

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



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IT'S BACK... EMPLOYEE LUNCH MEETING FEATURING FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

Where can you find tasty food, an interesting speaker on a timely topic and time to chat with fellow employees in a comfortable setting...at a LMHA lunch meeting of course! Please join us on **Wednesday, July 30, 2008** from 12:00 Noon – 1:30PM at Avenue Plaza in the Community Room (second floor). You can either take advantage of a catered meal for \$7.00, or bring your own lunch. There will also be a door prize drawing!

Our featured speaker will be Ms. Karen Finlinson from the Park Federal Community Credit Union. Karen will provide some timely tips on budgeting and financial tools to reach long term and short term financial goals. **Contact Vikki Stone to reserve a seat and/or lunch, at vstone@lmha1.org or 569-3421 by Friday, July 25, 2008.**

EMPLOYEE UPDATE

New Hires

Full-Time

Mark Liberto

Maint. Worker II - Parkway Place

Larry Selmon

Maint. Worker II - Dosker Manor

Temporary to Full-Time

Sonia Lester

Maint. Worker I - Avenue Plaza

Belinda Southard

Maint. Worker I - Lourdes Hall

Temporary

Barry Bradshaw

Maint. Worker I - Auto/Grounds

Bryan Lindsey

Maint. Worker I - Auto/Grounds

Lee Morris

Maint. Worker I - Auto/Grounds

Jasmin Neal

Maint. Worker I - Auto/Grounds

Terral Sowell

Maint. Worker I - Auto/Grounds

Jeremy Sutton

Maint. Worker I - Auto/Grounds

George White

Maint. Worker I - Auto/Grounds

Resignations

Maya-Mae Brown

Maint. Worker I - Sheppard Square

Veronica Bullitt

Housing Specialist - Vine Street

Iwalani Singleton

Secretary - Construction Administration

FAMILIAR SIGNS OF THE TIMES

A MESSAGE FROM TIM BARRY, LMHA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It's hard to believe that half of the year has already passed by. It seems like only yesterday that we faced cold, dreary days. Now the warmth of sun makes us all step lively to reach an air-conditioned location.

There are also signs that time is moving along at a familiar pace at LMHA. Several central office employees planted a rainbow of color in May that included begonias, marigolds and geraniums. This feisty crew, comprised of both experienced and inexperienced gardeners, worked for hours to plant tray after tray of flowers and foliage in front and along the sides of the Central Office building. Special thanks to all who participated in this annual spring time event.

The Annual Resident Scholarship Awards Ceremony, one of the most inspiring programs offered by LMHA through our Family Self-Sufficiency Program, will be held in July. Each year, public housing and Section 8 residents complete applications and attend interviews all in hopes of receiving funding to pursue a college education or to participate in a vocational education program. This annual program is one in which we can all take pride. And believe it or not, we're only a couple of months from conducting our annual employee Metro United Way campaign (more to come on that later).



LMHA flower girls Vickie Greathouse, Personnel and Angela Sharp, Finance (with tray in hand) unloaded trays of flowers for distribution to volunteer gardeners

In addition to our internal activities and programming, I'm pleased to report that Phases I and II of Liberty Green are almost complete. We will soon turn to the home ownership phase that should be exciting thanks in part to the unique home designs and what we believe will be a vigorous sales climate. Home construction at the Villages of Park DuValle, our nationally acclaimed HOPE VI initiative, is near completion.

Yes, it may be difficult to accept that time moves so quickly. However, when I think about the hard work each of you continue to put forward and the success that we have collectively achieved, it is believable because there are signs everywhere!



TASTY TIDBITS

Submitted by Vikki Stone

"Wing It" Noodle Casserole

2 Large Turkey Wings

1 package of no-yoke egg noodles

1 can of cream of mushroom soup

1 can of cream of chicken soup

1 small container of fresh sliced mushrooms

1 medium onion
(chopped – divide in half)

2 stalks of celery (chopped)

8 oz. package low-fat cream cheese

Chicken seasoning to taste

Garlic powder to taste

Curry powder to taste

Black pepper to taste

Small amount of seasoning salt –
or better yet – Mrs. Dash

1/2 cup Italian bread crumbs

Grated parmesan cheese

Cover turkey wings with water in a large pot. Add 1/2 of chopped onion, all the celery, and seasoning/spices except the curry powder. Cook the turkey wings until done, remove from pot and place

on small platter. Remove the meat (only) from the bones– discard skin and fat. Break meat up into small pieces and set aside. Keep one cup of the seasoned water for the sauce. Cook egg noodles according to package directions, rinse and drain - set aside.

For the sauce, put the mushroom and chicken soups and the cup of seasoned water in a medium sauce pan. Heat and stir until hot and bubbly. Add the fresh mushrooms, the other 1/2 of the chopped onion, the creamed cheese, curry powder and finally the turkey meat. Continue stirring (adding more seasoning to taste – particularly the curry), until all the ingredients are combined and heated thoroughly.*

Spray large casserole dish with cooking spray. Put noodles in dish, then add sauce slowly stirring to blend together. Top with bread crumbs and grated parmesan cheese, bake in oven at 350 degrees until bubbly and golden brown. This is a BIG casserole!

