

"The first lesson a revolutionary must learn is that he is a doomed man." - Huey P. Newton

## Dance Africa to Celebrate Nat'l Day

Celebrate National Dance Day at Dance Africa

on Saturday, September 18. All students in grades 3-8 are welcomed. No experience needed. Registration is free but required.

Participants will celebrate diversity through: West African Dance, West African Drums, Jazz, Tap, and Hip Hop. The program is funded by a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment of the Arts. For more information, visit

Facebook page to Register @DanceAfricaHuntsville. Schedule - Grades 3-5; and Schedule Grades 6-8.

## **OU Wins STEM Award from NSF**

Three Oakwood University STEM professors (Dr. Kenneth Lai Hing, professor of chemistry; Dr. Steven Lai Hing, associate professor of chemistry; and Dr. Elaine Vanterpool, professor and chair of biology) wrote and submitted a competitive grant to the National Science Foundation (NSF) titled "Improving Retention and the Quality of STEM (i.e., science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Education and Research at Oakwood University."

On August 24, 2021, the NSF notified the Office of Grants and Research at Oakwood University that the submitted grant had been successfully funded, with an intended award amount of \$1.2 million dollars. Annually, less than 30% of competitive grants that are submitted are successfully awarded funding by the NSF.

The grant will expand faculty research and boost OU's number of STEM graduates.

# **Council Expected to Vote on Budget Sept. 23**

Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle presented the city's proposed FY 2022 General Fund Budget last week to City Council. Updated budgets for the City's capital improvement plans were presented this week at a Council work session. Council is expected to vote on final adoption Sept. 23 in time for the start of the 2022 fiscal year on Oct. 1.

The \$245 million operating budget includes increased spending for public safety, road resurfacing, mental health care, parks and recreation, and a 3% cost-of-living raise for City employees, according to HuntsvilleAL.com.

Battle said the budget reflects the growth in demand for services and amenities. The FY22 budget funds the new Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, provides the City's biggest investment in mental health through a collaboration with Wellstone Behavioral Health, and provides property and funding for a new administrative building for Huntsville City Schools.

While the budget reflects a 4% increase in spending over FY21, it reallocates Sanitation from the general fund budget into an enterprise budget. This will allow the department to better track and respond to growing demand for trash and bulk waste collections.

Budget highlights include: \$1 million for City Schools administration building; funding for construction of new City Hall; new fire station in western corridor; \$1.5 million increase for outside agencies; Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; 20 new Huntsville Fire & Rescue positions; 29 new Huntsville Police positions; 35 new Parks & Recreation positions; several park improvements to include Legacy Park, Oak Park and Crawford Park; and additional phases of Sandra Moon Complex.

## A&M Board to Hold In-Person Interviews

The Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees returned from a threehour virtual Executive Session around 6 p.m. Friday, September 10, 2021, part of deliberations following the virtual interviews of three presidential finalists.

The Board recessed until a time and date to be

set by Board President Pro Tem Jerome B. Williams to conduct in-person interviews of the finalists (i.e.,



University).

Dr. Colette Pierce Burnett,

son University; Dr. Rodney

president, Huston-Tillot-

Smothers, Sr., president,

Philander Smith College;

and Dr. Daniel K. Wims,

provost and vice president

for academic affairs and for

research at Alabama A&M



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# Washington in One Minute



Here are the happenings in Washington, D.C., this week:

1) ON THE FLOOR. The Senate reconvened Monday to

resume consideration of the nomination of James Kvaal to be Under Secretary of Education. The Senate this week may also vote to invoke cloture on 3 federal judge nominees and a voting rights bill, known as the "For the People Act," which failed an earlier cloture vote on June 22. The House has no floor votes scheduled until next Monday, September 20, but House committees will continue marking up their portions of the \$3.5 trillion Budget Reconciliation Bill, which is the vehicle for the Biden Administration's American Families Plan, to comply with House Speaker Pelosi's requirement that the committees report their portions of the Reconciliation bill to the Budget Committee by this Wednesday. Secretary of State Antony Blinken faced questions Monday on the evacuation from Afghanistan when he testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee and on Tuesday before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. 2) THE WHITE HOUSE. On Monday, President Biden visited Boise, Idaho, to tour the National Interagency Fire Center and then traveled to Sacramento, Calif., to survey wildfire damage. His next stop was Long Beach, Calif., where he campaigned with Gov. Gavin Newsom ahead of the Governor's recall election on Tuesday (September 14). From there, the President trav-

