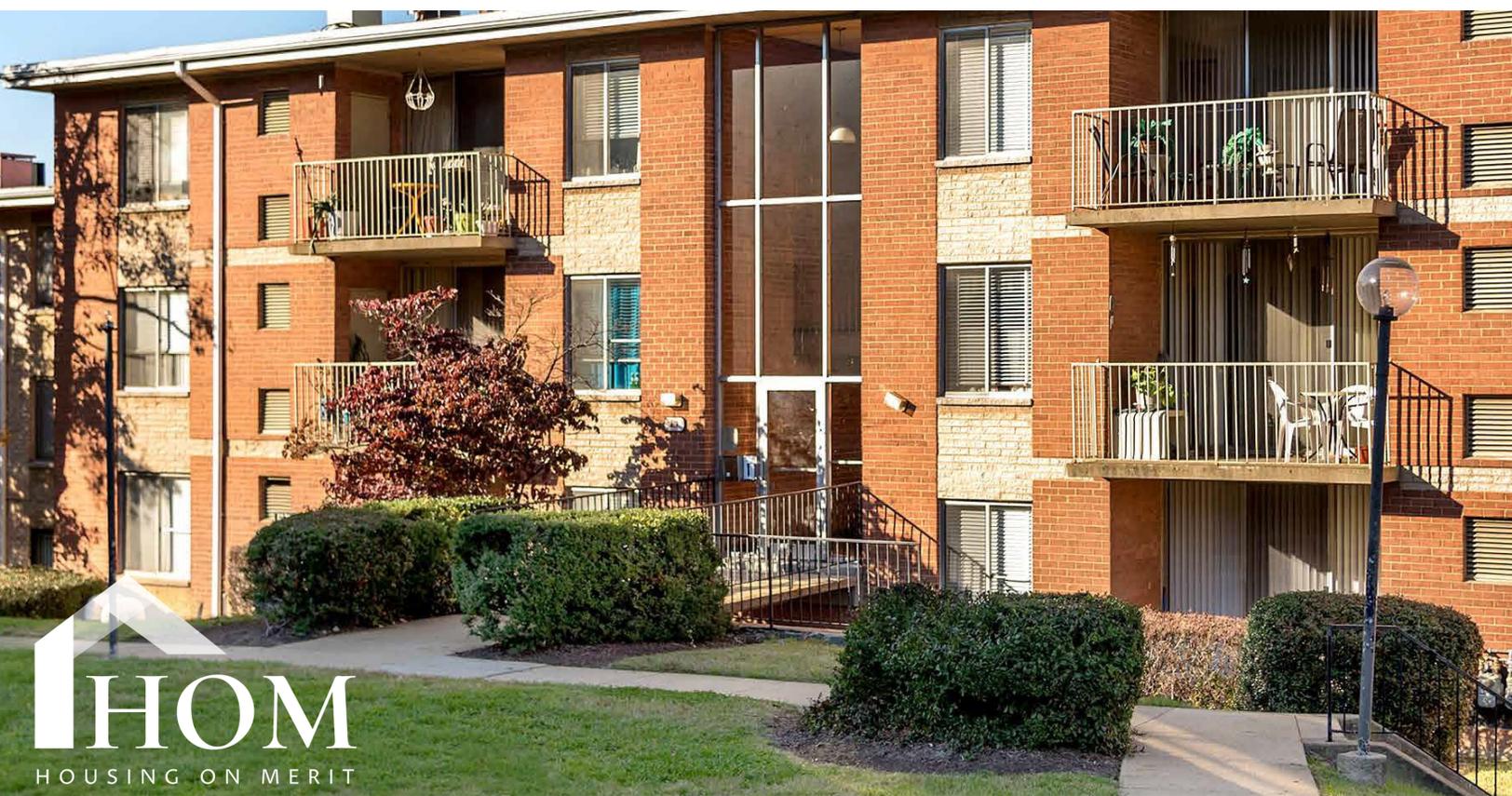


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FORT CHAPLIN PARK APARTMENTS

RESIDENT SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT



February Highlights

In February, Housing on Merit (HOM) launched two nationally accredited youth programs at Fort Chaplin:

- HOM is excited to bring the Junior Achievement curriculum to our young residents. Junior Achievement reaches more than 4.8 million youth each year across America to promote financial literacy.
- HOM opened a Future Coders club at Fort Chaplin, because we recognize that computer technology is increasingly becoming an integral part of our everyday lives. Research shows that computing is where the jobs are, and this is the fastest growing industry in the country. When exposed to opportunities to gain technology skills at an early age, youth are more inclined to consider a career in the field.



Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement (JA) is a national organization empowering young people to achieve economic success through experiential learning. HOM has partnered with JA of Greater Washington to bring the JA Our City program to our young residents in grades 2-4. This program introduces participants to financial literacy and learning objectives, including the characteristics of cities, the importance of economic exchange, and how people and businesses in cities manage their money. Participants will apply money-management strategies to personal and business accounts.

At the end of the program, participants will be able to:

- Provide practical information about the zones found within a city.
- Examine the importance of money to a city, why people pay taxes, and how people use different methods to pay for goods and services.
- Describe the contributions of financial institutions to a city and how they help businesses and people achieve their economic goals.
- Develop an understanding that entrepreneurs promote a healthy economy within a city.



Future Coders Club

Housing on Merit has partnered with Girls Who Code (GWC), a national organization working to close the computer technology gap experienced by young girls, to start a GWC club at Fort Chaplin. While the goal of the club is to promote participation predominately by young girls, HOM wanted to be gender-inclusive so opened the program up to young boys as well and created a Future Coders club.

The central purpose of this club is for participants to work on a Computer Science Impact Project. Participants will use computer science to solve a problem relevant to their club and community. They will learn the fundamental computer science concepts of loops, variables, conditionals and functions that form the basis of all computer programming languages while also building teamwork and leadership skills.