

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



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NEWS OF NOTE

THE SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION A MESSAGE FROM GREG FISCHER LOUISVILLE METRO MAYOR



I've only been mayor for a few months, but I have already witnessed LMHA's commitment and demonstrated capacity to address two of Louisville's most pressing needs – housing redevelopment and neighborhood revitalization. Your invaluable contributions to providing housing to those who need it most, along with forging relationships with not-for-profits in developing and enriching these housing opportunities, have resulted in the creation of hundreds of new affordable housing units throughout the Louisville area!

From the Downtown Family Scholar Housing that provides 54 single-parent students with housing and childcare while they earn a college degree, to the 801 East Broadway Building that accommodates 22 public housing residents and features commercial store-front space, to Liberty Green - Kentucky's first ENERGY STAR rated mixed-used, mixed-income housing community - LMHA continues to seek partnerships and projects that keep Louisville on the cutting edge of affordable and energy-efficient housing design.

This ongoing spirit of collaboration has resulted in numerous accolades and awards for LMHA, including five ENERGY STAR awards and two Cornerstone Awards for your outstanding work with the Liberty Green HOPE VI Revitalization. Your boldness and competitive edge is what Louisville needs as we strive for world-class excellence, and an economic plan that will grow our economy and create jobs during the next decade.

I look forward to getting to know each of you and to working hand-in-hand as we transform our city – brick by brick, building by building and block by block. Keep up the good work!

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FIRST HOME TO GET STIMULUS FUND MAKEOVER



Mayor Greg Fischer recently joined Krista Mills, HUD Field Office Director, Councilwoman Barbara Shanklin, Chester Hicks, River City Housing Board Chair and officials from Congressman Yarmuth's office, at a ceremony to unveil the first home that has been renovated through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). The program utilizes federal stimulus money to rehab vacant homes in neighborhoods that have been heavily impacted by foreclosures and abandoned properties.

Located in the Newburg neighborhood, the home received over \$60,000 in renovation work, including a bedroom addition, an updated kitchen and extensive improvements to increase the home's energy efficiency, such as new insulation and windows. LMHA is one of several partners working on over 50 properties that will receive makeovers using \$10.4 million in NSP grants.

WE DID IT AGAIN LIBERTY GREEN COMMUNITY CENTER RECEIVES CORNERSTONE AWARD

The Liberty Green Community Center is the fourth LMHA project to win a Cornerstone Award from the Louisville Downtown Management District. Past recognition has gone to Beecher Terrace, 801 E. Broadway, and Liberty Green. Cornerstone awards are given in recognition of recently completed projects that have invested more than \$1 million in downtown Louisville.



RUSSIAN DELEGATION VISITS LMHA

In February, six Russian city legislators (including one from Louisville's sister city Perm) met with LMHA Executive Director Tim Barry to learn how our agency finances, develops, and administers low-income housing. With the help of interpreters, the group also posed a variety of questions regarding resident self-sufficiency programming, resident income qualifications, construction costs, working with developers and the resident relocation process. They were particularly interested in our two HOPE VI projects, The Villages of Park DuValle and Liberty Green. They also met with other state and local agencies, and toured our fair city during their ten-day visit.



LMHA RECEIVES ENERGY AWARD

LMHA recently received a 2011 ENERGY STAR Leadership in Housing award from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This makes the fifth year in a row that LMHA has received recognition from the EPA for our dedication to energy efficiency and commitment to ENERGY STAR.



EMPLOYEE SUGGESTIONS

(BETTER KNOWN AS GIVE US YOUR TWO CENTS)

Don't forget...to send in your cost saving suggestions. If your suggestion is published, you'll not only help the agency become more cost-effective, you'll also receive a prize for your efforts. Please submit your suggestions by contacting Vikki Stone via e-mail at vstone@lmha1.org.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

March (Belated)

David Axman, Avenue Plaza
Joyce Babb, Personnel
Lorinda Baker, Operations
Chauncey Catlett, Extermination
Timothy Cohens, Vacancy Prep.
Jeffrey Epley, Avenue Plaza
David Halberg, Auto/Grounds
Carlo Hayes, Iroquois Homes
William Keltee, Sheppard Square
Shari Klosterman, Finance
Michael Loughmiller, Purchasing
Sherian McLendon, Special Programs
Timothy Montgomery, Vacancy Prep.
Sean Sands, Dosker Manor
Marlon Smiley, Parkway Place
Adrain Wilson, Auto/Grounds
Wavid Wray, Finance

April

Deborah Betts, Bishop Lane Plaza
Patsy Bradsher, St. Catherine Ct.
Walter Cosby, Sheppard Square
Elke Cronen, IPL
Isaiah Evans, Sheppard Square
Vickie Greathouse, Personnel
Darrence Hampton, Sheppard Square
Bonita Jackson-Bowen, Vine Street
Patrick Keene, Auto/Grounds
Cecilia Kelly, Bishop Lane Plaza
Emmanuel Korgar, Avenue Plaza
Christopher Laird, Sheppard Square
Cindy Mayfield, Vine Street
Alicia Murrell, Operations
Debra Perry, Vine Street
Dorene Reed, Avenue Plaza
Beatrice Richie, Special Programs
Camille Robinson, Special Programs
Charon Sears, Beecher Terrace
Portia Shoulders, Construction Admin.
Andrea Stateman-Odom, Special Programs
John Tanner, Beecher Terrace
Devin Thornton, Parkway Place
Robert Tufaro, Extermination
Norma Ward, Construction Admin.
Steven Webb, Purchasing
Edmund Wimsatt, PG&E

STAFF UPDATE

New Hires

Temporary to Full-Time

Shameka Brown
Maintenance Worker I – Beecher Terrace

Temporary

Curtis Davis
Housing Inspector – Construction Admin.