eled to Denver, Colo., for an

Last Thursday, the President announced a series of steps his Administration will take pertaining to the Covid pandemic: The Department of Labor will develop an emergency rule to require all employers with 100 or more employees, (about 80 million workers) to be fully vaccinated or show a negative test at least once a week; Require all workers in hospitals, home healthcare facilities, and other medical facilities that receive funding from Medicare or Medicaid (17 million healthcare workers) to be fully vaccinated; Require all executive branch federal employees to be fully vaccinated; Ask doctors to contact their unvaccinated patients over the next 2 weeks and make a personal appeal to them to get the vaccine; and Encourage operators of large entertainment venues - sports arenas, concert venues, and movie theaters — to require attendees to be vaccinated or show a negative test as a condition of entry.

event to promote his national

"Build Back Better" agenda.

3) DEBT LIMIT. Last Wednesday, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen sent a letter to Congress warning that the U.S. Treasury will exhaust its extraordinary measures to continue to finance the government on a temporary basis, as well as exhausting all available cash on hand, as soon as this October if Congress does not approve legislation to raise or extend the nation's borrowing authority. There are persistent rumors that the Democratic Leadership will add the debt limit to the expected stopgap spending measure Congress

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will pass this month to keep the government operating when the federal fiscal year begins on October 1. Last week, President Biden asked Congress to include in the stopgap measure \$14 billion in disaster aid and \$6.4 billion to help Afghan allies and partners settle in the U.S. 4) EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE. Last Friday, the House Education and Labor Committee voted 28 to 22 along party lines to approve its \$761 billion component of a House reconciliation bill that would expand federal Pell grants and establish free community college tuition in participating states. The legislation includes the committee's portion of the Build Back Better Act, a massive \$3.5 trillion bill that Congressional Democrats are attempting to pass through

the budget reconciliation process to avoid needing GOP votes in the evenly divided Senate. The Democrats' sweeping package includes money for school infrastructure, free community college, universal preschool, a \$500 increase to the maximum Pell Grant and child care subsidies. It also includes new federal aid to help reduce tuition at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-serving institutions, Tribal colleges and other minority-serving institutions. 5) SEPTEMBER 18 RALLY. According to published reports, the U.S. Capitol Police Force is planning to reinstall a 7-ft perimeter fence around the Capitol this week in preparation for the "Justice for J6" rally this Saturday on the West Lawn of the Capitol that is being organized by right-

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leaning Look Ahead America, which is being held to demand that the Justice Department drop charges against the 570 people charged in connection with the January 6th Capitol attack. It has also been reported that U.S. Capitol police officers have been authorized to use deadly force to protect Members of Congress and staff. On Monday, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) convened a meeting with GOP and Democratic leaders to discuss security preparations for the rally.

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"Reactionary movements can't sustain themselves unless they find something new to catch and burn on." - N. K. Jemisin



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# THE VALLEY WEEKLY HAMPION

### WHY PRAYER MATTERS

Luke 11:10 says, "For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

You know, one of the things that I have come to realize is, prayer changes things. If we look at one of the characteristics of Jesus, we see that He was consistent when it came to prayer. We also need to be consistent when it comes to our prayer life as well. Because there will be disappointments and trials in our lives.

