

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



May – June 2010

GREEN NOTES

HOW GREEN IS YOUR GARDEN?

While sprucing up the yard or planting your garden, please consider the following eco-friendly suggestions:

- Buy recycled-content gardening equipment and tools, such as garden hoses made from old tires or hand tools made with recycled plastic.
- Many plants and insects can serve as non-toxic, natural deterrents to weeds and garden pests. Introduce ladybugs to eat aphids, plant marigolds to ward off beetles, and look for quick-sprouting plants to block weed growth.
- Conserve water by using barrels to collect rain water and use it to water plants. Remember to water during the cooler parts of the day (early morning is best) to avoid evaporation.
- Cut the bottoms off plastic milk jugs or use small paper bags to protect young seedlings from frost, wind, heavy rain and roving animals. Remember to recycle the bags and jugs when the seedlings have grown.

Source: EPA Consumer Tips: Lawn and Garden

WALKING THE GREEN TALK

A MESSAGE FROM TIM BARRY, LMHA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

There has been a flurry of GREEN activity at LMHA. In addition to steps taken to increase energy efficiency at Avenue Plaza, a number of other GREEN initiatives have been underway. The following will highlight our progress to-date:

Energy Star Award - LMHA received the 2010 Regional ENERGY STAR Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing for our work at Liberty Green and Avenue Plaza. This award recognizes our efforts in utilizing ENERGY STAR measures to improve energy efficiency in affordable housing, provide significant energy savings for residents, and reduce the emission of greenhouse gases related to energy consumption. LMHA is the only public housing agency in Kentucky to receive this prestigious award.

Mayor's Kilowatt Crackdown - LMHA was one of five finalists (out of 102 entries) in the competition for the Kilowatt Cup given in recognition of superior achievement in energy management, overcoming obstacles and/or emphasizing low or no-cost practices. The energy savings measures that were taken at Avenue Plaza resulted in an estimated annual gas and electric utility savings equivalent to over \$16,000.

Avenue Plaza Resident Recycling Pilot Program – Resident participation at Avenue Plaza has been great! To-date over five tons of recyclables have been diverted from the landfill.

Liberty Green Community Center – Located at the southeast corner of Jefferson and Jackson Streets, once complete the new Liberty Green Community Center will have numerous energy efficiency features including pervious pavement and geo-thermal heating/cooling. Plans call for the new facility to receive a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) “Gold” rating. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held in July.

Beautification Project - Last, but certainly not least, special thanks to the staff who took part in the annual beautification project at Avenue Plaza. I sincerely appreciate the time, energy and efforts of all those who participated – thanks for lending your GREEN thumbs!

These are just a few examples of how we are continuing to “walk the GREEN talk” at LMHA. Let’s keep up the good work – our efforts can and will make a difference today and for future generations!

“We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children” Native American Proverb



SALUTE TO SERVICE (MAY – JUNE)

40 years

(6/2010) Patsy Bradsher, St. Catherine Court

35 years

(5/2010) John McKissick, Parkway Place

25 years

(5/2010) Byron Bishop, Dosker Manor

20 years

(6/2010) Charles Mitchell, Parkway Place

15 years

(6/2010) Phyllis Brown, Vine Street

10 years

(5/2010) Phonsine Baber, Sheppard Square

5 years

(5/2010) Sue Ann Drane, Vine Street

STAFF UPDATE

New Hires

Full-Time

Debra Chittenden
Accountant II - Finance

Temporary to Full-Time

Marc Spalding
Maintenance Worker III – HVAC

Temporary

Clevette Appleton
Hospitality Coordinator – Operations
Lorinda Baker
Hospitality Coordinator – Operations
Antwon Goff
Maintenance Worker I – Dosker Manor
Darrence Hampton
Maintenance Worker I – Auto/Grounds
Theresa Horsley
Hospitality Coordinator – Operations
Alicia Murrell
Hospitality Coordinator – Operations
Jasmin Neal
Maintenance Worker I – Auto/Grounds

Jamesetta Phelps

Hospitality Coordinator – Operations

Gloria Phillips

Key Control Monitor - Construction Admin.

