



# Presenting 'Midtown Villages'

Melrose and five  
other GHA  
properties get  
new life as  
'Midtown Villages'



All Midtown Villages properties will  
be completed by the end of 2020.

Above: The new logo for Midtown Village

## Here's the schedule:

- **PHASE I - III**, Melrose is renovated – the maintenance shop and community center will be rebuilt.
- **PHASE IV**, Summit and Rainey will be renovated.
- **PHASE V**, Mill Street will be renovated.
- **PHASE VI**, Butler and Collins will be renovated.

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Above: A typical kitchen at Midtown Villages.



Above: New bathrooms have tile floors.



# GHA kids offer ideas for harmony

We asked a few of GHA's young artists to envision how they would bring harmony into a troubled community, nation and world. In response, these kids (ages 8-14) created ideas and images (without guidance or direction, so the ideas were entirely their own).

## The kids' comments

"Harmony is not something you are going to say. It is something you are going to create. Now, people are creating racism instead of peace and harmony."

"The way I see harmony is seeing African Americans, Hispanics, whites and all different people with different kind of races getting along with each other."

An 8-year-old boy envisions harmony best demonstrated like team players on a soccer field. Individually, they lose. United, they win.

"The color of our skin does not define us."



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– Written by a 12-year old girl in public housing



## From Atlanta St. campus to college campus

Congratulations to Davion Mosley, (left) who begins his second year at the University of North Georgia's Oakwood campus in the fall, and to Elijah (right), who enters his third year at Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA.

The brothers grew up at the Atlanta Street (Green Hunter) Apartments, and today are sophomores and juniors.



## Get involved!

If you'd like to take part in the tending, weeding, watering and helping harvest the garden, please contact:

Maria Calkins, Resident Services Coordinator, at 404-358-3558 or text [mcalkins@gainesvillehousing.org](mailto:mcalkins@gainesvillehousing.org)

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# New community center brings exciting plans!

There is something to benefit every resident at the new Melrose community center. The building is spacious, comfortable and with many specialty areas so several activities can occur simultaneously.

Here's a look at offerings planned for this fall (Melrose and other campuses)

## For All Ages

- Library
- Business Center (8 computers)
- Health and Wellness resources, in partnership with Northeast Georgia Medical Center and Good News at Noon
- Partnership with WorkSource "Job Bus", four times a year
- Partnership with Georgia Mountains Food Bank – regular delivery of fruits and vegetables by the Neighborhood Fresh Grocery Delivery program

## For children, K-5th

- SHINE afterschool programming
- Art Classes
- Girl Scouts
- RISE Summer Program

## For Teens

- GRAD Leadership Program
- Job search assistance
- High school seniors: assistance with college, scholarship and FAFSA applications
- Summer Job Fair, in partnership with The Hub at GHS

## Adults

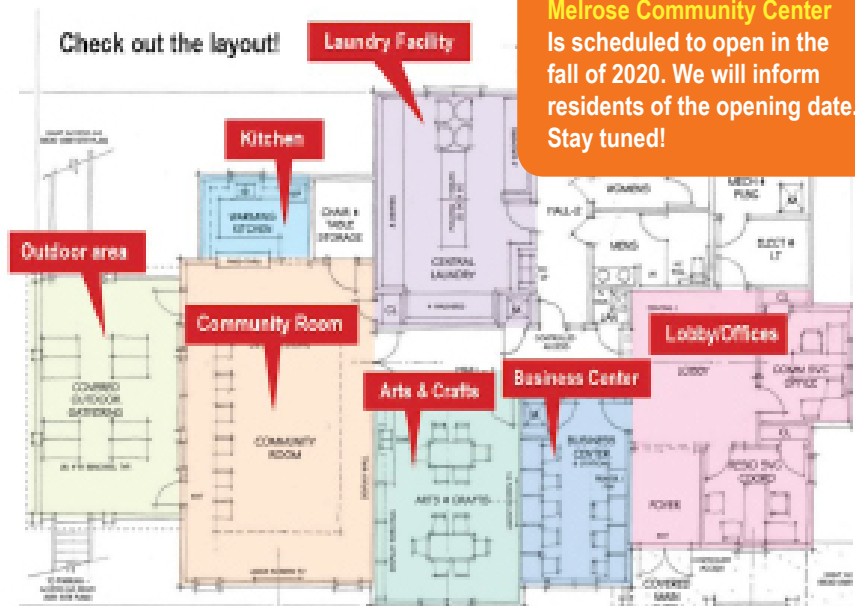
- LIFE classes, in partnership with Family Promise
- Job search and resume building assistance
- Case management/assistance with services and resources



The Melrose community center features outdoor class areas as well as ample indoor classrooms.