Now, how we deal with the trials that come, is very important. Because I believe that there are only two outcomes that we can expect. Either we survive or we are

victorious. In other words, some people who have made it through hardships and disappointments may survive, but they come out "tattered and torn". They come out of the situation perhaps bitter, angry and frustrated . But they survived. However, on the other hand there are people who come out of their circumstances victorious. They have an attitude of triumph about them. Because they have evidence of God's goodness in their lives. Now why is this? I believe the reason for this enthusiastic optimism has everything to do with their prayer life. Because prayer changes things. When we pray, it gives us all a different perspective about



our circumstance. When we pray, we bring God into our situation and everything changes. When we pray it forces us to live by faith. It also forces us to surrender our pride and self-sufficiency that so many of us have. Prayer is the only way that we can keep the lines of communication open with God.... Stay encouraged my brothers and sisters.

Make sure you purchase a copy of my book, A Champion Game Plan For Life" at amazon .com



#### Sunday, September 19, 2021

Track 1 or Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37

Track 2 Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 54 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37



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September 14 Free Computer Refresher Course Huntsville Bible College 906 Oakwood Avenue NW Huntsville, Ala. 5-6:30 p.m.

#### September 17

Night Blooms Huntsville Botanical Garden

## September 24

Open Studio Night Lowe Mill Arts & Entertainment 5 p.m.

#### September 25

Bulldog Football AAMU vs. Tuskegee Ladd-Peebles Stadium Mobile, Ala. 4 p.m.

## September 30

Kenny G Concert Hall Von Braun Center

#### October 9

**Bulldog Football** AAMU vs. Jackson State Louis Crews Stadium 2 p.m.

## October 16

Bulldog Football AAMU vs. Florida A&M Louis Crews Stadium 1 p.m.

#### October 24

Historic Marker Dedication Recognizing Huntsville's Black Suffragists Sponsor: Historic Huntsville Foundation, WHCAA William Hooper Councill Memorial Park 620 St. Clair Street Huntsville, Ala. 2 p.m.



## NELMS MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME

2501 Carmichael Avenue NW - Huntsville, AL 35816 - (256) 539-8189

Graveside service for MRS. LUCY MAE PITTS JEFFERSON (b. 1944) was held Monday, September 13, at the New Hope Cemetery.

*Graveside service for MR. LOREN E. GILBREATH (b. 1969)* was held Saturday, September 11, at Valhalla Memory Gardens with the Reverend Hurley Grissom officiating.

Graveside service for MS. JASMIN S. GUNN (b. 1988) was held Saturday, September 11, at Oakwood Cemetery (3523 *Jackson Highway - Sheffield, Ala.) with the Reverend Sammy Milton officiating.* 

Public viewing for MR. ROBERT L. STEELE (b. 1949) was held Saturday, September 11, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

## **ROYAL FUNERAL HOME**

4315 Oakwood Avenue - Huntsville, AL 35810 - (256) 534-8481

Graveside service for MRS. ROSA PATRICE ALEXANDER (b. 1951) was held Monday, September 13, at Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mount Lebanon Road, Toney, Ala.) with Dr. O. Wendell Davis officiating.

Funeral service for MR. WILLARD V. POWERS (b. 1951) was held Sunday, September 12, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Pastor Waymond Smith officiating.

*Graveside service for MR. ELLIS TILLMAN BONE (b. 1940)* was held Saturday, September 11, at the Valhalla Memory Gardens (698 Winchester Road NE, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Gary Battle officiating.

*Graveside service for MS. OZIE MOORE GARNER was held* Saturday, September 11, at the Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mount Lebanon Road, Toney, Ala.) with Pastor Maurice Wright officiating.

Graveside service for MR. ROSCOE TAYLOR (b. 1967) was held Saturday, September 11, at the Valhalla Memory Gardens (698 Winchester Road, NE, Huntsville, Ala.) with Elder Gregory McGlathery officiating.

## SERENITY FUNERAL HOME

2505 University Drive NW - Huntsville, AL 35816 - (256) 539-9693

Funeral service for MS. STARSHENNA NASHAY ANDER-SON was held Saturday, September 11, at Serenity Funeral Ноте.



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communication positive, listen to all opinions, try to lighten the mood with a joke or laughter when tensions and emotions are running high.

4. Spend time together. They are deliberate about planning activities in which all family members can participate. Meal-time is a great place to start. As much as possible, include family members in menu planning, shopping and food preparation.

