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## Disabled man losing water as city, landlord squabble



Photo by Chanel Davis

Randall Lindsay stands outside of his New Hope Manor apartment.

BY CHANEL DAVIS  
THE CHRONICLE

A 54-year-old disabled man unable to pay his more than \$3,000 water bill may soon be without service, while the city and his landlord point fingers at each other.

New Hope Manor Apartments resident Randall Lindsay received a water bill for \$1,100.82 in August, according to his social worker, Debborah Lindsay, who is not related to her client. Debborah Lindsay receives Mr. Lindsay's bills at the Department of Social Services, using some of his \$721 monthly disability check to pay them. Mr. Lindsay has been disabled since suffering a stroke several years ago that has left him unable to use the right side of his body. He lives in the apartment with a caregiver and another resident.

Debborah Lindsay contacted the city and New Hope Manor Apartments officials after receiving the unusually high bill. She said Mr. Lindsay's water bills had ranged from between \$30 and \$250 for the year that he has lived at New Hope Manor. The social worker said after the first exorbitant bill came, others followed, and she continued to reach out to the city and Mr. Lindsay's landlord for answers. She said she contacted a city financial analyst; City Council member Vivian Burke; Community Business Development Director Richie Brooks; and city Housing Director Dan Kornelis.

"I'm trying to pull in anyone that I can think of to try and help," she said. "We have used \$300 of his money to put towards the bill, but that's not enough."



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Florence County DSS Photo

Debra Donahue

## Donahue comes equipped to lead DSS

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

Debra Donahue will be bringing more than 25 years of experience to the Forsyth County Department of Social Services' executive director job she starts Monday.

She was chosen by unanimous vote last month by the DSS board after a weeks long nationwide search for someone to succeed Joe Raymond, who took a similar position in Guilford County. She is the first African-American director of the agency.



Terry

Nigel Alston has been acting as interim director during the search, which included forums and online surveys to get community and employee input. Board Chair Evelyn Terry said Donahue, the current director of Florence County (S.C.) DSS, is the right person for the job.

"I call it the 'I.T.' factor. She gets it," said Terry. "She's educated, She's got the experience, and she's a good fit for the community."

Donahue was born in Jackson, Miss. and raised in Michigan. She has a Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan and master's in education from Eastern Michigan University. It was as she transitioned from high school to college that she decided to focus on the "helping profession." It was then that she became passionate about children's issues, especially as they relate to the underserved populations.

"I saw a real need for advocacy for children because there wasn't a lot," she said. "They really didn't have an advocate or anyone to look out for their best interests. They're like a silent group of people we have. They're seen, but not heard."

Her first full-time job after college was an investigator for abuse

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Photos by Chanel Davis

Glynis Bell stands in one of the clothing rooms.

(Below) Women try on clothes in a beautifully decorated dressing room like this one.

## Confidence Inside and Out

Agency gives job-seekers the look of success

BY CHANEL DAVIS  
THE CHRONICLE

Sylvia Jones started her new job last week with a new set of threads courtesy of Dress for Success Winston-Salem.

After being unemployed for six months, she didn't know quite what to wear. In her previous customer service job, she dressed casually. Her new job, also in customer service, requires business professional attire. She found just what she needed in Dress for Success' extensive wardrobe.

"It was like I was going shopping. It's top-of-the-line clothing," she said.

Dress for Success is a national nonprofit that helps prepare low-income women for job searching and careers by providing clothes, shoes and accessories free of charge. The local affiliate also offers interview coaching and resume help. After clients land a job, they receive a week's worth of clothes and an opportunity to join career development networking groups.

"We give the women we serve a hand up and never a hand out," said Dress for Success Winston-Salem Executive Director Glynis Bell. "We assist them

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## Spaulding already stumping for '16

BY CHANEL DAVIS  
THE CHRONICLE

North Carolinians won't decide if they want to keep the governor they have or go with someone else until fall 2016.

But Democrat Ken Spaulding is already on the campaign trail; in fact, he announced his intentions to win the Democratic nomination and unseat Republican Gov. Pat McCrory in late 2013. Two days after Democrats across

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Ken Spaulding speaks in Winston-Salem last week.



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