Inside, the center is spacious and inviting.



**Melrose Community Center** is scheduled to open in the fall of 2020. We will inform residents of the opening date. Stay tuned!

- ESL classes
- GED support and resources
- Melrose #1Moms, support and resources

## Older Adults

- Melrose Lunch Bunch – lunch, BINGO and help with community resources once a week
- Tower Heights reunion lunch – once a month

Maria Calkins, Resident Services Coordinator's office will be located in the new community center. Office hours to be announced.

For more information, please call or text Maria: 404-358-3558, or email: [mcalkins@gainesvillehousing.org](mailto:mcalkins@gainesvillehousing.org)

## Get involved with our Resident Services Programs!

We offer comprehensive case management for all age residents.

How may we assist you?

- **Children & Youth:** afterschool, home work help, art, activities
- **Adults:** Get help with a job search, going back to school, transportation and childcare
- **Seniors** healthcare and social events

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# Important Resident Announcements

## Students and parents: important information about return to school

Get the all the details at:  
[https://gcssk12.net/return\\_to\\_school](https://gcssk12.net/return_to_school)



## Calling in for repair and service

**All work orders must be called in at 770 536-1295.**

Non-emergency work orders will be completed within 5 days.

Emergency work orders will be completed within 24 hours.

**Pet Permit  
2020**

Pet Type  
Gainesville Housing Authority

## Pet permits **Must be for 2020**

Please update your pet info at the office and get your 2020 pet permit to display at your apartment. Having a pet without a current permit is a lease violation.

## Smoking **Can lead to Eviction**

**Smoking in apartments, on porches or within 25 feet of any GHA building**

If you (or your family or guest) are observed smoking within 25 feet of a GHA building, or if we observe ashtrays with butts, you will be warned. Repeated warnings can lead to eviction, so please observe our smoking policy (as covered in your lease) to avoid eviction.

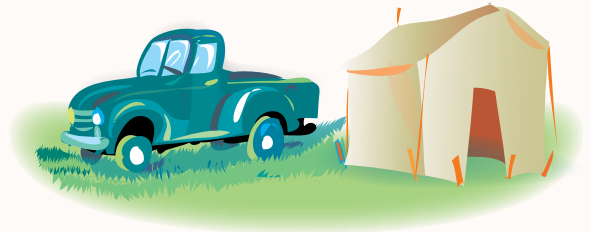
## Pest control for your apartment

We are now leaving cards behind at your apartment after each pest control treatment. Our pest control is on a regular schedule, so please expect to see these cards in your unit, following a pest control treatment.

**Today, your apartment  
was treated for pest  
control by  
Lee's Exterminating.**



Parking, tents on grass: **\$80 fine**



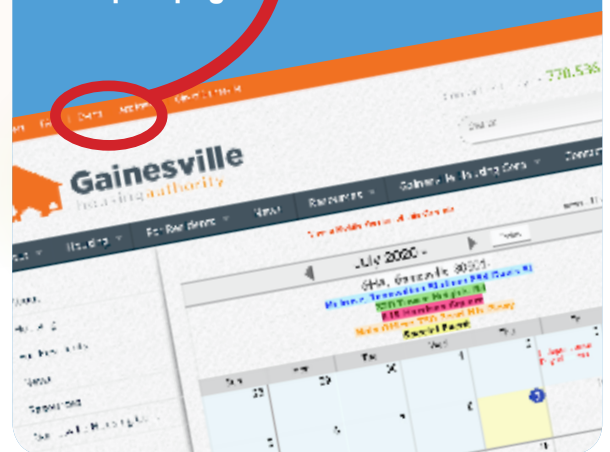
## Avoid these common Yard fines:

- Parking on grass, non-designated areas: **\$80**
- Tent on installed on grass: **\$80**
- Trash/Junk left in yard: **\$50**

For more information or if you have questions, please contact your property manager.

## Stay up-to-date with our calendar

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Then, select 'Events'  
at top of page



## If you smell gas, call the gas company immediately!

Please call **1-855-216-6306** before you call the Gainesville Housing Authority regarding gas.



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