

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



January – April 2010

THE TRUE MEASURE OF SUCCESS

A MESSAGE FROM TIM BARRY, LMHA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In March, I celebrated the 10th anniversary of my tenure as Executive Director of the Housing Authority. Over the past ten years we've had opportunities that have challenged the agency, like the two HOPE VI developments at Park DuValle and Liberty Green, and experiences that have helped us to grow as an agency and offer new or modify old programs to better suit the needs of residents.

Recently, I was presented with my service pin and, at that moment, I reflected upon the true measure of what I consider to be success. I can say without reservation that any success that has been achieved begins and ends with LMHA employees.

In addition to providing an exemplary level of service to our residents, we have successfully completed two HOPE VI initiatives, begun an agency-wide "greening" program, and maintained our ranking as a top performing Housing Authority.

I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to work with each of you. I value your support, dedication, humor, and honesty. As we move forward this year and look ahead, I know there will be challenges but, perhaps more importantly, I know LMHA staff is more than equal to the challenge.

"ORANGE YOU GLAD YOU ARE RECYCLING" PILOT PROGRAM UNDERWAY AT AVENUE PLAZA

Through a joint effort with Louisville Metro's PW&A – Solid Waste Management Services Division, in January, LMHA launched a resident recycling pilot program at Avenue Plaza.

Residents take their recyclables, including paper, glass, aluminum and cardboard, to recycling collection carts located on each floor. Maintenance staff collects the carts weekly for pick-up by Solid Waste Mgmt. To encourage participation, residents compete in a monthly "Tally Rally" to determine the floor that has collected the most recyclables. The floor monitors have been enlisted to help as needed, and LMHA staff attends their monthly meetings to respond to any questions or concerns. To add a little fun, the theme "Orange You Glad You Are Recycling" was developed to remind the residents about the large orange recycle carts that are located in the elevator lobbies.

If the amount of recyclables collected thus far is any indication the pilot program, scheduled for completion the end of June, will be a success and expanded to other sites in the future. Special thanks to Juanita Mitchell, Dave Thompson and all of the Avenue Plaza staff for their assistance and efforts to make sure the program runs smoothly!



The Resident Recycling pilot program and promotional materials were funded through a grant from the Kentucky Division of Waste Management.

STAFF UPDATE

New Hires

Full-Time

John Barr
Exterminator - Extermination
Chanda Boone
Housing Services Specialist – Beecher Terrace
William Brockway
Maintenance Worker III - Bishop Lane Plaza
Chauncey Catlett
Exterminator – Extermination
Michael Flora
Maintenance Worker I - Lourdes Hall
Cietay Mayfield
Maintenance Worker II - Sheppard Square
Carol Lewis-Sandelin
Housing Services Specialist - Lourdes Hall
John Tanner
Maintenance Worker III - Beecher Terrace
Edmund Wimsatt
Maintenance Worker III - PG&E

Temporary to Full-Time

Jernarick Ellington
Maintenance Worker I - Dosker Manor
Jeff Epley
Maintenance Worker I - Avenue Plaza
Anton Murrell
Maintenance Worker I - Parkway Place
Charles Smithson
Maintenance Worker I - Parkway Place
Chad Williams
Maintenance Worker I - Parkway Place

Temporary

Anita Burrus
Key Control Monitor - Construction Admin.
Walter Cosby
Maintenance Worker I – Avenue Plaza
Nicole Coward
Hospitality Coordinator – Operations
Eric Davis
Maintenance Worker I – Auto/Grounds
Antanino Foreman
Maintenance Worker I – Beecher Terrace

Daddy Kamara
Maintenance Worker I – Auto/Grounds
DeWayne Scott
Maintenance Worker I – Auto/Grounds
Portia Shoulders
Key Control Monitor - Construction Admin.
Marc Spalding
Maintenance Worker I – Auto/Grounds
Devin Thornton
Maintenance Worker I – Auto/Grounds

Promotions

David Bald
Maintenance Worker II – HVAC
Troy Clark
Maintenance Worker III – Vacancy Prep.
Christopher Laird
Maintenance Worker II - Sheppard Square
John McGuire
Maintenance Worker IV – HVAC

Retirements

David Clayton
Maintenance Worker III - Parkway Place
David McAbee
Maintenance Worker II - Parkway Place
Terry Steiden
Property Manager II - Beecher Terrace

Resignations

Patricia Brooks
Housing Services Specialist - Lourdes Hall
Emma Carey
Temporary Tutor
Billy Ellis
Maintenance Worker III - Bishop Lane Plaza
Jimmie Leslie
Maintenance Worker III - Parkway Place
Shenita Rickman
Housing Clerk Typist - Vine Street



2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to the Regional Maintenance Shops (Auto/Grounds HVAC, PG&E, Vacancy Prep. and Extermination)! These shops did not have an employee to file a Workers' Compensation claim for the accident reporting year (October, 2008 – September, 2009). This was the first time in 15 years that all of Regional Maintenance has been accident-free of any reported work-related injuries. Keep up the good (and safe) work!

