



THE VOICE OF CHOICE

PSO TRANSFORMATION NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO



A Message from Janet Abrahams, President and CEO of HABC

Dear Perkins Family,

It was a pleasure to see so many of your faces at the March 13th quarterly meeting. Your presence was truly appreciated, and I look forward to seeing many more former Perkins Homes families returning back to the newly developed Perkins Square.

I am so glad that we were able to have open and honest discussions about your new homes and I am even more excited that you have taken on the responsibility of keeping these buildings in great condition. You and your neighbors realize that in order

to make this new community a success we all have to buy into the success of each building.

I said that Perkins Phase 1 is a living example of **"Promises Made, Promises Kept!"** Let's keep moving onward.

Janet Abrahams,
President and CEO, HABC

A Note from your CNI Manager, Arlisa W. Anderson

Dear Friends of Perkins,

It would be such a shame if you missed out on your opportunity to come back to Perkins Square and to live in one of the newly redeveloped homes. Have you passed by to see what the new homes look like? The buildings are beautiful and ready for you to return home!

You just need to be lease compliant (aka in good standing). Yes, we need you to have been paying your rent on time, have no lease violations and none of your household members that are subject to criminal activities.

Now is the time to come back to Perkins Square and claim your new home that was promised to you as a former Perkins Homes resident. Please do not wait too long because these units are going quickly, and we do not want you to miss out.

If you are in good standing and want to come back to Perkins Square, HABC can assist our right to return residents with moving expenses.

Please contact the leasing office at **410-220-5343** to start the leasing process. As always, please feel free to reach out to me at **410-361-9014** or via email at Arlisa.Anderson@habc.org.

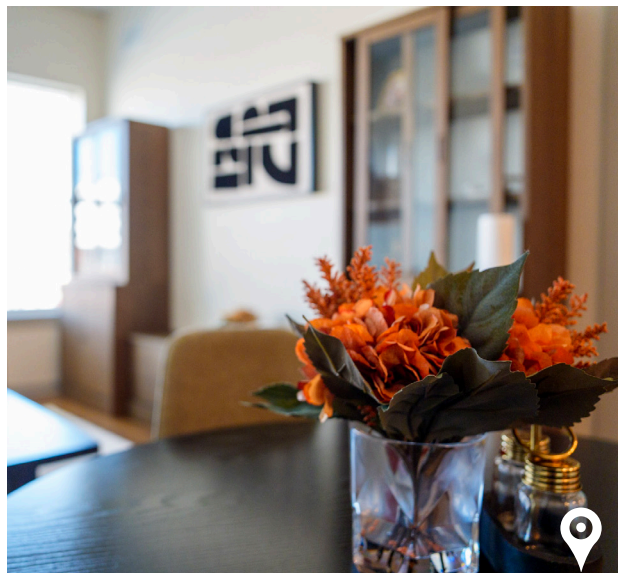


Arlisa W. Anderson, Manager,
Choice Neighborhood Initiative

Development Updates



Perkins 2—226 North Caroline Street



Community Room at Perkins 2

Perkins Square Update

Perkins 1: 100% leased

Perkins 2: Completed and leasing is underway. Please call the leasing office at 410-220-5343 if you have any questions or visit the leasing office in person to pick up and complete your application for occupancy. The Leasing Office is located at 210 S. Caroline Street.

Perkins 3: On schedule to be completed this fall. You should be receiving a letter in April from McCormack Barron Salazar advising that you can start leasing the units at Perkins 3. If you don't receive a letter, please give me a call at 410-361-9014 to make sure HABC has your most current address.

Perkins 4: The development team is looking to close on this phase by the summer.

Perkins 5: The development team continues to work towards closing this final phase of Perkins Square by year end.

Somerset Update

The projected closing for The Blake will occur sometime this summer as Misson/Henson development team continues to make great progress on getting to the final phase at the former Somerset Homes site.



Courtyard at the Ruby

Health



Photos courtesy of The Y in Central Maryland: <https://ymaryland.org>

Free Membership To YMCA For Families

If you are interested in getting free access to the YMCA gym, classes, and resources call Miss Jada at **443-218-2583** or your family support specialist to get signed up.

Don't let the idea of reaching out overwhelm you—take the first step today.

Looking for Therapist or other Mental Health Supports?

If you are feeling stressed, sad, low on energy, or just want to be a better version of yourself, reaching out for mental health support is easier than you think. Our partner is here to guide you through the process, helping you understand what your insurance provides, finding a provider, and schedule an appointment in as little as three (3) days. We have only heard great reviews so far from those that have signed up at usi.hhpcollaborations.com.



