

# OUR HOUSE

## HABC HIGHLIGHTS

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## Leadership Update

I'm thrilled to share that we recently held **HABC's All-Staff meeting**. This long-awaited gathering allowed us to reconnect and is crucial for reinforcing our organization's mission. These meetings provide an invaluable opportunity for all staff members to stay informed about ongoing initiatives and developments within the agency. Seeing familiar faces and engaging in meaningful conversations about our collective work was genuinely uplifting. We discussed key updates on various ongoing projects and initiatives during the meeting. This included spotlighting some of our recent successes, launching innovative programs, and the challenges we still face. I was particularly inspired by the contributions of my colleagues, who shared insightful thoughts on how we can work more effectively together.

I'm looking forward to our next gathering, as these interactions greatly enhance our collaboration and strengthen our commitment to HABC's mission.

In addition to the meeting, I had the distinct honor of participating in a panel discussion at the **2025 Choice MEANS Choice conference**.

This significant conference brought together an impressive group of nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and community stakeholders who are deeply committed to addressing the pressing housing challenges many individuals and families face in our communities. The discussions were rich with innovative strategies and best practices, highlighting the collaborative efforts necessary to make affordable housing a reality for everyone. Overall, it was a fantastic opportunity to connect, learn, and share our visions for the future of housing.

I'm grateful for the passion and dedication evidenced by all participants at both the All-Staff meeting and the conference. Your ongoing commitment to our mission is what drives our success! Thank you all for your hard work and enthusiasm. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful impact in our communities!

Onward,



**Janet Abrahams**  
President and CEO

## Event Turnout

### HABC All-Staff meeting

For the first time in seven years, HABC leadership hosted its All-Staff meeting to review agency accomplishments, give updates, answer questions, and fellowship with each other on Wednesday, April 23. Staff members who don't interact with HABC leadership daily could ask questions directly, creating an environment for open communication!



[Click here or scan QR code to see HABC All-Staff photo gallery >](#)



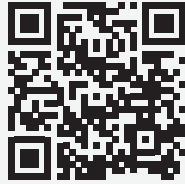
# HABC News

## Choice Means Choice Conference

Last month, Urban Strategies, Inc. hosted the 2025 **Choice MEANS Choice: The Power of H.O.M.E. (Healthy Opportunities Made for Everyone)** conference!

The three-day event featured notable collaborations with agencies that advance affordable housing initiatives.

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## Poe House Art Installation

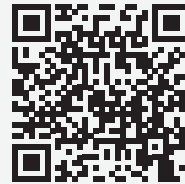
Artists from the Baltimore area collaborated with the Poe House Museum to install their personalized artwork outside the museum to keep the legacy of the historic writer, Edgar Allen Poe.



## HUD Tour

On Wednesday, May 7, HUD Regional Administrator Joseph DeFelice, Jill S. Yu, HUD Field Office Director, and others joined HABC President and CEO Janet Abrahams to tour the PSO communities and Poe Homes.

[Click here or scan QR code to see the video >](#)



## Housing and Development Law Institute Conference

HABC's SVP of Information Technology, Jimmy Thomas, attended the **Spring 2025 Housing and Development Law Institute Conference** in Washington D.C. to discuss Cybersecurity and AI impact on housing authorities, along with Jan Goslee, HABC's EVP/General Counsel.

## Top Stories

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Pleasant View Gardens

### Employment Resource Fair

HABC's ORS hosted a free employment resource fair on Thursday, April 24, to connect residents to employers and job training.

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Pleasant View Gardens

### "So Fresh & So Green" Health Fair

On Friday, May 16, ORS hosted a health fair for HABC residents to meet healthcare providers, get screened, learn how to decrease stress, and more!

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Cherry Hill

### Family Engagement Motivates Everyone (FEME) Event

ORS hosted a Family Engagement event on June 7, at Cherry Hill Community Center to empower HABC youth and support healthy development.

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Various locations

### Older Americans Month Resource Fairs

For Older Americans Month, ORS hosted five community-focused events that allowed HABC senior adults to connect with valuable resources and services.



# INITIATIVES → RESULTS

## Ms. Denise Street Moves into Perkins Square

Long-time Perkins Homes resident and resident council member Denise Street officially moved into her new home at Perkins Square on Friday, May 23. Ms. Street has been involved with every step of the PSO transformation plan, attending community input meetings, ribbon-cuttings, and groundbreakings.

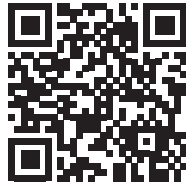


Ms. Street receives the key to her new home at Perkins Square.

## PSO Advisory Committee Meeting – USI

On Wednesday, June 4, Urban Strategies, Inc., joined like-minded groups to discuss strategies that will further advance the communities of the PSO Transformation Plan in areas of education, financial security, and more!

[Click here or scan QR code to see the video >](#)



PSO Advisory Committee Meeting

## Chick Webb Public Meeting

On Thursday, June 12, PSO residents attended a public meeting with the artist, Shawn James, to discuss the mural and decorative path at Chick Webb Rec Center. Mr. James shared his vision for the mural and path and solicited public feedback.



Artist, Shawn James, at Chick Webb public meeting.

## Social Corner

We need **YOUR** help to **GROW!** Take a look at our stats below and make sure to follow so we can make a bigger impact for everyone we serve!



**2.2k** Followers  
@bmoreHABC



**9.6k** Followers  
@bmoreHABC



**4,707** Followers  
@officialHABC

## HABC TV/App Updates

Attention HABC residents, you can now stay connected with your community with the click of a button! Want to contact your asset manager? Or create a work order? Or maybe you want to subscribe to get outage alerts or updates sent directly to your phone.

You can do all these tasks and more just by downloading the new HABC app! Learn about the property managers that are committed to improving your community on the app. You can even get all property forms and information on upcoming events and services, like job training and career advancement help, all through the HABC app!

### WHAT'S APPENING?

FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE **NEW** HABC APP!





# Employee Spotlight

## Randy Wells Poe Homes Service Coordinator

HABC recognizes **Randy Wells, Poe Homes Service Coordinator**, who is making his mark in Baltimore City through his advancement in education and leadership.

Recently, The Baltimore Banner recognized Randy as one of Baltimore's emerging leaders! Not only has Wells' efforts impacted HABC, but it is also impacting the community! Keep up the good work!

[Click here or scan QR code to read the article >](#)



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## HABC Schedule Of Events July–August 2025

Event	Date	Time	Location
House Keeping Standards Training	Tuesday, July 8	10am-12pm	PVG
House Keeping Standards Training	Thursday, July 10	10am-12pm	Cherry Hill Homes
Tenant Readiness Training	Friday, July 11	9am-1pm	PVG
ORS Lunch N Learn-Taxi Card Program For Seniors	Monday, Jul 14	12pm-1pm	PVG
Grow Information Session	Tuesday, July 15	9am-12pm	PVG
Tenant Readiness Training	Saturday, July 19	9am-1pm	PVG
Tenant Readiness Training	Friday, July 25	9am-1pm	PVG
ORS Lunch N Learn	Monday, August 11	12pm-1pm	PVG
House Keeping Standards Training	Tuesday, August 12	10am-12pm	PVG
House Keeping Standards Training	Thursday, August 14	10am-12pm	Cherry Hill Homes
Tenant Readiness Training	Friday, August 15	9am-1pm	PVG
Grow Information Session	Tuesday, August 19	9am-12pm	PVG
Tenant Readiness Training	Friday, August 29	9am-1pm	PVG

\*All dates subject to change



### Do you have news we can use?

Send a summary and a picture of your event to:  
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