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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 and to the link 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.

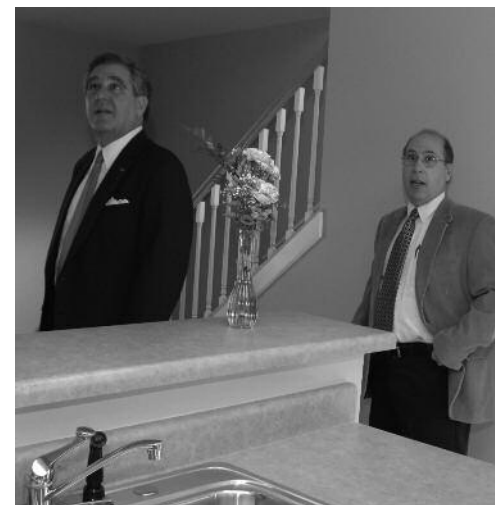
Excerpt from "Mower Safety – Riding Mower Safety", Briggs and Stratton

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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.