

## WHAT'S NEW

### **STAFF CHANGES**

The Office of Portfolio Management and the Compliance team said good-bye to Compliance Officer Erica Deshazor this month. We wish Erica all the best in her future endeavors. Please route any questions you may have for Erica regarding your audit/inspection to [Review.Submissions@dca.ga.gov](mailto:Review.Submissions@dca.ga.gov) and [OPMPodB@dca.ga.gov](mailto:OPMPodB@dca.ga.gov).

### **CONFERENCES, CONFERENCES AND MORE CONFERENCES!**

In the last 60 days, we have connected with housing advocacy groups, other state HFA's, planners, developers, county commissioners, and state officials to discuss policy updates, housing solutions and more! Below is a snapshot of our collaboration and engagement with various affordable housing stakeholders.

- The Office of Portfolio Management hosted the Southeastern States Housing (SESH) Conference. Speakers discussed updates to housing policies and shared housing solutions and more. Learn more about our collaborative event [here](#).
- DCA staff attended the 3-day Atlanta-based [Purpose Built Communities](#) national conference. Purpose Built Communities is a non-profit organization working to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty through cross-sector partnerships with local lead organizations to help create vibrant communities. Learn more about Purpose Built Communities [here](#).
- DCA hosted the 3rd Annual Fall Conference. Presenters included DCA staff members and agency partners who represent areas of safe and affordable housing, community and economic development, and local government assistance. Concurrent sessions focused on a variety of topics for those in attendance which included elected officials, city planners, and others focused on community development. Learn more about DCA's Fall Conference [here](#).

## COMPLIANCE CORNER

### **RFP: COMPLIANCE FILE REVIEW**

DCA appreciates the time and effort respondents put into their RFP submissions. To see the selected firms for contracts click [here](#).

### **SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES 2020 COLA INCREASE**

The 2020 Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) was announced on October 10th, 2019. All Social Security and Veteran benefit recipients will receive a 1.6% increase on their benefits beginning with their January 2020 payment. This 1.6% increase will need to be added into their benefit amounts for all move-ins or recertifications after this date. Please click on the [link](#) to read the announcement.

## ASSET MANAGEMENT

### **NEW REPORTING REQUIREMENT ALERT: FINANCIAL REPORTING**

In the near future, DCA will issue an update for property reporting requirements. All properties, regardless of the funding source, will be required to submit quarterly financial data. DCA intends to collect and review basic financial performance data for all properties. Be on the lookout for updates about this process and implementation dates.

## HELPING HAND

### **STAY CONNECTED: DIAL 2-1-1**

2-1-1 is a vital service that connects millions of people to help every year. Don't forget to share this valuable source of local human and social services with your residents. To learn more about how to connect residents to local assistance click [here](#).

## DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER....

### **DCA OFFICE CLOSING**

All DCA offices will be closed on November 11, 2019 in observance of Veterans Day. DCA would like to thank the service men and women for their service in our U.S. Armed Forces!

### **FAIR HOUSING**

You can never have too much Fair Housing training! On **November 14th** at 1:00 PM Compliance Prime is hosting a Fair Housing webinar, [Ensuring Fair Housing for People with Criminal Records](#). If you would like to register and learn more about the course content click [here](#).

## Georgia Housing Search

Listing on GeorgiaHousingSearch.org is completely free and can be done online at GeorgiaHousingSearch.org or via a toll-free call center at 877-428-8844. For GeorgiaHousingSearch.org questions, please call 877-428-8844 (quickest and easiest!) or register online at [www.GeorgiaHousingSearch.org](http://www.GeorgiaHousingSearch.org).

## Previous Notifications

### **Placed In Service Notification to DCA**

To sign up for this **DCA Compliance Blast**, click [here](#) and join our email group for updates!

DCA should be notified using the **Placed In Service Notification** no later than 30 days after the first building in your development is placed in service. The required notification form can be found on the [Compliance Monitoring](#) site, select the "Form" icon.

The form includes instructions for setting the development up in MITAS and obtaining initial access to MITAS for the property. For questions about the form or set up, send your email to [compliance@dca.ga.gov](mailto:compliance@dca.ga.gov).



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### **Quick Links**

[GA Affordable Housing Coalition](#)

[2013 HOME Final Rule](#)

 [Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\)](#)

 [Fair Housing Limited English Proficiency \(LEP\)](#)

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