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## LMHA RECEIVES PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUNDS

AGENCY PLAYS KEY ROLE IN LOCAL AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT EFFORTS

A MESSAGE FROM TIM BARRY, LMHA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Housing Authority is one of several local agencies and organizations that have received funds as the result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) signed into law by President Obama. Three billion dollars in Public Housing Capital Funds were allocated to the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to distribute to Public Housing Agencies based upon existing methods for allocation of capital funds. Over \$14 million of these funds were allocated to the Louisville Metro Housing Authority.

As background, funding through the ARRA can be allocated to address deferred maintenance needs including, but not limited to: (1) replacement of obsolete systems and equipment with energy-efficient systems and equipment that reduces consumption; (2) work items related to code compliance, including abatement of Lead-Based Paint and implementation of accessibility standards; (3) correction of environmental issues; and (4) rehabilitation and modernization activities that have been delayed or not undertaken because of insufficient funds. Recovery Act Formula funds can also be used for all Capital Fund eligible activities, including demolition and relocation at a later date.

This funding allocation will not only provide the opportunity to enhance our housing stock, it will also positively

impact the community by generating jobs and business opportunities thereby stimulating the economy. These stimulus dollars will go a long way towards achieving these goals.

A team comprised of staff from throughout the agency is meeting regularly to determine how these funds can best be used to accommodate the needs of our residents and the agency. Current stimulus funded projects underway include a complete overhaul of the elevators at Dosker Manor, more demolition and replacement of units at Iroquois, new roofs at Sheppard Square and 550 Apartments and lots of other projects. To see a list of all the stimulus funded projects go to our website [www.lmha1.org](http://www.lmha1.org) and to the link [www.louisvilleky.gov/recovery/public\\_affordable\\_housing.htm](http://www.louisvilleky.gov/recovery/public_affordable_housing.htm). LMHA also plans to apply for a portion of one billion dollars of competitive funding that will be made available through HUD.

Although the Recovery Act has many tight timelines, thanks to the support and dedication of LMHA staff we have met all of the timelines and we are committed to meeting the milestones as outlined in the ARRA. These are exciting, yet challenging times. Thanks in advance for all you do each and every day.



## LAWN MOWING SAFETY TIPS

Mike Loughmiller,  
Safety Manager

Whether you are a veteran or new to cutting grass, the following are a few safety suggestions for your consideration:

### DO:

- Always use protective eye wear when mowing or weed eating.
- Wear heavy duty shoes with non-slip soles and long pants to protect your legs. If you have to wear shorts due to hot weather, don't forget to wear thick, knee high socks to protect your legs.
- Mow in sufficient daylight.
- Make sure grass is dry; never mow wet grass.
- Clear the area of sticks, stones and other debris that can be hurled out the discharge chute (at over 200 MPH).
- Mow across an incline with a walk-behind mower.
- To refuel, disconnect spark plug wire and let engine cool two minutes – gasoline spilled on a hot engine could cause a flash fire.
- Wipe up gas spills immediately.

### DON'T:

- Smoke when filling the gas tank.
- Keep gasoline in the house or fill a gas tank indoors.
- Leave the mower while the engine is running.
- Adjust mower height, clean grass chute or remove grass catcher with the engine running.
- Attempt to lift or repair mower with engine running.
- Speed or allow passengers if using a riding mower.

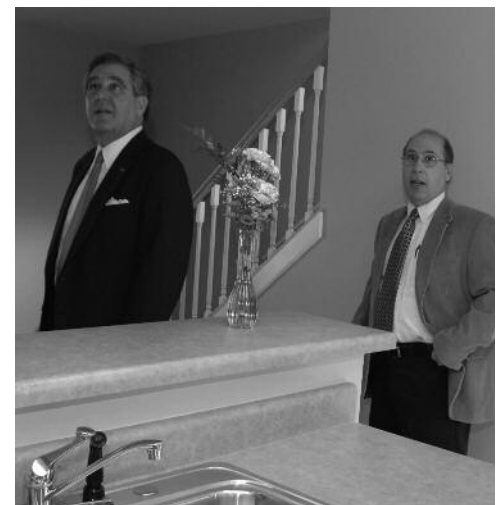
Excerpt from "Mower Safety – Riding Mower Safety", Briggs and Stratton

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## IN THE NEWS

In April, Central Office staff took part in a City-Wide Pre-Derby Beautification project sponsored by Operation Brightside. Information Technology Director, Cheryl Butler (in rain poncho), Deputy Executive Director Wavid Wray and fellow staff members planted foliage and flowers as well other landscaping activities at Avenue Plaza as part of the effort.



