA's spring Girl Scouts program ended on June 10th and began on October 29th. The young girls always have a wonderful time meeting once a month and participating in a variety of activities like baking & science projects. It's a great bonding experience for them and we enjoy seeing them work together and grow.



Girl Scouts  
Event at EHA