5. Have a sense of spiritual well-being. They believe in a greater power and have shared beliefs. They accept and tolerate beliefs of others, without judging. Regardless of the expression of their spiritual lifestyle, there are consistent themes of guiding values and ethics, as well as a commitment to important causes.

#### 6. Handle stressful situations and crises effectively. They are often able to cope with difficult situations because they are resilient. They encourage family members to work together and share feelings when the going gets tough. They seek outside help when they realize that the situation is beyond their control.

#### ~Think It Over~

Examine your current family and do the following: Place an "A" (Always) by the trait

Dr. Margaret J. Kelly

that is practiced in your family. By the trait that can be improved in your family, place "NI" (Need Improvement). If a trait does not relate to your family or is not important to you, place "NA" (Not Applicable) by it.

Congratulations! Your family exhibits traits of a strong, healthy family!

Sources: Australian Parenting Website

Raising Children.net.au Lynn, Dennis. "The Family

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*"If you are silent about your pain,* they'll kill you and say you enjoyed it."

- Zora Neale Hurston



## by Margaret Jan Kelly, Ph.D.

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THE FAMILY

"Family Reunion" and

"We Are Family" are popular

songs (recorded by the

O'Jays in 1975 and Sister

that capture many of the

FAMILY!

Sledge in 1979, respectively)

profound sentiments I have

about the paramount gift of

While each family is

nuclear (first-time married

same household); single-

adult; blended/stepparent;

parent; childless, single

grandparent; elderly;

foster: situational or un-

of type and size, exhibit

challenging and difficult

reveal six traits that exist

strengths, experience

grow stronger.

conventional, to name a few.

All families, regardless

situations, and have room to

Credible family scientists

unique, manifesting as

father, mother and at least one child living in the among strong, healthy families. A description of each trait is presented below.

1. Express appreciation and affection for each family member. They care deeply for one another, and they let each other know this on a regular basis. They are not afraid to express love and say "I love you."

#### 2. Spend time together.

They prioritize and schedule time to be together. Sometimes, love is spelled T-I-M-E. They use appreciative language and gestures when communicating with each other.

## 3. Practice open

communication. They talk (Not just via texts nor emails) to each other regularly on various subjects. They try to keep their

NOTICE!!!

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Huntsville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization will meet Monday, September 20, 2021 at 5:00 pm. The Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board meets on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 4:00 pm. ALL meetings will be held on the 1st floor of COH City Hall located at 308 Fountain Circle, unless otherwise noted on the Huntsville-Area MPO website at www.huntsvillempo.org. To review plans on the agenda for this meeting visit: http://www.huntsvil-<u>lempo.org/plans-and-reports/</u> For all other information on these meetings visit: http://www.huntsvillempo.org/about/meetings-and-agendas/

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Perspectives on God Views Current News

# "The American Ego" has landed (finally, I hope). Now, stay home.

On August 30, the U.S. fled Afghanistan defeated. Like Vietnam in 1975, America exited an unwinnable war against people of color defending their own turf.

Hopefully, now the Biden administration has learned finally a valuable lesson lost on its three predecessors: prioritize your resources fixing your own home over tampering into others' domestic affairs.

This is a lesson that most of us learned at home. And from the Bible.

#### Home-work Lessons

As children, our parents often taught us to stay out of other folks' business. It was not our business and



we often don't know what's behind their closed doors.

Specifically, Afghanistan was less of one unified country and more a confederation of tribes locked in centuries-old warfare. The Soviet Union's 1989 defeat there should have taught us that beforehand. Fixing problems should be first an at-home priority, as Jesus in Matthew 7:1-5 cautioned his followers about judging and criticizing others:

"Wipe that ugly sneer off your own face, and you might be fit to offer a washcloth to your neighbor."

America's re-resurgence of rising COVID hospitalization rates, states' new efforts to limit abortion and voting rights, and meeting the struggles of climate change-inducing catastrophic floods and wildfires all represent our ugly sneered face to the world.