CPR Training

Community CPR Training on Wednesday June 18th from 5:30-8pm in Perkins Square community room. This community training will provide critical life-saving skills through hands-on practical training led by We Responders, Inc.

Their mission is to ensure individuals are equipped with the knowledge and confidence to respond to emergencies and contribute to the safety and well-being of those around them. Interested in attending?



Education and Youth

Plan Ahead for Your Little One's Bright Future!

If your child is between the ages of 3 and 5 years old, now is the time to start thinking about child care—even if you **are not quite ready to enroll them yet. Many programs have waitlists**, so planning ahead ensures your child has access to quality early learning when the time is right.

Enrolling your child in a quality program not only helps them enter kindergarten ready to thrive but also sets the foundation for continued success. As parents, you know your little one is bright and capable so let's give them the tools to shine even brighter!

We are here to help. Our community partners offer fantastic childcare options, and we would love to connect you with them. Take the first step today and secure your child's spot in a program that will nurture their growth and potential. Contact USI at 443-470-8983 for more information.



YMCA Head Start Enrollment

YMCA Head Start offers quality early education for children ages 3 to 5 years old across **8 locations**. Programs run Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, with meals provided daily.

Documents needed to apply: Proof of income, residency, and age, along with health-related documents upon enrollment.

For more information contact Tijuanna Huggins at tijuannahuggins@ymaryland.org.



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FREE 1:1 or group TUTORING

Priority Action Partners now offers tutoring for school aged children.

If your child is struggling with homework, or just wants to improve in their schoolwork, we have a great opportunity for you! Students in grades K-12 can access free tutoring sessions every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

This is a no-cost resource to help your child succeed academically. Whether they are preparing for tests or need help understanding specific subjects, this tutoring service is here to support their growth.

Don't wait, contact your Family Support Specialist today to sign up and take advantage of this valuable opportunity to support your child's success. Contact USI at 443-470-8983 for more information.



Drop-In Art Classes with Art With a Heart!

Exciting news! Drop-in art classes are coming soon to the Ruby, Ella, Perkins Square, and 1234 McElderry. If you are interested in participating in place-based art programs, this is your chance to be creative!

Let the team know what time works best for you and what type of art projects you would love to explore. Your feedback will help shape the upcoming sessions, launching in May. We can't wait to see what you create!

Contact USI at 443-470-8983 for more information.

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Drop-In Fitness Classes at Perkins – Coming in June!

Are you 50+ and looking to get more active or work with a coach on fitness tailored to your needs? Join us for drop-in fitness classes at Perkins Square starting in June.

Let us know what date works best for you to attend and get moving with a workout that's designed just for you. Don't miss out on this opportunity to stay healthy and active!

Contact USI at 443-470-8983 for more information.



Kids Care Plus – Free Childcare (up to 4 hours)

Did you know that there is free childcare for up to 4 hours available at FamilyTree?

If you have errands to run and in need of childcare, the **Kids Care Plus** program for children ages 1 to 8 years old from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM call 800-243-7337.

People Updates

Driving Classes

We are excited to announce a new opportunity for residents to build their skills and independence with the support of our community partners! Driving classes are now available for residents who meet the requirements.

To participate, residents must have a valid driving permit that is neither expired or will not expire within the next six months. Don't wait—this is your chance to gain the confidence and skills to hit the road!

If you're interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact your Family Support Specialist for more information or to sign up. Contact USI at 443-470-8983 for more information.



Entrepreneur Program at Banner Neighborhoods

After eight weeks of hard work, the Entrepreneur Program at Banner Neighborhoods has come to a close. Every Monday evening, youth participants have been designing and building their own businesses, developing products, and refining their entrepreneurial skills. On Monday, March 17th, their creations were showcased (and available for purchase!) at a pop-up shop, held from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at 1819 E Preston Street.



The Cooking Cohort

The Cooking Cohort concluded on March 26th after four enriching Wednesdays at The Franciscan Center. From 5:30-8:30 PM each week (March 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th), participants learned how to prepare nutritious, budget-friendly meals tailored to their personal tastes. Whether beginners or seasoned home cooks, everyone walked away with valuable skills to create delicious meals at home. Thank you to all who joined us for this culinary journey!



WHAT'S APPENING?

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PSO Event Calendar

April BOC Meeting

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

4:00 PM

417 E. Fayette Street,
Benton Building, 3rd Floor
Conference Room

Quarterly Perkins Sqaure Meeting with Janet Abrahams

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

5:00 PM

210 South Carloline Street
Community Room



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