George White

Maintenance Worker I – Auto/Grounds

Promotions

Sharon Coleman

Maintenance Worker III – Sheppard Square

Ucresia Sistrunk

Property Manager II – Lourdes Hall

Resignations

Latacha Brewer

Property Manager II – Lourdes Hall

Curtis Davis

Housing Inspector – Vine Street

David Jameson

Housing Inspector – Vine Street

Chiffon Taylor

Special Programs - Temporary Tutor

Dennis Weber

Purchasing Agent – Purchasing



IN THE NEWS

LMHA received a Cornerstone Award from the Louisville Downtown Management District for both the 801 East Broadway Building and Liberty Green as part of the annual awards ceremony. The awards are given in recognition of recently completed projects in or near downtown where more than \$1 million was invested.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

May

Katrina Beeler, Vine Street
Phyllis Brown, Vine Street
Dyrell Bush, Bishop Lane Plaza
Cheryl Edwards, Parkway Place
Linda Fort, Dosker Manor
Angela Goldsmith, Construction Admin.
Margaret Head, Construction Admin.
Kiefrumn Howard, Beecher Terrace
Clifford Irons, Iroquois Homes
Michele Johnson, Vine Street
Bryan Lindsey, Auto/Grounds
Sean McCall, HVAC
Michael Newman, Dosker Manor
Anna Price, Lourdes Hall
Russell Sanders, Avenue Plaza
Christine Smith, Dosker Manor
Eric Talbott, Information Technology
Jermaine Taylor, Auto/Grounds
Tyrone Thomas, Dosker Manor
Terri Thornton, Vine Street
Chad Williams, Parkway Place

June

Tim Barry, Executive
Nicole Ballard, Operations
John Bowling, Regional Maintenance
Chastiny Coleman, Iroquois Homes
Fred Dillon, Parkway Place
Makeeba Hickerson, Beecher Terrace
Alious Kaestner, PG&E
Mark Liberto, Parkway Place
Lynn McCallie, Vine Street
Joyce McGill, Vine Street
David Mills, Dosker Manor
Jasmin Neal, Auto/Grounds
Lisa Osanka, Executive
Wendy Osborne, Louisville Housing Services
Stephanie Payne, Vine Street
Bernard Pincus, Construction Admin.
Cathy Salvate, Finance
Ron Sharp, Purchasing
Ucresia Sistrunk, Lourdes Hall
Shelton Talbott, PG&E
Cleda Thompson, Lourdes Hall
Mary Wethington, Iroquois Homes
Faye Wilford, Dosker Manor
Daniel Woods, HVAC



ARE YOU PUZZLED?

Please complete the following “Fill in the Blank” quiz featuring various movies or songs that include the word “Summer” in the title. The deadline for submission is June 28, 2010. What’s in it for you, a great prize of course. Good Luck!

P.S. Since this is a little difficult, I gave you a few hints!

1. A Summer _____ (movie)
2. _____ fun _____ the Summer _____ (song)
3. Summer ____ 42 (movie)
4. Summer ____ eeze (song)
5. The _____ Summer (movie)
6. Summer _____ (song from the movie “Grease”)
7. Summer _____ city (song)
8. Summer _____, Summer _____ (song)
9. A _____ Summer _____ Dream (movie)
10. _____ Lazy Hazy Crazy days of Summer (song)



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 June 28, 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.

The winner of the **January/April 2010 “Puzzler”** is Norma Ward, Construction Admin. Congrats Norma, please stop by Executive at your convenience to pick up your prize. **The answers to the January/April 2010 puzzler are:** 1) Iris; 2) Peony; 3) Orchid; 4) Lily; 5) Amaryllis; 6) Bird of Paradise; 7) Gladiola*; 8) Heather; 9) Daffodil; and 10) Sweet Pea.

*** If you submitted another type of flower (other than Gladiola) for #7 that is applicable for the spaces allotted and all your other answers were correct, your puzzle was included in the prize drawing.**

GREEN FROM THE INSIDE OUT

CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL GREENING PROJECT

Rain did not dampen the spirits of Central Office employees who recently took part in the annual beautification project at Avenue Plaza. With spades, shovels, and flowers in hand, the gardeners demonstrated LMHA's dedication to GREEN efforts inside, as well as outside Avenue Plaza by planting a variety of flowers and other landscaping activities. The annual greening project is just another way in which LMHA continues its ongoing commitment to the environment.



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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