

## SUMMER COMING TO AN END

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It's hard to believe that the summer is coming to an end already. It feels like not that long ago, we were all indoors, bundled up because of the cold, frigid winter we had. Certainly, the summer has had its share of extreme weather with the heat and humidity, which is the reason that Fall is my favorite season.

Aside from the calmer weather, I enjoy the Fall because a lot of our programs restart. Kids go back to school so we start our after school tutoring and recreation programs, and in our other developments, we start our monthly crime watch resident meetings. We also see our pet clinic programs starting in September as well as our resident councils getting their Halloween and Thanksgiving plans started.

I also would like to take a moment and inform you of a new position that will soon start at the WHA that will be of tremendous assistance to our resident council groups and our residents. The position, Resident Program Coordinator, will focus on bringing programming to our developments that center around improving the lives of our residents. They will also work closely with our Property Management and Maintenance teams to provide educational workshops that can help our residents maximize or maintain their tenancies. For example, some programs will provide information on:

- Housekeeping Tips
- Financial Literacy – Managing your finances
- Conflict Resolution – How to get along with neighbors

Additionally, some of the programs will focus on social and recreation in order to provide residents an opportunity to meet their neighbors and strengthen their community. The Resident Program Coordinator will also work closely with our Resident Councils to provide them support and training in order to ensure that all of our councils are thriving.

I am excited about the great work this individual will do with our residents and WHA staff. We are in the process of interviewing candidates and I am hopeful that over the next few weeks we will have the position filled. I am confident that our Fall and Winter seasons will be filled with opportunities for our residents to engage with others and enhance their tenancies.

Have a great final days of summer and I look forward to seeing you at your upcoming Crime Watch meetings.

Thank you!!