



Charleston-Kanawha Housing Highlights

March 2007

SENIOR EXPO 2007

The 14th Annual Senior Expo will be held on May 14th and 15th at the Charleston Civic Center.

Admission is free and there will be many different senior service providers available to talk to you about their products and services. There are various health classes and screenings conducted during the two day event.



Safe & Drug Free Advisory Council

The Safe & Drug Free Advisory Council met on March 28, 2007 to discuss the progress of the program and plans for the upcoming grant application.

Ed Schoettker, Safe & Drug Free Coordinator discussed the Skills for Managing Anger Program currently being offered at eight family sites. The program is averaging an attendance of 40 residents per week and focuses on ways to manage anger without resorting to aggressive violent behavior.

For further information about class sessions or Safe & Drug Free Program activities, please contact the Safe & Drug Free Coordinator, Ed Schoettker at 348-6451 ext. 354 or 546-5209.

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Charleston-Kanawha Housing & the Governors
Safe & Drug Free Communities Program

Resident Comment Line

We Want to Hear from You!



348-1096

All calls are welcome and will remain anonymous.

FSS Program Update

The Public Housing Family Self Sufficiency Program began in the summer of 2005 and is now operating at full capacity, serving 50 individuals.

The objective of the FSS Program is to help motivated families move toward self-sufficiency. The process involves a five year contract between the family and Charleston-Kanawha Housing in which the individual states their goals and activities for achieving self-sufficiency. Any other goals of the family can be added to the contract, such as:

- Improve credit
- Obtain GED
- Obtain job training
- Obtain child care, etc.

FSS participants may choose to establish an escrow account once they have obtained employment. The difference in their rent increase is placed into an account that is available to the participant upon successful completion of the program. Currently, more than \$11,000 has been saved by 10 participants.

Charleston-Kanawha Housing has partnered with Family Service and the Religious Coalition for Community Renewal to provide counseling services for participants.

FSS Participant Update

Greg Wall has been on the FSS program since April 2006. He set goals for himself and has accomplished several of them receiving his GED which earned him a \$500 bonus from the Department of Health and Human Resources. Greg completed training through PIA Career Services and is now employed full-time with Werner Enterprises.



Mr. Wall has now established an escrow account and is hoping to one day purchase a home for his family.



To find out more about the FSS program, contact FSS Coordinator Amy Lewis & let her help guide you in the direction of self-sufficiency, 348-6451 ext. 307.

Resident Programming Update



Above are photos of Littlepage Terrace (left) & Orchard Manor (right) during the three week Workforce Development workshop conducted by Jane Smith of Career Consulting Services.

The Neighborhood Network's Program Coordinator, Buzz Moberley, is currently beginning 3-week Digital Photography Workshops. Please watch for upcoming schedules for each of the 10 locations.

Carroll Terrace Community Garden tentatively planned timeline:

- community potatoes & onions planted March 23
- individual garden space sign-up week April 9-13
- broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, & lettuce community bed planting April 12th
- individual garden space plant day May 16.
- annuals, herbs, and individual vegetable bed planting week May 14-18.
- also all CKH residents are welcome to participate on a first come-first served basis until spaces are full.

Orchard Manor Community Garden tentatively planned timeline:

- Contact Virginia Nesmith if you are interested in having a garden this year.
- Registration will be by telephone to WVSU Extension Agent, John Harper, at 552-8039 between 9am-3pm April 26-27.
- all CKH residents are welcome to participate, the planning schedule will be posted as soon as the number of participants is finalized.

Faces at Charleston-Kanawha Housing

Tammy Chabot was promoted to a Housing Manager effective April 2, 2007. Initially she will be stationed at Carroll Terrace working with Mike McClure. Tammy has been employed by Charleston-Kanawha Housing since August 22, 2002 as a Leased Housing Specialist in the Section 8 Department and will now be facing new challenges working in Public Housing. We congratulate Tammy on her advancement in the agency and wish her luck in her new position.



Spring, Almost

The sunshine gleams
so bright and warm,
The sky is blue
and clear.
I run outdoors
without a coat,
And spring is almost
here.

Then before I know it,
Small clouds have
blown together,
Till the sun just can't
get through them,
And again, it's mitten
weather.

