



NEWSLETTER

KCHA COMMUNITY CONNECT

The Official Newsletter of the Kankakee County Housing Authority
Building Stable Homes, Empowering Stronger Futures

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the latest edition of KCHA Community Connect. Our mission remains rooted in providing secure, affordable housing and giving you the tools to thrive. This quarter, we highlight newly launched housing developments, financial wellness milestones, and essential local resources designed to help your family grow.



JOSEPH ANDERSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

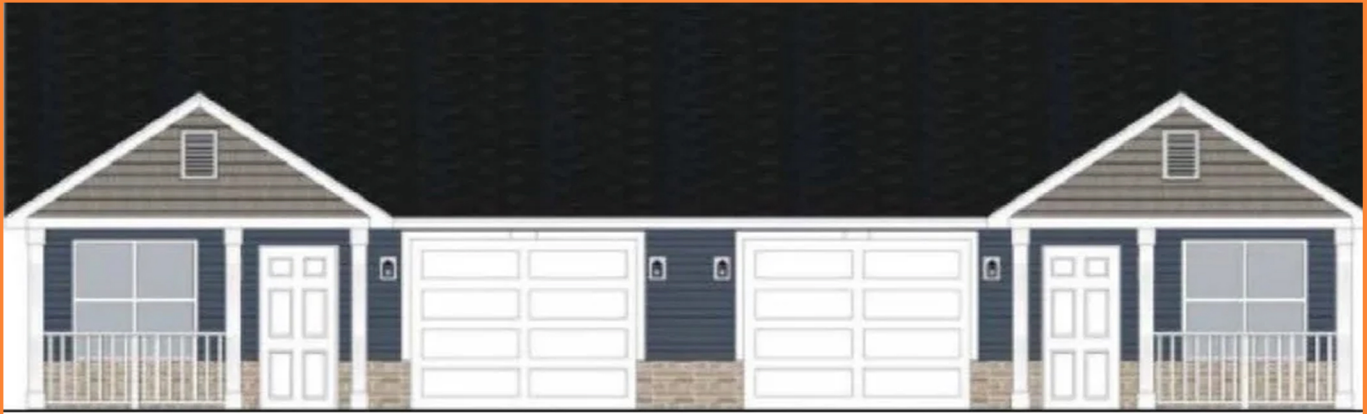


HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

On July 12th, 2026 the Kankakee County Housing Authority and its nonprofit affiliate, the Kankakee County Housing Development Corporation NFP announced a new affordable housing community designed to provide high quality housing homes for seniors aged 62 and older. The 18.3 million development represents a significant investment in expanding housing opportunities for older adults while supporting the long-term housing needs of the Kankakee community.

The new development will be located at 300 North Wildwood Avenue on the site of existing public housing owned by the Kankakee County Housing Authority. Once completed, Wildwood Residences will feature 40 affordable rental homes across thoughtfully designed duplex and triplex buildings, offering residents modern living spaces in a neighborhood that provides convenient access to essential community services.

The community will include 30 one-bedroom apartments and 10 two-bedroom apartments, providing housing options tailored to the needs of seniors seeking independent, affordable living. Every residence has been designed with comfort, accessibility, and long-term livability in mind.



The project is scheduled to reach financial closing in February 2027, with construction officially beginning shortly after in March 2027. Work on the development will progress over the following year, leading to the completion of construction in May 2028. Immediately following completion, the project will welcome its first residents during the initial occupancy phase in May 2028, ultimately reaching stabilized occupancy by August 2028.

Contact & Office Information

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HOURS OF OPERATION:

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Friday: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM (Closed Saturdays and Sundays)

Website: www.kchail.com

EMPOWER FORWARD (FSS PROGRAM)



The Empower Forward FSS Program is managed by the Kankakee County Housing Authority (KCHA). It is a voluntary, five-year program designed to assist Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher holders and public housing residents in building financial assets, achieving economic independence, and moving away from government assistance.

"Congratulations to Mr. John McDonald on graduating from the Empower Forward FSS Program on **JUNE 16TH, 2026!**"

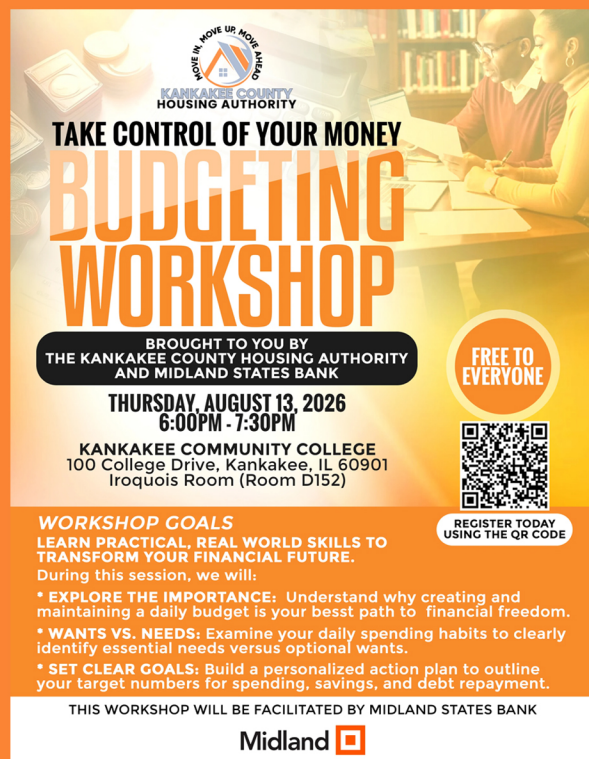
Along with receiving his escrow check, John is now taking the exciting next step of purchasing a home through the Homeownership Program."

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**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026
6:00PM - 7:30PM**

KANKAKEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
100 College Drive, Kankakee, IL 60901
Iroquois Room (Room D152)

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