Rather than continuing failed meddling in other's civil unrest, we need to fix our own - a domestic "Marshall Plan." This 1948 European Recovery Program provided \$15 billion to rebuild Western Europe after World War II's devastation.

Similarly, the Biden administration is attacking vigorously that previous laundry list of current American shortfalls - and more, https://oliverwillis.com/joebiden-accomplishments-the-full-list/.

Biden's stopping the 20-year Afghan war and taking responsibility for the aftermath of that decision will allow him to focus more of his attention on domestic problems.

Are you cleaning your own home first? If not, begin doing so now.

Don't delay waiting 20 years to mind your own business!



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### COVID-19-RELATED UNEMPLOYMENT Alabama Department of Labor (866) 234-5382 labor.alabama.gov

MADISON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (256) 539-3711

### LATEST COVID-19 INFORMATION

Alabama Department of Public Health www.alabamapublichealth. gov

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cdc.gov

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## A Dead Cat on the Line

Joshua 7:5-12; 18-20

A recent Facebook post used this phrase in the comment section. Another one on that same thread raised the question as to what that phrase meant. The person who said it explained that it meant that something is going on in a situation that was not right. The saying suggests that usually what is wrong in those scenarios is not

easily detected but is obvious based on the outcomes of certain actions that are taken.

Had this been a 'saying' in Joshua's day, he certainly would have used it after his defeat at Ai. He went into that battle confident of victory and came out shamed because of such a definitive defeat. He rent his clothes and fell to the earth and asked God why He brought them across the

Jordan just to be handed such a humiliating defeat. Joshua even suggested that it would have been better if they had not even crossed. God's answer to him was the equivalent of saying, "There's a dead cat on the line." That 'dead cat' was Achan. He confessed as much, and it resulted in him being stoned to death.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC **CITY OF HUNTSVILLE**

The City of Huntsville's Community Development Department has completed its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for FY20. A draft copy of this report may be viewed on line at www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/ and at the Community Development Department Office located in the Yarbrough Office Center, 120 E. Holmes Avenue, and the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, located at 915 Monroe Street. Submit comments to Scott Erwin, City of Huntsville Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804 or scott.erwin@huntsvilleal.gov Deadline for comments is September 18, 2021. For more information regarding this public notice or to request special accommodations, please call (256) 427-5400. Hearing or speech impaired residents are encouraged to use the TTY line at (256) 427-7092 for requests.

## AVISO A LA CIUDAD PÚBLICA DE HUNTSVILLE

La ciudad del departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad de Huntsville ha terminado su informe anual consolidado del funcionamiento y de la evaluación (CAPER) para FY20. Un copy de bosquejo de este informe se puede repasar por el público en línea en www.huntsvilleal. gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/ y en la oficina del departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad situada en el centro de la oficina de Yarbrough, 120 E. Avenida de Holmes, y la biblioteca pública del condado de Huntsville-Madison, situada en la calle de 915 Monroe. Envíe sus comentarios a Scott Erwin, Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad de Huntsville, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804 o scott.erwin@huntsvilleal.gov. La fecha límite para comentarios es el 18 de Septiembre de 2021. Para obtener más información sobre este aviso público o para solicitar adaptaciones especiales, llame al (256) 427-5400. Se recomienda a los residentes con problemas de audición o del habla que utilicen la línea TTY al (256) 427-7092 para realizar solicitudes.







matter is that God notices and knows. As believers it is a good practice to pray often the prayer that says,



"Search me oh God." It keeps the dead cats off the line.



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# Rosetta James Foundation "Spotlight on Our Elders" ... Featuring Mrs. Bettye Williams Dixie

Mrs. Bettye Williams Dixie is a sociology graduate of Tuskegee Institute (University), and she earned the M.Ed. degree in counseling from Pennsylvania State University.

For nearly 30 years, Dixie served as a career counselor of individuals entering or re-entering postsecondary education. Her noble duties included personal adjustment counseling, interpreting tests and interest inventories.

