

HANO Highlights: February 2025 Updates February was a bustling month at HANO! We proudly welcomed our new Chief of Staff, Jabarie Walker. Executive Director Marjorianna Willman, along with the Executive Leadership team, toured various HANO properties. We also celebrated several events, including Mardi Gras, Valentine's Day, the Big Game, and National Pizza Day. Additionally, our residents participated in a Financial Fitness Workshop series, taking important steps toward securing their financial future.

HANO OFFICIALS VISIT HANO FACILITIES WITH PLANS TO RESTORE VACANT UNITS

On Thursday, February 6, 2025, Executive Director Marjorianna Willman toured several properties of the Housing Authority of New Orleans for the first time. She was joined by the Executive Leadership team from HANO and Commissioner Reverend Michael Raymond from the HANO Board of Commissioners.

"This tour provided firsthand insight into the conditions of various properties and allowed us to meet with property managers and residents to learn more about the quality of life within HANO facilities," stated Willman. "It highlighted HANO's commitment to improving the quality of housing and services offered to its residents."

The tours included stopping at Columbia Parc in which the team was able to see the community's movie room. At Guste Homes, the visit included seeing available unit models, and at the Fischer Senior Village executive staff had the opportunity to engage with residents during bingo at the community center. Additional stops included Marrero Commons, Faubourg Lafitte, and William J. Fischer.

Commissioner Raymond remarked, "This was an extraordinary opportunity to visit with the people we serve and with the employees who help us serve the people. I am appreciative of Executive Director Willman's leadership in setting up the tours and happily having me tag along."

Next steps for the HANO Executive team will be to host follow-ups with key stakeholders to mitigate challenges identified and develop strategies to restore vacant units.





Jabarie Walker Joins HANO as Chief of Staff

Jabarie Walker joined the HANO Executive Team as Chief of Staff on Monday, February 3rd. Jabarie brings a wealth of expertise in public policy, stakeholder engagement, and governmental affairs. Previously, he served as the Director of Strategic Initiatives at ACLU of Louisiana and held roles as Deputy Chief of Staff for Mayor Cantrell and Deputy Director in Mayor Landrieu's Administration. In his position as HANO's Chief of Staff, he will concentrate on enhancing communication, governmental affairs, strategic initiatives, public policy, outreach, and customer satisfaction.



MARDI GRAS AND VALENTINE'S DAY ARTS AND CRAFTS AT LAFITTE SENIOR

On February 10, 2025, a Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day crafts event was held at the Lafitte Senior Community. The gathering was organized by High Voltage and HANO's Community Health Services Program, with ricRACK facilitating the arts and crafts. Seniors enjoyed a lunch of red beans and rice. The event included health components, with presentations on cholesterol management from Humana and health screenings from DePaul Community Health Center. Special thanks to Whole Foods Market and the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation for their support.



HR DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES THE HANO STAFF ON NATIONAL PIZZA DAY

On Monday, February 10th, HANO's HR Department provided a variety of pizzas for staff to enjoy. This event was appreciated by all! Thank you, HR, for the recognition and the delicious pizza! National Pizza Day was Sunday, February 9th, 2025.



HCVP DEPARTMENT TREATS HANO STAFF TO VALENTINE'S DAY BREAKFAST

The HCVP Department organized a Valentine's Day breakfast for the HANO staff on Friday, February 14, 2025. The breakfast featured a delightful selection of food, ranging from sweet treats to savory dishes. The room was adorned with heart decorations, creating a warm sense of community among the HANO staff. A heartfelt thank you to the HCVP Department!



FINANCIAL FITNESS WORKSHOP

We thank the residents who joined the Financial Fitness Workshop Series in February. The event was organized by HANO's ROSS Program in collaboration with The Neighborhood Development Foundation, One Life One Future, United Way, Total Community Action, and Family Resources. Special thanks to presenters Janyoko Bridges from Total Community Action, John Barthe from GNO Credit Union, Paula Pete from Family Resources, Shawn Rogers from Red River Bank, Fred Johnson from the Neighborhood Development Foundation, and Jonrika Norwood and Jarnel Cobb from Just Life Insurance, as well as Sam's Club for giveaways and Entergy for Energy Smart Program information. Participants from HANO's Homebuyer's Program, Lashaunda Francis and Natasha Joseph, shared valuable personal experiences.



HANO KINDNESS IN ACTION CONTINUES IN FEBRUARY WITH A BLOOD DRIVE

As part of the HANO in Kindness campaign, on Monday, February 3, 2025, the HANO HR Department organized a blood drive in collaboration with The Blood Center. Thank you to all the employees who contributed. Every blood donation can save up to three lives. The power of community makes a difference.



HANO PARTICIPATES IN THE AETNA BETTER HEALTH OF LOUISIANA AND GOODR POP-UP MARKET

Team members from HANO's Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Program and Community Health Services participated in the Aetna Better Health of Louisiana and Goodr Pop-Up Market on February 6 at A.L. Davis Park. This event, held just before the Big Game weekend in New Orleans, provided 350 families with free groceries, a hot meal, community resources, and health screenings. It was a fantastic chance for HANO to connect with the community and highlight the programs and services provided by the Client Services Department.





FISCHER SENIOR MARDI GRAS BALL

On Saturday, February 22, 2025, HANO hosted a magnificent Mardi Gras Ball for the Fischer Senior Community. Guests arrived in their most elegant Mardi Gras attire and enjoyed an evening filled with dancing. The highlight of the night was the crowning of Anthony Henderson and Gladys Butler as the ball's king and queen! We would like to express our appreciation to HANO Executive Director Marjorianna Willman and New Orleans City Councilmember Freddie King III for their presence at the event. A sincere thank you, as always, goes to our sponsors, the Fischer staff, HANO's Client Services Department, and HANO PD for making this delightful evening possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Career Workshop

HANO Helen Lang Boardroom, 2051 Senate St, New Orleans
March 19 | 10-12 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Board of Commissioners Meeting

HANO Helen Lang Boardroom, 2051 Senate St, New Orleans
March 25 | 4 p.m.

For further details on these and even more upcoming events, follow HANO online:  [hanohousing](https://www.facebook.com/hanohousing)  [hano_housing](https://www.instagram.com/hano_housing)



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