Following the press conference to announce the completion of the 801 East Broadway Building, Bernard Pincus, Director of HOPE VI Development (right) took Mayor Abramson on a tour of one of the units.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

## April (belated)

Deborah Betts, Bishop Lane Plaza  
 Patsy Bradsher, Avenue Plaza  
 Elke Cronen, Vine Street IPL  
 Curtis Davis, Vine Street IPL  
 Isaiah Evans, Sheppard Square  
 Kimberlee Givens-Masters, Vine Street  
 Vickie Greathouse, Personnel  
 Cindy Hanna, Vine Street  
 Bonita Jackson-Bowen, Vine Street  
 Patrick Keene, Auto/Grounds  
 Cecilia Kelly, Bishop Lane Plaza  
 Dana King, Family Investment Center  
 Christopher Laird, Sheppard Square  
 Mary McDonald, Parkway Place  
 Debra Perry, Vine Street  
 Shenita Price, Vine Street  
 Dorene Reed, Sheppard Square  
 Beatrice Richie, Vine Street  
 Camille Robinson, Family Investment Center  
 Charon Sears, Beecher West  
 Robert Tufaro, Extermination  
 Norma Ward, Construction Admin.  
 Steven Webb, Purchasing

## May (belated)

Katrina Beeler, Vine Street  
 Kristopher Brown, Vine Street  
 Phyllis Brown, Vine Street  
 Dynell Bush, Bishop Lane Plaza  
 Cheryl Edwards, Parkway Place  
 Linda Fort, Dosker Manor  
 Angela Goldsmith, Construction Admin.  
 Margaret Head, Construction Admin.  
 Kiefrumn Howard, Beecher West  
 Clifford Irons, Iroquois Homes  
 Michele Johnson, Vine Street  
 Bryan Lindsey, Auto/Grounds  
 David McAbee, Parkway Place  
 Sean McCall, Vacancy Prep.  
 Michael Newman, Dosker Manor  
 Anna Price, Lourdes Hall  
 Christine Smith, Dosker Manor  
 Eric Talbott, Information Technology  
 Jermaine Taylor, Auto/Grounds  
 Tyrone Thomas, Dosker Manor  
 Terri Thornton, Vine Street

## June

Tim Barry, Executive  
 John Bowling, Regional Maintenance  
 Chastiny Coleman, Iroquois Homes  
 Frederick Dillon, Beecher West  
 Makeeba Edmund, Beecher West  
 Alious Kaestner, Vacancy Prep.  
 Mark Liberto, Parkway Place  
 Lynn McCallie, Vine Street  
 Joyce McGill, Vine Street  
 Jasmin Neal, Auto/Grounds  
 Lisa Osanka, Executive  
 Wendy Osborne, LHS  
 Stephanie Payne, Vine Street  
 Bernard Pincus, HOPE IV Development  
 Cathy Salvate, Finance  
 Ron Sharp, Purchasing  
 Ucresia Sistrunk, LHS  
 Shelton Talbott, PG&E  
 Cleda Thompson, Lourdes Hall  
 Mary Wethington, Iroquois Homes  
 Faye Wilford, Dosker Manor

## GREEN NOTES

**The winner of the "An Inconvenient Truth" true/false quiz is Greg Crum, HVAC. Congratulations Greg for successfully completing the quiz during the 2009 Employee Meeting and having your name drawn from among the correct quiz entries. Stop by Executive at your convenience to pick up your prize.**

