

## HOUSING MATTERS

#### SAVE THE DATE

# There's No Place Like Home



ATTAINABLE HOUSING STAKEHOLDER SUMMIT

Thursday, February 22, 2024 | Eckburg Auditorium at Savannah Tech 8:30 am - Doors open | 3:00 pm - Event concludes

#### We invite **YOU** to join us for this important event.

The Housing Task Force's 2021 Action Plan identified many barriers and challenges to the preservation and development of affordable housing in our area. Now we need to take the next step and bring together stakeholders to systematically and collectively address those barriers throughout Chatham County.

Housing Savannah and the Chatham County Housing Coalition (CCHC) will lead the effort to prioritize the identified barriers, and then to schedule, facilitate, and manage working groups to address each barrier and seek a solution.

The first of these meetings is *There's No Place Like Home*, a large-scale convening event to develop a common understanding and a common language around affordable and workforce housing within our community.

#### It's important that all community stakeholders have a voice!

This event will be free and open to the public and will give citizens the chance to gather with a wide variety of housing practitioners, elected officials, and municipal staff from throughout Chatham County, to collaboratively address the barriers to affordable housing that are preventing our community from truly thriving. There's no cost to attend, but seating is limited, so please reserve your seat today!

Please join us to share your perspective and voice your priorities!



Safe, stable, healthy, and affordable housing is the cornerstone of a thriving community.







Learn more & Reserve your seat: www.HousingSavannah.org (912) 651-6766





**Reserve Your Seat Here** 

### It's No Joke -We Want You to Join Us For a Very Funny Fundraiser!

But don't worry - we're not writing the jokes!

Housing Savannah is teaming up with our very funny friends at the Front Porch Improv for a special Valentine's Day fundraising event:

"Laugh Your Heart Out: A Stand-Up Special for *Housing*Savannah."



The tremendous need for affordable housing is no laughing matter, but you're sure to have a great time at this comedy showcase featuring a fantastic line-up of local talent, as we raise critically needed funds to preserve and develop housing that is attainable for citizens at all price levels!

So, grab your tickets now and plan to join us for an extra special Valentine's Day at Front Porch Improv on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, to *Laugh Your Heart Out!* 

#### **BUY TICKETS HERE**

### **Homelessness Op-Ed from National Low Income Housing Coalition President**

*MSNBC* published an op-ed by National Low Income Housing Coalition President and CEO Diane Yentel on December 27, 2023, urging Congress to act now to reverse the sharp rise in homelessness seen over the past year.

According to a recent report from HUD, the number of people experiencing homelessness on a single night in 2023 was the highest number since reporting began. A full 40% of people experiencing homelessness were living unsheltered, living in places not meant for human habitation.

Yet, as the op-ed makes clear, there is reason for optimism: recent experience has shown that Congress can act promptly and decisively to prevent housing insecurity when it so chooses.



To end homelessness, Congress must increase investments in proven, long-term solutions to address its underlying causes: the persistent shortage of homes affordable to people with the lowest incomes and the gap between incomes and housing costs. Congress should make rental assistance available to all eligible households in need, preserve and expand the supply of homes affordable to the lowest-income people, and maintain those pandemic programs that prevented evictions and homelessness.

Click Here to Read the Op-Ed

### Won't You Invest to Build a Stronger, Healthier Community?

#### Your support is critical.

It won't happen overnight, but our community is poised to make significant progress toward preserving and developing housing that is attainable for our citizens at every price level. Each of us plays a role in addressing this dire situation.

Citizens can be part of the solution by contributing to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF); by advocating for more affordable housing options in all areas of our community; or by volunteering to work on a home repair site via United Way of the Coastal Empire's Housing Heroes program!

Together we can make progress. Together, we can ensure that everyone in our community has a safe, stable, healthy home that they can afford.

### YES, I'LL HELP!

We grow community resources to create and preserve housing that is affordable for everyone.







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