



Charleston-Kanawha Housing Highlights

January 2008

Promoting Energy Savings

Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority is working with Ameresco to promote energy savings measures in public housing communities throughout the City of Charleston. Water saving toilets and showers, energy efficient lighting and new faucets in kitchen and bathroom sinks are installed in most of the units managed by CKHA.

Over the past year, more than \$300,000.00 has been saved thanks to the water saving measures installed in these communities. There are additional ways that residents can lend a hand to save energy and water:

WATER:

- Turn off the water while brushing, shaving and soaping up.
- When doing laundry, wash and dry full loads.
- Immediately report water leaks and running toilets to maintenance @348-6811.

LIGHTING:

- Turn off lights when going to bed. Use night lights or low watt bulbs instead of leaving lights on.
- Switch off lights when out of the room for more than five minutes.
- Use only compact fluorescent light bulbs, which run on 1/4th the energy of incandescent bulbs.

ELECTRICITY

- Turn off TV's when not watching them... and cable boxes, game systems, and DVD players too.
- Set the sleep timer on the bedroom TV before falling asleep.
- Use a thermometer to make sure refrigerator is set at 38° and freezer is set at 0°.

HEATING

- Close all windows and doors tight when using the heating system.
- Dress appropriately for the cold winter weather, indoors as well as outdoors.
- Turn down the heat while no one is home at your apartment.
- Turn down the heat when going to bed.

WVAHA Scholarships

The West Virginia Association of Housing Agencies is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a resident of a public housing authority.

To be eligible, scholarship applicants must have been a resident of a public housing authority for at least one year by March 7, 2008. Applicants also must be a High School graduate, recipient of General Education Development Certificate (GED), or expect to receive a GED Certificate or graduate by the spring of 2008. Applicants must submit the following materials:

- Complete the application, including all attachments
- High school transcript and any college credit transcript
- Copy of SAT or ACT score (if completed and available)
- Two (2) letters of reference supporting your character achievements, and potential for education and career advancement. One letter must be from a school official. Other letter may be from employer, ministers or others you know well.
- A sponsorship letter from the Executive Director or designee of the housing authority that must be a member of the WVAHA at the time of the application, and the letter must include a commitment from the agency to support travel expenses for the applicant if an interview is necessary in the selection of scholarship awards.
- Source and amount of other scholarship awards and grants.

The Scholarship Award will be administered by the WVAHA to the winners. The Scholarship funds must be used in one academic year, longer if approved by the scholarship committee of the WVAHA and the recipient remains a student in good standing. Grantees failure to continue the required course of study will cause the unused portion of the award to revert to the WVAHA Scholarship Fund. Checks will be issued in August for the Fall Semester and in January for the Spring Semester.

All items must be submitted with the application, or the scholarship selection committee WILL NOT consider the application. Completed applications are due by 5:00 pm., March 7, 2008 to:

WVAHA Scholarship Committee
Madelyn Dotson, Chair
South Charleston Housing Authority
520 Goshorn Street

Redevelopment Update



Phase one of Charleston-Kanawha Housing's redevelopment plan is now complete. Forty-four new townhouses have been constructed on three separate sites and all units are now leased.

The Homes of Patrick Street have a total of twenty newly constructed units consisting of 8 one-bedroom with 682 square feet in the ground level apartments and 761 square feet in the upper level apartments, 4 two-bedroom with 863 square feet, 6 three-bedroom with 1,076 square feet & 2 four-bedroom units with 1,427 square feet.

The Homes of Jarrett Terrace have a total of eight new units made up of 4 two-bedroom with 875 square feet, 2 three-bedroom with 1,146 square feet and 2 four-bedroom units with 1,427 square feet.

The Homes of Orchard Manor have sixteen newly constructed units made up of 6 two-bedroom with 875 square feet, 8 three-bedroom with 1,076 square feet and 2 four-bedroom units with 1,427 square feet.

This is the first of five phases in a redevelopment plan that will upgrade public housing communities throughout the City of Charleston. Phase Two will also have forty-four units and will be constructed on three separate sites in Washington Manor, Littlepage Terrace & Orchard Manor. These new units will be constructed in the form of 2, 3, and 4 bedroom townhomes and rowhouses.

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

Resident Council Quarterly Meeting

Charleston-Kanawha Housing staff and resident council officers met on January 31, 2008 to discuss program/policy updates and council events. Each council reported on events in their community.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the resident council in your community, please contact your housing manager or attend a council meeting. Resident councils meet in the community room

Resident Council Monthly Meeting Days/Times:

Littlepage - 2nd TUE. @ 7:00 p.m.
Washington Manor - 1st MON. @ 6:00 p.m.
Hillcrest - 2nd MON. @ 2:00 p.m.
Lippert - 1st TUE. @ 7:00 p.m.
Jarrett - 3rd MON. @ 7:00 p.m.
Carroll - 2nd THUR. @ 7:00 p.m.

Dates are also highlighted in your resident calendar.

Resident Comment Line

We Want to Hear from You!



348-1096

All calls are welcome and remain anonymous.