

Resident Report

Columbia Brookside

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Columbia Brookside was named the Best 55+ Affordable Development in 2017 at the recent National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB) convention. Columbia Brookside is a new master planned, mixed-income community developed jointly by Columbia Residential and the Athens Housing Authority.

Located along Hawthorne Ave., Columbia Brookside is comprised of three community phases. The first phase opened in 2015 and consists of apartment homes for adults aged 55 years or more. The second and third phases of Columbia Brookside consist of townhouses and apartment homes. Phase Two opened in early 2016 and families have just started to move into Phase Three. Columbia Brookside offers public housing, subsidized housing, and market-rate rents to many families in

the community.

Once completed, Columbia Brookside will be one of Georgia's first LEED-ND communities. LEED is a building standard that emphasizes energy efficiency and savings and follows a number of green practices that allow residents easy access to public transportation and walkability within Athens.

The annual NAHB International Builders' Show recognizes excellence and innovation in design, development, lifestyle, and marketing of housing projects across the United States. The NAHB Best of 55+ Housing Awards are the only national awards program honoring excellence in building and design for senior adults.

The AHA is proud to be a part of bringing attractive affordable housing to Athens.

Neighborhood Corner

Graduating this Spring?

If you or a member of your household is graduating from high school or college this spring or summer, please let the AHA know so we can share your good news with our Board of Commissioners, staff, and residents. Send your information to contact@athenshousing.org by May 15.

Summer Jobs

Looking for a summer job? The AHA has positions each year to assist with the Summer Food Service Program. Tasks range from managing distribution of the meals to driving and delivering meals to the sites located at various summer day camps and programs. Youth and residents are encouraged to apply. To learn more, call 706-425-5404 about application deadlines. Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services also has summer positions available at park programs. To apply for camp counselor, lifeguard, or pool staff positions, visit www.athensclarkecounty.com/jobs. Those with questions should call 706-613-3090.

Satellite Dish - Call First!

Satellite dishes have become popular with many people. So, this information is not about the AHA saying no. Instead, it's about having everyone work together to make something potentially possible. Before you make arrangements to have a satellite dish installed, please

call to set up a time to meet with the installer, the Property Manager, and you to determine the best location for the satellite dish. Before permission can be granted, all parties must agree on an appropriate area to install the satellite dish. Review the following information before deciding if a satellite dish can even be installed in your area:

- A professional installer must complete the work to make sure that no holes are drilled in exterior walls, roofs, window frames, glass, or other property of the AHA.
- The hook up for a receiving device may be made by a window module that allows the signal to pass through but does not damage AHA property. The satellite dish may not be spliced or wired into existing wires or cables.
- Satellite dishes cannot be greater than one meter in diameter.
- The satellite dish installation may only be within the confines of tenant's "exclusive use or control" area. Exclusive use means the area that only the tenant may use such as a porch, balcony, yard, or doorway. In other words, a satellite dish may not be placed in a neighbor's yard area, on a shared hand rail area, or installed in such a way that it may make safe movement in the area impossible.
- To keep all residents safe, a satellite dish installed at an upstairs unit cannot block an emergency escape route.
- Satellite dishes should not be set in a way to make it difficult to

mow grass.

- In addition, many of our properties have large trees, so satellite dishes simply can't receive a signal, making them impractical.
 - If the installation is not done properly, the AHA has the right to ask for its removal.
 - If you move, the equipment should move with you.
- So remember, because your Property Management team is responsible for keeping AHA properties safe for all, call and discuss the placement of a satellite dish before you make arrangements.

Your Monthly Rent Payment

Just a reminder that rent is due on the first and AHA families have until 5 p.m. on the sixth working day of the month for payments to be considered on time. Payments may be made by check, money order, or debit or credit cards. In addition, residents may set up online payments to have rent drafted from either bank accounts or debit cards. To do this, go to www.athenshousing.org and click on Pay Online. Follow the directions for setting up your online payment account. Make sure the e-mail address you enter is the same as the one we have on your account. Your Property Management staff can verify that for you. Once you have established a date within the payment period to draft your rent and utility charges from your account, paying rent will be a time saver and you can always check your balance.

Healthy Homes !

Spring is one of the seasons that the AHA maintenance staff performs preventative maintenance in your home. Hot water heaters, furnaces and air conditioning units, fire extinguishers and smoke detectors are checked in an effort to make sure your home is mechanically in good shape and contributes to a healthy living environment.

There are many tasks residents can perform on a daily and weekly basis to keep your home healthy for your family all year round. So take some tips from Cooperative Extension and enlist all family members to keep your home healthy year round.

Kitchen

Sink: Rinse and wash dishes after every meal. Use dish detergent in the sink to clean and sanitize. Once a month, mix a 1/4 of baking soda, a 1/4 of white vinegar and hot water to flush the sink drain and eliminate odors. A tip from the maintenance staff - pour grease into a coffee can or jar with lid and not down the drain. Most clogged kitchen drains are due to grease or food in the pipes.

Countertops: Give counter tops a once over every evening with a disinfectant or white vinegar. This eliminates dirt and mildew that gets trapped around the dish drainer and the edge of the sink.

Garbage can: After taking out the trash several times a week, always clean the inside and outside of the lid. Once a month, sprinkle some baking soda in the can, leave for 10 minutes and wipe clean. Rinse and dry before putting in a new bag.

Refrigerator: The refrigerator door gets touched by everyone's hands all day long, so wipe it down daily with soapy water or disinfectant. Wipe up spills inside the refrigerator immediately, especially if something splatters on the door's interior rubber gasket. When the refrigerator gasket is sticky, it will rip away from the door and will need to be repaired. Every month, clean the inside of the refrigerator by getting rid of old leftovers and wiping



down the walls and shelves. **Bathroom Shower/Tub:** After a shower or bath, turn on the exhaust fan or open a bathroom window slightly, even in the winter. This eliminates moisture in the bathroom. The moisture combined with water splashes on the floor and walls can cause mildew to grow. Wipe away wet areas around the tub. Scrub the tub weekly.

Toilet: Use disinfectant to scrub inside and out, including behind it.

Everywhere Else:

Floors: Carpets should be vacuumed weekly. All other floors should be vacuumed or swept weekly and then mopped with hot water and cleaner.

Baseboards and Walls: Dust wall and baseboards monthly.

Switch plates and door knobs:

Again, these items see hands all day, every day. Spray some disinfectant on a cloth and wipe down several times a week.

Cleaning daily and weekly helps you spot household issues and allows you to make sure your home is safe and healthy for your family.

Valentine Bingo



Denney Tower residents indulged in some bingo, prizes, and Valentine treats to celebrate the day. Many Thanks to Betty Coulter and Patricia Cooper for organizing the event.

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Get Ready for Summer

It's time to think about summer! There are just a few weeks left to the school year so it's time to start signing up for summer day camps. Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services, the Boys and Girls Clubs, the YWCO Girls Club and the YMCA all run a variety of camps with art, sports, and learning activities. To learn more about summer day camps and summer activities, contact:

ACC Leisure Services: www.athensclarkecounty.com/leisure;

Boys and Girls Club - call 706-546-5310;

YWCO Girls Club - www.ywco.org or Call 706-354-7880; and,

YMCA - athensymca.org or call 706-543-6596.

Many day camps have scholarship programs to help with the cost of camp. The Summer Food Service Program serves most of the day camps in the community to help families with food costs during the summer.



Youth learned about the art of East Asia last year at one of Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services summer day camps. Summer day camp is a great way to learn something new and helps working families provide activities while school is out.