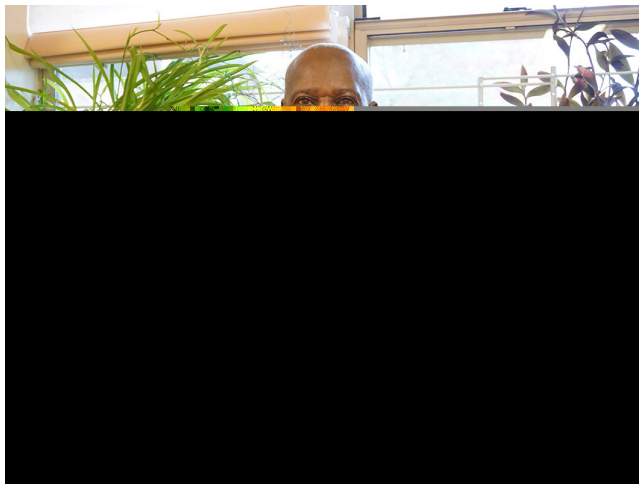


Senior Spotlight: Gerald Moses



Gerald Moses retired from the New Community Environmental Services Department before moving to Orange Senior.

Gerald Moses is a familiar face at New Community. He spent 25 years working as part of the Environmental Services Department before retiring and moving to Orange Senior last August.

Moses was born in Georgia and spent the first 10 years of his life in Lakeland, Ga., before moving to Newark. He lived in Newark for the rest of his childhood and adult life until making the move to Orange Senior, 132 William St., Orange, in 2016.

Before joining NCC Environmental Services, he had jobs in security, factories and sales. While employed at New Community, Moses served as a groundskeeper, building superintendent and truck driver. He also did furniture pickups for New Community Outreach Coordinator Madge Wilson, which he continues to do in retirement.

“I’m always on call for her,” Moses said.

Wilson isn’t the only person within the New Community network that Moses assists.

“Mr. Moses is a good man, very helpful. He is always ready to help and does so when asked. When we had the Orange Senior and Floor Captains Appreciation Day, he was the chief cook. He did all the grilling,” said Orange Senior Care Coordinator Sister Pauline Echebiri. He also helps transport extra food from Orange Senior to other NCC buildings.

“We are lucky to have him here at Orange Senior and pray that God will continue to bless him,” Echebiri said.

Orange Senior isn’t the first NCC property Moses has called home. He has lived in several New Community buildings over the last 25 years, including Homes Court, Douglas Houses and NCC Estates.

When it came time to retire, Moses, who is now 69 years old, decided to put his name on the waiting list for Orange Senior because he liked the building. When space became available, he jumped at the chance to move in. He said he retired and moved in three days.

“I like the building itself,” Moses said. “It’s always clean and quiet. What more could a retiree ask for?”

Moses likes to watch television, listen to music and visit people. He also plans to travel in retirement. While most of his family members live in Newark, he has relatives and friends in Atlanta, Ga., and Florida.

While Moses has no children, he has a friend with grandchildren that call him grandpa. He said he’s the only grandpa they’ve ever known. His wife passed away a few years ago.

Moses said his rent is affordable and he likes living at Orange Senior. He’s also glad he gets to see his former coworkers throughout the network.

“For 25 years I’ve been a part of New Community,” Moses said. “It was my livelihood and my living quarters.”