## STAFF UPDATE

### New Hires

#### Full-Time

David Axman  
*Maintenance Worker III - Avenue Plaza*

David Bald  
*Maintenance Worker I - Beecher Terrace*

Macen Boggs  
*Maintenance Worker III - Beecher Terrace*

Chris Brown  
*Maintenance Worker III - Beecher Terrace*

Terry Brown  
*Maintenance Worker II - Sheppard Square*

Curtis Foley  
*Maintenance Worker III - Bishop Lane Plaza*

Joyce McGill  
*Housing Clerk Typist - Vine Street*

Miguel Nero  
*Maintenance Worker I - Bishop Lane Plaza*

Shenita Price  
*Housing Clerk Typist - Vine Street*

John Savage  
*Maintenance Worker I - Auto/Grounds*

Kelly Thompson  
*Maintenance Worker II - Bishop Lane Plaza*

#### Temporary

Lorinda Baker  
*Hospitality Coordinator - Operations*

Kenyatta Ballard  
*Hospitality Coordinator - Operations*

Jeff Epley  
*Maintenance Worker I - Auto/Grounds*

Angela Goldsmith  
*Key Control Monitor - Construction Admin.*

Jacqueline Gowdy  
*Key Control Monitor - Construction Admin.*

Oliver Guest  
*Maintenance Worker I - Auto/Grounds*

Margaret Head  
*Key Control Monitor - Construction Admin.*

Cynthia Johnson  
*Key Control Monitor - Construction Admin.*

Marquis Johnson  
*Maintenance Worker I - Auto/Grounds*

Ronald Johnson  
*Hospitality Coordinator - Operations*

Talena McCrary  
*Relocation Assistant - Occupancy & Leasing*

Jasmin Neal  
*Maintenance Worker I - Auto/Grounds*

Sherita Parr  
*Key Control Monitor - Construction Admin.*

Gloria Phillips  
*Key Control Monitor - Construction Admin.*

Robert Standifer  
*Maintenance Worker I - Auto/Grounds*

George White  
*Maintenance Worker I - Auto/Grounds*

Anna Zambrzycki  
*Relocation Assistant - Occupancy & Leasing*

### Retirements

Frank Anderson  
*Maintenance Worker III - PG&E*

Douglas Downs  
*Maintenance Worker III - Iroquois Homes*

Mike Dunavan  
*Regional Coordinator - PG&E/Vacancy Prep.*

Robin Hall  
*Housing Clerk Typist - Vine Street*



## SALUTE TO SERVICE (APRIL - JUNE)

### 35 years

(4/2009) Kathy Head, Occupancy

### 20 years

(5/2009) Cecil Burgin, Extermination  
 (6/2009) Dale Hunter, LHS  
 (6/2009) Sean McCall, Vacancy Prep.

### 15 years

(4/2009) Rochelle Burton, Dosker Manor  
 (6/2009) Mark Lindenmayer, Extermination

### 10 years

(6/2009) Shelly Winstead, Finance  
 (6/2009) Ucresia Sistrunk, LHS

### 5 years

(5/2009) Kelvin Kirby, Bishop Lane Plaza  
 (6/2009) Joycelyn Kinnaird, Vine Street  
 (6/2009) Antoinette Snoddy, Vine Street

## IN MEMORY OF...



**Sandra Davis**  
 Finance Manager



**Cherica Pruitt**  
 Data Entry Operator



## TASTY TIDBITS

Submitted by **Vickie Greathouse, Personnel**

### Fruit Salad

1 can of sweetened condensed milk  
 Small container of Cool Whip  
 2 (8 oz.) pkgs. Philadelphia cream cheese softened  
 1/2 cup pecans  
 1/4 pound grapes  
 3 large yellow apples, chopped  
 3 large bananas, chopped  
 2 16 oz. cans sliced peaches

2 cans pineapple chunks  
 2 cans mandarin oranges

Mix grapes, apples, bananas and drained canned fruit in large bowl. In mixing bowl, blend together Cool Whip, Philadelphia cream cheese and sweetened condensed milk. Pour sauce and pecans over fruit and mix. Chill and serve.

**If you would like to submit a recipe for consideration in the next issue of Briefly Speaking, contact Vikki Stone at [vsstone@lmha1.org](mailto:vsstone@lmha1.org).**