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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY TO:

January – March (Belated)

Mary Arthur-Brown, Vine Street (January)
David Axman, Avenue Plaza (March)
Joyce Babb, Personnel (March)
Chester Brewer, Finance (February)
Terry Brown, Vacancy Prep. (January)
Anna Burks, Beecher Terrace (January)
Janice Burns, Executive (January)
Emma Carey, Beecher Terrace (January)
Jeffrey Carter, Lourdes Hall (February)
Timothy Cohens, Vacancy Prep. (March)
Myrna Cunningham, Executive (January)
Chyna Eda, Occupancy (February)
Quanda Ellis, Dosker Manor (February)
Jeffrey Epley, Avenue Plaza (March)
Alan Farley, Construction Admin. (February)
Dan Farrell, Family Investment Center (January)
Kevin Graves, Extermination (January)
John Groves, Safety & Investigations (January)
David Halberg, Auto/Grounds (March)
Carlo Hayes, Iroquois Homes (March)
Kenneth Heacox, Lourdes Hall (January)
Aurelia Hensley, Vine Street (February)
Fred Huber IV, HVAC (January)
David Jameson, Vine Street (January)
James Johnson Sr., LHS (February)
Ronald Johnson, Construction Admin. (January)
Frances Jones, Vine Street (January)
William Keltee, Sheppard Square (March)
Joycelyn Kinnaird, Vine Street (February)
Kelvin Kirby, Bishop Lane Plaza (February)
Valerie Leslie, Beecher Terrace (January)
Geraldine Livers, Vine Street (February)
Mike Loughmiller, Purchasing (March)
Mike Lyall, Construction Admin. (February)
Sherian McLendon, Vine Street (March)
Timothy Montgomery, Vacancy Prep. (March)
LaShonda Moore, Iroquois Homes (February)
Miguel Nero, Bishop Lane Plaza (February)
Garry Nevitt, Iroquois Homes (January)
Mary Nichols, Vine Street (February)
Arthur Osterhage, Iroquois Homes (January)
Pat Packer, Personnel (February)
Jeff Ralph, Finance (February)
Ashley Jones-Richardson, Finance (February)
Sean Sands, Dosker Manor (March)
William Slemmons Jr., HVAC (January)
Marlon Smiley, Parkway Place (March)
Gilbert Smith, Regional Maintenance (January)
Belinda Southard, Lourdes Hall (February)
Terral Sowell, Auto/Grounds (January)
Reginald Spinks, Avenue Plaza (February)
Willie Stephens, HVAC (January)
Sheri Tyus, Vine Street (February)
Dayrel Wade, Sheppard Square (January)
Shari Wells, Finance (March)
Teresa Williams, Vine Street (January)
Adrain Wilson, Auto/Grounds (March)
Wavid Wray, Finance (March)
Frank Young, Dosker Manor (February)

April

Deborah Betts, Bishop Lane Plaza
Patsy Bradsher, Avenue Plaza
Anita Burrus, Construction Admin.
Elke Cronen, Vine Street
Curtis Davis, Vine Street
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
Christopher Laird, Sheppard Square
Mary McDonald, Parkway Place
Debra Perry, Vine Street
Dorene Reed, Sheppard Square
Beatrice Richie, Vine Street
Camille Robinson, Family Investment Center
Charon Sears, Beecher Terrace
Portia Shoulders, Construction Admin.
Robert Tufaro, Extermination
Norma Ward, Construction Admin.
Steven Webb, Purchasing



ARE YOU PUZZLED?

Please complete the following “Fill in the Blank” quiz featuring various types of flowers. Gardeners should have no problem figuring these out; it will probably be a little more challenging for those of us who seldom put our hands (or gloves) in or near a garden. The deadline for submission is April 19, 2010. What’s in it for you, a great prize of course. Good Luck!

1. I R ____

2. PE ____ Y

3. OR ____ I ____

4. L ____ Y

5. AM ____ Y ____ I ____
6. ____ OF P ____

7. ____ L ____

8. H ____ H ____

9. D ____ L

10. S ____ T ____ E ____

Submitted by:

Name _____ Dept. _____

Please make a copy of your “Fill in the Blank”, and send it to Vikki Stone in the Executive Dept. by April 19, 2010. The prize winner will be drawn from the correct entries. If you would like to submit any puzzles or brain teasers for future consideration, please send them via e-mail to vstone@lmha1.org.



TASTY TIDBITS

There can never be “too many cooks in the kitchen” at LMHA

There’s no doubt about it, LMHA has some wonderful cooks! Whether it’s a birthday party or a baby shower, we all look forward to the tasty selections prepared by fellow employees. In an effort to feature some of these culinary delights, please submit your favorite recipes for inclusion in the employee newsletter via e-mail at vstone@lmha.org, or feel free to send a copy of your recipe to Vikki Stone in the Executive Dept. If you have any questions, please contact me at 569-3421. Bon Appétit!

Recipe categories:

- Something Different
- Appetizers/Snacks
- Soup/Salads
- Entrees
- Vegetables
- Breads
- Desserts
- Vegetarian
- All Locally Grown Products
- Low Fat/Low Calories



SALUTE TO SERVICE
(JANUARY – APRIL)

30 years

(3/2010) Rudy Heimann Sr., Vine Street

20 years

(1/2010) Wendy Osborne, Louisville Housing Srv.
(4/2010) Amber Goddard, Vine Street
(4/2010) Isaiah Evans, Sheppard Square
(4/2010) John Stroud, Iroquois Homes

15 years

(1/2010) David Jameson, Vine Street
(1/2010) Tyrone Thomas, Dosker Manor
(4/2010) Christine Smith, Dosker Manor

10 years

(2/2010) John Vandever, Vine Street
(2/2010) Makeeba Hickerson, Beecher Terrace
(3/2010) Tim Barry, Executive
(3/2010) Sherri Churchill, Avenue Plaza
(3/2010) Kathy Scott, Purchasing
(4/2010) Johanne Bradford, Iroquois Homes

5 years

(1/2010) Art Wasson, Vine Street
(1/2010) Linda Little, Avenue Plaza
(3/2010) Joycelyn Kinnaird, Vine Street



EMPLOYEE SUGGESTIONS

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.