SAFETY MATTERS

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:
1. Always use protective eye wear when mowing or weed eating.
2. 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.
4. Make sure grass is dry; never mow wet grass.
5. Clear the area of sticks, stones and other debris that can be hurled out the discharge chute (at over 200 MPH).
6. Mow across an incline with a walk-behind mower.
7. To refuel, disconnect sparkplug wire and let engine cool two minutes – gasoline spilled on a hot engine could cause a flash fire.
8. Wipe up gas spills immediately.

DON’T:
1. Mow across an incline when a riding mower.
2. Adjust mower height, clean grass chute or remove grass catcher with the engine running.
3. Attempt to lift or repair mower with engine running.
4. Speed or allow passengers if using a riding mower.

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.

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 wwww.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.
April (belated)
Deborah Betts, Bishop Lane Plaza
Patsy Bradsher, Avenue Plaza
Elke Cronen, Vine Street IPI
Curtis Davis, Vine Street IPI
Isiah Evans, Sheppard Square
Kimberlee Gibbons-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
Doreene 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.
Kiefunn Howard, Beecher West
Clifford Iorns, 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/Grunds
Tyrone Thomas, Dosker Manor
Terri Thornton, Vine Street

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

STAFF UPDATE

New Hires
Full-Time
David Axman
Maintenance Worker III - Avenue Plaza
David Bald
Maintenance Worker I - Beecher Terrace
Macen Beggs
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/Grunds
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/Grunds
Angela Goldsmith
Key Control Monitor – Construction Admin.

Salute to Service (April – June)

35 years
(4/2009) Kathy Head, Occupancy

20 years

15 years
(4/2009) Rochelle Burton, Dosker Manor
(6/2009) Mark Lindemnayer, Extermination

10 years
(6/2009) Ucresia Sistrunk, LHS

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

Retirements
Frank Anderson
Maintenance Worker III - PG&E
Douglas Downs
Maintenance Worker III - Iroquois Homes
Mike Dunavan
Regional Coordinator - PG&E/Vacancy Prep.
Robbin Hall
Housing Clerk Typist - Vine Street

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 1/2 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 vstone@lmha1.org.

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.