



Charleston-Kanawha Housing Highlights

August 2008

Night Out On Crime

Several of Charleston-Kanawha Housing's communities celebrated the 25th Annual National Night Out on Crime on August 5, 2008.



National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



Carroll Terrace held a spaghetti and chicken dinner with a variety of covered dishes. Approximately 125 people attended including local law enforcement, EMS and the Charleston Fire Department.

Washington Manor's event was sponsored by Target. The retailer provided a variety of treats for the children. Washington Manor served pizza and hot dogs and had approximately 100 in attendance including policemen, firemen and paramedics.

Littlepage Terrace served hotdogs and watched a safety video. Approximately 100 people attended including local law enforcement and firemen.

Turning Change Into Opportunity

Charleston-Kanawha Housing is sponsoring a Resiliency Group through Family Counseling Connection.



Currently sessions are being offered at Washington Manor and Littlepage Terrace since residents there are being relocated due to redevelopment. These group sessions are FREE & available to ALL residents of Charleston-Kanawha Housing. The times and days are as follows:

Monday's 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Littlepage Terrace Community Room

Tuesday's 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Thursday's 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Washington Manor Community Room

Licensed Therapists Janice Hamon & Jason Newsome from Family Counseling Connection are conducting the group sessions.

Individual Counseling Sessions are also available free of charge to all residents of Charleston-Kanawha Housing. If you would like more information please contact Family Counseling Connection at 340-3676.

The resiliency group is designed to meet the needs of individuals dealing with life transitions. Examples may include job loss, relocation, divorce, and loss due to death.

Duration: 16 weeks

Topics: What change means
Change as a stressor
Change as a motivator
Dealing with change
Developing resiliency
Dealing with helplessness
Cultivating hope
Choices and consequences
Avoiding passivity

Resident Comment Line

We Want to Hear from You!



348-1096

All calls are welcome and remain anonymous.

Resident Council Meeting

Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority staff met with resident council officers on July 31, 2008. Mark Taylor, Executive Director, served as the moderator and asked resident council representatives to give updates about events in their communities.

Orchard Manor – Carmella McGhee

- Held a Youth Night Out
- Collected School Supplies
- Summer Lunch Program ongoing
- Garden has 35 resident participants
- Bookmobile visits every 2 weeks
- Memorial Service for Paul Board will take place at Switzer Center on 8/1/08
- Counseling services being offered every Monday & Wednesday through local church

Lippert Terrace – Jean Walton

- Bible Study held every Monday night
- Café open on Tuesday & Thursday mornings – Serving breakfast items
- Tenant meeting every third Thursday
- Held a July 4th picnic, spring fling and sloppy joe sale
- Rummage sale planned September 5th
- Holiday parties are being planned

Littlepage Terrace – Dave Wagner

- Distributed personal care items in the community
- Food pantry
- Night out on Crime activities planned
- Step-by-Step is holding computer classes to build and keep a computer
- Neighborhood Watch started/child safety class
- Summer lunch program ongoing
- Recently had a revival through local ministry and 75 residents attended

Carroll Terrace – Evelyn Adkins

- June birthday parties celebrated in gazebo
- Ongoing computer classes
- Craft Classes
- Events held include cookout, gospel sing
- Pinto Bean sale, Night out dinner, big breakfast and fish sale planned
- Community Garden is flourishing
- By-laws were updated and approved by residents in July

Washington Manor – Sharon Lunsford

- Held a bake sale in May
- Bible study held on Friday
- Nutrition Classes held on Wednesdays
- Council Meetings first Monday monthly
- Relocation meetings held twice a month
- Money Smart classes held every Thursday
- Group counseling sessions held every Tuesday & Thursday
- Night Out Activities are being planned

Charleston-Kanawha Housing staff gave updates as follows:

Kenny Powell, Director of Facilities Maintenance advised residents to put a landscaping plan together for next year and make sure the request is within reason, \$150. He discusses the clean air requirements of HUD and Kanawha County stating that all CKHA workplaces are smoke free and ash cans will be moved fifteen feet away from public entrances.

Ray Marsh, Director of Housing Initiatives, discussed the annual plan process. He explained that the first phase would begin in September with a resident meeting being held at every development. Mr. Marsh also gave a brief update on Charleston Replacement Housing #2.

Cindy Allen, Chief Financial Analyst, discussed the resident participation funds and distributed statements to the councils present. Mark Taylor identified legitimate councils (having held proper elections) as Lippert Terrace, Carroll Terrace and Washington Manor. He stated that only legitimate councils were eligible to receive these funds.

Frances Banks, Relocation Coordinator, discussed the ongoing meetings and relocation plans for Washington Manor and Littlepage Terrace.

Marva Williams, Director of Client Services, discussed the application process and gave a hand-out from KISRA regarding available programs.

Dale Whitehair, Safety & Security Officer, announced the Night Out on Crime activities planned for August 5, 2008.

Susie Halstead, Senior Service Coordinator, reminded residents that if they had not applied for the stimulus payment, the deadline is October 14, 2008.

Ed Schoettker, Safe & Drug Free Coordinator gave a brief update on his program. He reported that the Too Good for Drugs program had wrapped up at each of the family sites.

Amy Lewis, FSS Coordinator, gave an update on the Good Housekeeping program and explained that we do not clean people's houses, we provide coaches to guide them in their efforts. Ms. Lewis also reported on the Money Smart classes being offered in Littlepage & Washington Manor. She stated that managers are referring residents in danger of eviction due to non-payment to these classes but they are available for anyone interested. Also, group sessions are being offered through Family Counseling to help people deal with change. The classes are offered in Littlepage on Monday's from 1:00p.m. - 2:00p.m. and in Washington Manor on Tuesdays from 1:00p.m. - 2:00p.m. and Thursdays from 6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.