

HANO HIGHLIGHTS



August at HANO was full of excitement, program developments, and even a visit from a Japanese delegation interested in the city's storm resilience infrastructure. Read more below to catch up on the latest happenings.



HANO AND HUD HOST JAPANESE DELEGATION TO EXPLORE FLOOD RESILIENCE AND CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM

The New Orleans field office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently hosted a Japanese delegation interested in studying the city's flood risk reduction infrastructure and recovery resilience. On August 21, the delegation visited HANO community, Bienville Basin to learn about the Choice Neighborhoods Program. Before touring the complex, a discussion was led by HANO Executive Director Evette Hester, HUD Deputy Assistant Secretary Dr. Calvin Johnson, and HRI Communities President Josh Collen, focusing on the implementation of the Bienville Basin Choice Neighborhoods Initiative grant.

ADVANCING CHOICE COOPER: COMMUNITY COLLABORATION AND PROGRESS

Last month, HANO's Strategic Planning Department made further progress on Choice Cooper, a project launched through the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant to revitalize the B.W. Cooper Community. The department hosted workgroups and a site visit where Marrero Commons residents and stakeholders provided valuable input on housing, neighborhood development, transportation, education, employment, health services, and public safety. We thank the B.W. Cooper community for sharing ideas as we continue improving the neighborhood. Stakeholders also explored potential light art installations on S. Galvez Street, following a community vote earlier this summer. Learn more and get involved at www.coopercommunity.org.



HANO WRAPS UP 2024 BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES GIVEAWAY EVENT SERIES

Last month, HANO successfully concluded its annual Back-To-School Supplies giveaway event series, ensuring that hundreds of young residents across The Estates, Fischer, and New Florida/Scattered Sites communities were well-prepared for the new school year. The series was made possible by the collaborative efforts of HANO's Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency Program, Community Health Services teams, and a host of generous community sponsors, including Cox Communications, LSU School of Dentistry Pediatrics, and many more. The support from these sponsors highlighted the power of community collaboration and the shared commitment to equipping every child for a successful school year. This initiative underscores the strength of our community and the lasting impact of collective efforts in fostering a supportive environment for our youth.



FAREWELL TO SGT. LEONTINE MULLINS: A LEGACY OF SERVICE AND COMPASSION

Sgt. Leontine Mullins concluded her 12-year tenure at HANO on August 21. She was one of the first three officers to serve in the HANO Police Department when it became a commissioned law enforcement agency in 2011. Reflecting on her time at HANO, Sgt. Mullins shared that her most rewarding experience was serving as a liaison officer for senior citizens. "I made sure the senior citizens were not ignored, and in return, they opened up and wrapped their arms around me," she said. We are deeply grateful for Sgt. Mullins' dedicated service to HANO and wish her all the best in her next chapter, where she will be co-managing a daycare with her daughter in Slidell.



HANO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOINS CELEBRATORY LUNCHEON AT 2024 NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE CONFERENCE

HANO Executive Director Evette Hester attended the 2024 National Urban League Conference, including its award luncheon that celebrated the impactful work of the Urban League of Louisiana. The event showcased the collaborative efforts of leaders and organizations committed to advancing equity and opportunity. HANO is proud to support these partnerships, which drive positive change and enhance the well-being of New Orleans residents.

HANO Executive Director, Evette Hester pictured with Judy Reese Morse, President and CEO of the Urban League of Louisiana.

SWEET APPRECIATION: HANO CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL ICE CREAM DAY WITH EMPLOYEES

On August 19, in celebration of International Ice Cream Day, HANO's Human Resources Department organized an employee appreciation event, turning the day into a delightful ice cream party.

The event was designed to show gratitude to the dedicated staff who continue to contribute to HANO's mission. Employees gathered for a refreshing break from their routine, enjoying a variety of tasty ice cream treats!