As a dementia expert, Dixie has engaged dementia residents in nursing homes in art and music activities, important functions that have assisted these persons with needed coping skills. Moreover, she has trained nursing home staff and the general public in the unique causes of dementia, as well as how to best work with dementia patients.

The multitalented Dixie has worked in the fundraising sector for nearly decade for at least three worthwhile nonprofit organizations. She has served on the Board of Trustees for the Presbyterian Home for Children in Talladega, Ala., for two years. Since its founding in 1868, the Presbyterian Home for Children has led the state in providing services to Alabama's at-risk children. The organization has provided clients with

services aimed at preserving and reunifying families in their own home. This has been a proven and effective method to end cycles of abuse and neglect. PHC's Secure Dwellings Program provides safe and affordable housing on the PHC campus to homeless children and their female caregiver, while dedicated staff work to minister to their needs by empowering the caregiver to achieve goals and reach self-sufficiency, as well as providing a safe haven for homeless children to rest, grow and play. Finally, the Supportive Housing communities throughout the state serve homeless children with their female caregiver.

Dixie has provided useful expertise for six years to Mission Haven, which offers affordable shortterm housing and friendly hospitality to missionary families, as well as for students at local seminaries. Her affiliation with RiahRose Home for Children has centered around providing a home for homeless pregnant women and homeless families with young children.

Among her many affiliations are Fellowship Presbyterian Church U.S.A.; The Golden Charmers, an aggregate of older adults focusing on offering support and information on health issues, leisure pursuits, volunteerism, successful aging, financial



well-being and faith in God; Presbyterian Women (moderator and vice moderator), nurturing faith through prayer and Bible study, and advocating for justice and peace; the Chancel Choir; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and the Huntsville Spiritual Chorale, which performs and preserves the coveted Negro Spiritual.

Dixie is also actively involved in the Alpha Omega Chapter (founding member) of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and its ongoing work to launch services for intellectually and developmentally disabled citizens. She has served as the organization's president, vice president, chaplain and membership intake coordinator.

She is married to Dr. Theodore Dixie, Sr., a retired Alabama A&M University professor, and they have one son, Ted, Jr.



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#### **CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA** DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION AVAILABILITY

The City of Huntsville, Alabama, through its Community Development Department, is accepting applications for HOME funded projects that will utilize Alabama Housing Finance Authority Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

Applications must be received by the Community Development Department, at one of the addresses referenced below, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2021 to be considered.

#### **Physical Address**

City of Huntsville Community Development Department 120 Holmes Ave., East Yarbrough Office Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Huntsville, Alabama 35801

**Mailing Address** City of Huntsville **Community Development Department** P. O. Box 308 Huntsville, AL 35804-0308

Copies of the HOME Funds Application, containing detailed application procedures and other information, may be obtained at the above physical address, on the City of Huntsville website at www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/ or by contacting Scott Erwin, Manager of Community Development, at 256-427-5423 or scott.erwin@huntsvilleal.gov for an electronic copy.

### CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA DEPARTAMENTO DEL DESARROLLO DE LA COMUNIDAD DISPONIBILIDAD CASERA DEL USO DEL PROGRAMA

La ciudad de Huntsville, Alabama, con su departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad, está aceptando los usos para los fondos CASEROS, para ser utilizada en los proyectos que utilizarán Alabama que contiene créditos de impuesto de la autoridad de las finanzas. Los usos se deben recibir por el departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad, a la una de las direcciones referidas abajo, no más adelante que 5:00 P.M. ser considerado el mircoles 15 de Noviembre de 2021.

#### **Dirección física**

Ciudad de Huntsville Departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad Edificio de oficinas de Yarbrough - 2nd Piso Avenida de 120 Holmes.. del este Huntsville, Alabama 35801

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Se pueden obtener copias de la Solicitud de fondos de HOME, que contiene los procedimientos de solicitud detallados y otra información, en la dirección física anterior, en el sitio web de la Ciudad de Huntsville en www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/ o comuníquese con Scott Erwin, Gerente de Desarrollo Comunitario, al 256-427-5423 o scott.erwin@huntsvilleal.gov para obtener una copia electrónica.

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