



Charleston-Kanawha Housing Highlights

February 2008

Job Fair

Come & Join Us!

Come to the Charleston Civic Center and find the perfect job that is waiting for you. In addition to the job fair, service providers will be set up to share the programs that they have available to assist someone who may need a little extra help.

Who: Charleston Workforce WV & Region III Workforce Board

What: Career and Job Training Fair

When: Tuesday, April 29th
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Charleston Civic Center

WHY: With the cost of everything from gas to a gallon of milk skyrocketing, it is important to find a job to help pay the bills. This Job/Service Provider Fair will provide you a chance to see what jobs are out there, and what organizations in Kanawha County are available to help you with anything else you might need to get/stay on your feet.

If you have any questions, please call 558-0342 or 344-5760.

Sponsors:

City of Charleston Office of Economic and Community Development

Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority

West Virginia Development Office

Resident Comment Line

We Want to Hear from You!
348-1096



All calls are welcome and remain anonymous.

Redevelopment Update

The Homes of Patrick Street, Jarrett Terrace and Orchard Manor were completed through Charleston Replacement Housing #1. These homes are part of a redevelopment plan that will be implemented in five phases and will lead to the total revitalization of two of the oldest public housing communities in the state of West Virginia.

These communities are owned by Charleston Replacement Housing Limited Partnership # 1 and are public housing and tax credit units. Forty-four units were constructed and are now fully occupied.

Eight units were constructed beside Jarrett Terrace at 824 Central Ave. There are 4 two-bedroom units with 875 square feet, 2 three-bedroom units with 1,146 square feet (one of which is fully handicap accessible with 1,131 square feet), and 2 four-bedroom units with 1,427 square feet.

Sixteen units were constructed on previously undeveloped land in Orchard Manor, 900 Griffin Drive. There are three buildings consisting of 6 two-bedroom units with 875 square feet, 8 three-bedroom units with 1076 square feet and 2 four-bedroom units with 1427 square feet.

Twenty units were constructed on Patrick Street, replacing a vacant deteriorating restaurant. There are four buildings consisting of 8 one-bedroom units with 682 square feet on the lower level apartments and 761 square feet on the upper level apartments. There are 4 two-bedroom units with 863 square feet, 6 three-bedroom units with 1076 square feet and 2 four-bedroom units with 1427 square feet.

Phase Two, now underway, will include the construction of forty-four units on three separate sites in Washington Manor, Littlepage Terrace and Orchard Manor in the form of 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom townhouses.

Twenty-two (22) units of public housing will be constructed on previously undeveloped land owned by the Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority ("CKHA") and formerly comprising a part of its Orchard Manor family complex. The remaining 22 units will be project based Section 8. Fourteen units will be constructed at Littlepage Terrace and eight will be constructed on land adjacent to Washington Manor.

Housing Day at the Legislature



Charleston-Kanawha Housing participated in Housing Day at the WV State Legislature on Thursday, March 6, 2008. Housing Authorities and providers set up informational displays to educate legislators about the importance of these programs and the need for additional funding and support.

Pictured Above: Executive Directors from various housing authorities across the state pose in front of the West Virginia State Association of Housing Agencies display. From left are: John Marty's, Morgantown; Dennis Rogers, Grant County; Karen Jacobson, Randolph County; Bill Dotson, Huntington; Mark Taylor, Charleston; Nancy Martin, Mount Hope & Tony Bazzie, Raleigh County.



Safe & Drug Free Meeting

The Safe & Drug Free Advisory Council met on February 25, 2008 to discuss program progress and the upcoming Safe & Drug Free Communities Application. The Positive Action Class was completed in December with an overall attendance of 227 residents at eight family sites. This sets a new program attendance record (previous was 216).

Attendance per site was as follows:

Littlepage	67
Hillcrest	62
South Park	30
Washington Manor	29
Oakhurst	20
Orchard Manor	13
Dunbar	4
Rand	2

The goals of the Positive Action Program were:

1. 45 % of participants would strengthen family standards for healthy behavior by developing clear expectations regarding drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. The program posttest showed this goal had been met with 55% stating they had developed these expectations.
2. 40% of children participating would show an increase in their self-concept, social skills and academic improvement. The posttest showed 43% of responding children stated that they had learned ways to improve their self-talk and self concept through the program in addition to improving their social skills and academic achievements.



Several participants at Washington Manor pose with their Skills for Managing Anger & Your Body Completion Certificates.

Skills for Managing Anger & Your Body will conclude on March 17, 2008. This first three weeks of this program focused on anger management, identifying anger signals and hot buttons. The second three weeks focused on health and nutrition, ways to live healthier, how to read and identify food labels, exercise and other related topics.

The next Safe & Drug Free Program will begin around the first of May. The program entitled, *Too Good for Drugs* will focus on ways to avoid substance abuse, peer pressure, and other related topics. Look for a class schedule to be posted your community soon.

Charleston-Kanawha Housing's Safe & Drug Free Program is funded by the Governor's Safe & Drug Free Communities Program as provided by the U.S. Department of Education Safe & Drug Free Schools and Communities Act.