



MS. KEVA LANDRUM NAMED HANO INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On October 29th, the Housing Authority of New Orleans Board of Commissioners appointed Ms. Keva Landrum as Interim Executive Director, effective November 5, 2024. Currently the General Counsel of HANO, she has 20 years of leadership experience, including serving as a judge and interim district attorney for Orleans Parish. Ms. Landrum holds a Juris Doctorate from Tulane Law School and a Bachelor's degree from Washington University in St. Louis. She is actively involved in community service and has received several accolades for her contributions. Ms. Landrum expressed gratitude for the board's trust and aims to maintain stability until a permanent director is named. The outgoing Executive Director, Evette Hester, concluded her tenure on November 4, 2024, following her resignation acceptance on September 24. HANO is committed to finding the best leadership to guide the agency into the future.

821 WASHINGTON AVE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY CELEBRATES EXPANSION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

HANO held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for 821 Washington Avenue on October 23, 2024, to celebrate ongoing efforts to expand affordable housing opportunities in the city. The event featured remarks from notable guests: the Honorable LaToya Cantrell, Mayor of New Orleans; Mrs. Carolyn Johnson, President of HANO's Board of Commissioners; Ms. Evette Hester, Executive Director of HANO; and Mrs. Ashley Hisman, Executive Vice President of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce. After the ceremony, an open-house tour of the property was held. After renovations, the property will offer 31 modern apartments for lease starting in October 2025.



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AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION TOURS BIENVILLE BASIN

On October 21, Ms. Evette Hester, Executive Director of HANO, hosted Dr. Michael Fotheringham from the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute at Bienville Basin Apartments for a presentation on the Choice Neighborhoods Program. He was accompanied by Cindy Campbell and Pat Forbes from HUD, along with Lindy Betzhold from NOAA. Following Ms. Hester's opening remarks, Christopher Clement from HRI shared insights into the history of the Bienville Basin project and guided a tour of the property.

COMMUNITY DAY IN ALGIERS

On October 5th, HANO joined the Mayor's Neighborhood Engagement Office Community Day in Algiers. Following opening remarks from Mayor LaToya Cantrell and community leaders, volunteers cleaned up the neighborhood. Attendees interacted with city agencies and nonprofits, receiving free groceries, flu vaccinations, and snobbals.



NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME AT FISCHER COMMUNITY CENTER

The Fischer Community gathered for the National Night Out Against Crime. Thanks to the HANO Police, New Orleans Police Department, and New Orleans Fire Department for their participation. Attendees enjoyed hot dogs, snobbals, and had fun on the fire truck. Night Out Against Crime is a national event founded in 1984 as an opportunity to strengthen ties between law enforcement and neighborhoods for crime prevention.

HANO SURVIVORS AND FIGHTERS WALK

The inaugural Survivors and Fighters Walk occurred on October 24th to honor cancer survivors and cultivate a sense of community. This event is designed to raise awareness and encourage regular health screenings, while exemplifying compassion and support. A heartfelt thank you goes to the HANO Human Resources Department for organizing the walk, the HANO PD for ensuring safety on the route, the HANO employees who volunteered their time, and Marines Corporal David L. Parkinson and Lance Corporal Quran S. Tatum for leading the warm-up session. HANO intends to establish this walk as an annual tradition.



TRUNK-OR-TREAT AT FISCHER AND NEW FLORIDA

The recent Trunk-or-Treat event at New Florida Playground on Oct 25th and at Fischer Playground on Oct 28th was a delightful success! Kids of all ages ate popcorn and cotton candy, watched a movie in the park, and went home with a basket full of candy. This wonderfully spooky occasion was organized by HANO's Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency Program team. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to HANO PD, NOPD, Humans, United Health, DePaul Community Health Centers, One Life One Future, and all the New Florida and Fischer staff and residents whose contributions were instrumental in making the evening memorable.

HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES AT HANO

We had an incredible Halloween celebration at HANO, complete with a costume contest and trick-or-treating. Various departments across the agency embraced spooky and fun themes in their decorations. A standout highlight was the disco party in the Customer Service Department, featuring a disco ball and 70s retro candy.

The winners of the costume contest were:

- 1st Place: Krystal Smith
- 2nd Place: D'Antionette Johnson
- 3rd Place: Robert Samuels
- Honorable Mention: Allan Francis



HANO KINDNESS IN ACTION: DONATIONS FOR BREAST CANCER PATIENTS

During October, in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Human Resources Department coordinated a donation drive for comfort kit items to assist breast cancer patients at the Lieselotte Tansey Breast Center at Ochsner. We sincerely thank the numerous generous HANO employees who have contributed, showcasing that HANO Kindness In Action is truly thriving.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL PRETZEL MONTH

In celebration of National Pretzel Month, the Human Resources Department took the opportunity to express their gratitude to HANO employees by treating them to a cup of Auntie Anne's pretzel nuggets.