Retirement

Charles Mitchell
Property Manager II - Parkway Place

Juanita Mitchell
Property Manager II -
Avenue Plaza/St. Catherine Ct.



SALUTE TO SERVICE (MARCH/APRIL)

22 Years

(4/2011) Juanita Mitchell,
Avenue Plaza/St. Catherine Ct.

20 Years

(4/2011) Janell Coghill, Finance
(4/2011) James Goff, Vacancy Prep.

15 Years

(3/2011) Judith King, Iroquois Homes

10 Years

(3/2011) Tim Barry, Executive
(3/2011) Phillip Stepteau, Executive
(4/2011) Delbert Lappin, Auto/Grounds
(4/2011) Yasmin Thompson, Auto/Grounds

5 Years

(3/2011) Pamela Dahlum, Vine Street



ARE YOU PUZZLED?

Rebus Brainteasers (Courtesy of Amber Goddard, Special Programs)

A “Rebus” is a picture representation of a name, word or phrase. Each “rebus” puzzle below portrays a common word or phrase. Can you guess what it is? **The deadline for submission is April 14, 2011.** What’s in it for you? A great prize of course. Good luck!

Example: MIND MATTER **Answer:** Mind over Matter

1) EVER EVER EVER EVER DAY _____

2) ARUPMS _____

3) LITTLE LITTLE LATE LATE _____

4) GIVE GIVE GIVE GIVE
GET GET GET GET _____

5) STAND
I _____

Submitted by:

Name _____ Dept. _____

Please make a copy of your answers to this Rebus Puzzle and send it to Vikki Stone in the Executive Dept. by **April 14, 2011.** The prize winner will be drawn from the correct entries. If you would like to submit any puzzles or brainteasers for future consideration, please send them via e-mail to vstone@lmha1.org. Special thanks to Amber Goddard for submitting the “Puzzler” for this issue.

The winner of the January/February 2011 Puzzler is Natalie Thorpe, Special Programs.

Please stop by Executive to pick up your prize! The answers are: 1) Too Many Cooks Spoil The Broth; 2) Better Late Than Never; 3) Never Look A Gift Horse In The Mouth; 4) Strike While The Iron Is Hot; 5) The Early Bird Catches The Worm; 6) You Can’t Have Your Cake & Eat It Too; 7) Out Of Sight Out Of Mind; 8) Birds Of A Feather Flock Together; 9) Like Father Like Son; and 10) Variety Is The Spice Of Life.

BE A TOURIST IN YOUR HOMETOWN

STAY-CATION: stay-at-home vacation where an individual or family relaxes at home, or vacations in their own city or state, possibly taking day trips to area attractions.

Does the thought of a long car drive with bored kids screaming “Are we there yet?” every 10 minutes make you cringe? Not quite ready to part with the \$244 per day that AAA says is the average cost for lodging and meals for two people vacationing (which can easily exceed \$5,000 for a 10-day vacation after adding in a couple of kiddos and airfare)? Then consider a stay-cation, right here in Louisville - Possibility City. Plan it well, (and resist the temptation to check in with work), and you can have a great time, for a fraction of the cost.

Six Stay-cation Family-Friendly Attractions

The Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory www.sluggermuseum.org

Stroll through the factory where world famous Louisville Slugger baseball bats are made, see the World’s Biggest Baseball Bat. Open seven days a week.

The Louisville Science Center www.louisvillescience.org

Hands-on exhibits for the whole family, along with a rotating schedule of outstanding educational films. “Beam me up Scotty” to the Star Trek Exhibit, featuring sets, costumes and props from the television series and movies, running now through May 22nd. Open seven days a week.

The Louisville Zoo www.louisvillezoo.org

Take in award-winning exhibits like Gorilla Forest, along with thrilling attractions such as the two-story Sky Trail High Adventure course, a new 32’ climbing wall and a 350’ zip line with eye popping views. Open seven days a week.

Muhammad Ali Center www.alicenter.org

Learn to be the greatest person you can be through captivating multimedia presentations and a series of interactive exhibits including the hands-on “Train with Ali”, where you can shadow box with the Champ and practice on the speed bag. Open Tues. – Sat.

Falls of the Ohio www.fallsoftheohio.org

Take a picnic and spend the day hunting fossils and learning more about the history of life on earth. Visit the park’s Interpretive Center to learn more about Native American cultures and the famous expedition of Lewis and Clark. Open seven days a week.

Old Louisville Ghost Tour www.louisvillehistorictours.com

The city’s historic, Victorian district, reported to be “America’s Most Haunted Neighborhood”, makes the perfect backdrop for entertaining tales of otherworldly encounters - especially when the gas lamps come on and illuminate buildings in a soft and eerie glow. (Best for children who no longer fear things that go bump in the night.) Bus and walking tours available.