*For a creamier sauce, add 1/2 to 1 cup of milk to the sauce mixture before adding to the noodles in the casserole dish.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

June

Tim Barry, Executive
 John Bowling, Regional Maintenance
 Chastiny Coleman, Iroquois Homes
 Fred Dillon, Beecher West
 Mike Dunavan, Regional Maintenance
 Makeeba Edmund, Beecher West
 Tyrone Finn, Dosker Manor
 Alious Kaestner, Vacancy Prep.
 Mark Liberto, Parkway Place
 LaTonia McAlmont, Iroquois Homes
 Lynn McCallie, Vine Street
 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
 Uclesia Sistrunk, Louisville Housing Services
 LaShawn Starling, Auto/Grounds
 Shelton Talbott, PG&E
 Cleda Thompson, Lourdes Hall
 Mary Wethington, Iroquois Homes
 Faye Wilford, Dosker Manor

July

Phonsine Baber, Sheppard Square
 Byron Bishop, Dosker Manor
 Latacha Brewer, Lourdes Hall
 Patricia Brooks, Lourdes Hall
 Patrick Clay, Parkway Place
 Janell Coghill, Finance
 Diane Coleman, Avenue Plaza
 Margi Decker, Sheppard Square
 Yvonne Feger, Finance
 James Goff, Vacancy Prep.
 Terry Good, Regional Maint.
 Stephen Higgins, Regional Maint.
 William Jackson, Regional Maint.
 Donna Keehn, Louisville Housing Services
 LaTasha Kilgore, Construction Admin.
 Pat Laster, Operations
 Shirley Leonard, Avenue Plaza
 Mark Lindenmayer, Extermination
 Allen Martin, Dosker Manor
 Danny O'Daniel, Lourdes Hall
 Charles Parker, Beecher West
 Emma Robinson, Louisville Housing Services
 Joseph Ryan, Bishop Lane Plaza
 Will Seay, Operations
 Larry Selmon, Dosker Manor
 Shameca Smith, Lourdes Hall
 Robert Thompson, Auto/Grounds
 Marie Tull, Personnel
 Larry Votaw, Vine Street
 Art Wasson, Vine Street
 Thomas White, Beecher East
 Carlos Whitehorse, HVAC



SALUTE TO SERVICE (JUNE – JULY)

30 years

(6/2008) Robert Marshall, HVAC

20 years

(6/2008) Shelton Talbott, PG&E

(7/2008) Robert Foster, Sheppard Square

15 years

(7/2008) David McAbee, Parkway Place

(7/2008) Ramon Salter, Parkway Place

10 years

(6/2008) Emma Carey, Beecher Terrace

(7/2008) Valerie Leslie, Beecher East

5 years

(6/2008) John McGuire, HVAC

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ARE YOU PUZZLED?

For all you television watchers, Janice Burns and Vikki Stone (Executive) thought it would be fun to see if you can match television advertising slogans with the product that is promoted. Let's see how well you do - bear in mind some of these are oldies, but goodies (smile). **The deadline for submission is July 25, 2008.** What's in it for you, another great prize of course. Good Luck!

Instructions: Write in the name of the company/product for the following slogans (Example: You're in good hands with Allstate)

- _____ is the place with the helpful hardware man.
- The best part of waking up is _____ in your cup.
- _____ is the quicker picker upper.
- Built _____ tough.
- _____. We bring good things to life.
- _____ and I helped.
- If you believe in peanut butter, you gotta believe in _____.
- Like a good neighbor, _____ is there.
- _____. Taste the rainbow.
- If it says _____, _____, _____ on the label, label, label, you will like it, like it, like it on your table, table, table.

Submitted by:

Name _____ Dept. _____

Please make a copy of your completed puzzle, and send it to Vikki Stone in the Executive Office by July 25, 2008. 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 April/May puzzler is Angela Sharp, Finance. Congrats Angela, stop by Executive at your convenience to pick up your prize

Answers to the April/May 2008 Puzzler: 1) letters of the alphabet; 2) wonders of the world; 3) Arabian Nights; 4) signs of the zodiac; 5) piano keys; 6) stripes on the American Flag; 7) degrees fahrenheit at which water freezes; 8) holes on a golf course; 9) degrees in a right angle; and, 10) wheel on a unicycle



BEWARE OF DOGS

Submitted by Mike Loughmiller, Safety Manager

Each year about 4.7 million Americans are bitten by dogs, and these bites result in approximately 16 fatalities according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Of that number, 800,000 Americans seek medical attention for dog bites; half of those cases are for children. Some 386,000 dog bites are serious enough to require treatment in an emergency department according to the CDC. If you or a family member are in a potentially dangerous situation with a dog or are bitten, please note the following safety advice and animal bite first aid procedures:

Don't:

- Approach an unfamiliar dog
- Run from a dog or scream
- Allow children to play with a dog unless supervised by an adult
- Have direct eye contact with an unfamiliar dog
- Disturb a dog that is sleeping, eating or caring for puppies
- Pet a dog without allowing it to see and sniff you first

If Bitten:

- Clean the wound with soap and water – run water over wound for at least five minutes
- Control bleeding
- Antibiotic ointment may be applied to a shallow wound before dressing it
- Cover the wound with sterile dressing and bandage
- See a health care provider as soon as possible or go to the emergency room right away
- Report all animal bites to local animal control officers and police (certain procedures must be followed when rabies is a risk)

Lastly, if your dog bites someone, restrain the dog immediately, separate it from the scene and confine it. If the animal is not yours, animal experts and law enforcement agencies recommend avoiding further contact. Call the police or animal control agency. Be sure to provide a description of the animal and the direction in which it is headed. The National Safety Council advises against trying to catch any animal that might have rabies.

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