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LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



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BEING GREAT IN 2008

A MESSAGE FROM TIM BARRY, LMHA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The beginning of a new year presents an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments for the year just ended and what's on the horizon for the next year. Let me mention a few things that will occur in 2008.

Building upon the success of the rental portion of Liberty Green, 2008 will mark the beginning of construction of the for-sale townhomes. With a starting price of approximately \$105,000, these homes will be well within reach of low and moderate income families. If the interest we've had to date is any indication, home sales should be robust. Many former Clarksdale residents and other public housing residents have been afforded the opportunity to live at Liberty Green, a testament to the belief in this HOPE VI initiative and the fulfillment of our commitment to our residents.

Last year, we also broke ground on a building located at 801 E. Broadway with completion expected later this year. This building will contain a number of mixed income units with a retail component. In 2007, we continued our efforts to raze the buildings at Iroquois and replace them with off-site units and that work will continue in 2008. These steps epitomize our efforts to provide additional, high quality off-site housing to ensure that our residents have good, safe, quality housing in which to live. These are just a couple of the things on the horizon for '08.

Since it is the beginning of a new year, let me also offer my thanks and appreciation to all the employees of the Housing Authority for your continued hard work and dedication to the agency and the residents we serve. It is greatly appreciated.

STAFF UPDATE

New Hires

Daniel Melendy
Accountant I - Finance

Promotions

Anna Price
Maintenance Worker II - Lourdes Hall
Michael Newman
Maintenance Worker II - Dosker Manor

Retirement

Barbara Rodgers
Account Analyst - Finance

MAYOR, POLICE PROVIDE TIPS TO PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT – ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFERS HELP TO VICTIMS

Identity theft continues to affect hundreds of families in Louisville each year. Mayor Jerry Abramson was recently joined by Louisville Metro Police Chief Robert White and Attorney General Jack Conway at a press conference where they offered tips on avoiding identity theft, as well as help for victims trying to restore their credit history after they discover fraud. "Our office strongly encourages people to sign up for a service that limits the amount of junk mail you receive," said Conway. "Many thieves prey on pre-approved credit applications that arrive in your mailbox – you can stop receiving that kind of identity theft bait with a simple phone call."

LMPD Fraud officers offer several tips for citizens to keep their identities safe:

- Remove mail from your mailbox as soon after delivery as possible.
- Deposit outgoing mail in street mailboxes or at your local post office instead of your home.

- Never give personal information over the telephone.
- Shred any documents with personal information such as pre-approved credit applications, credit card receipts, bills and other financial information.
- Obtain a copy of your credit report once a year to check for unusual activity.
- Check your financial statements in a timely manner, and immediately report any charges you don't recognize to your financial institution.
- Report all lost or stolen credit cards, checks or driver's licenses.
- Memorize your Social Security number, and never carry the card in your wallet.
- Beware of mail or telephone promotions offering instant prizes of awards. (If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.)

For more information about the Keep Louisville Safe initiative, visit www.LouisvilleKy.gov or call 574-LMPD.



COLD WEATHER ADVICE

HOW TO RECOGNIZE HYPOTHERMIA AND WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), hypothermia is defined as the point when the body temperature drops below 95 degrees. Most often hypothermia is the result of exposure to a cold environment, or a loss of body heat. Body heat loss can occur through being exposed to the elements and/or even heat loss through perspiration (sweating). Symptoms of hypothermia include:

- Uncontrollable shivering (shivering stops in severe cases)
- Confused, apathetic or irrational behavior
- Lethargic or clumsy movements
- Pale skin, cool to the touch
- Slowed breathing
- Levels of responsiveness come and go

Nearly 700 people die each year due to hypothermia. Among the high risk factors for hypothermia related deaths are advanced age, chronic medical

conditions, substance abuse, and homelessness. Another type of hypothermia, not caused by exposure to the cold, is called secondary hypothermia. It can be caused or brought on by acute/severe shock or multiple trauma resulting from an auto accident.

If you are with someone or happen to come upon someone who is a victim of hypothermia:

- Check for breathing; provide CPR as needed and call 911.
- Get the person out of the cold; replace wet clothing with dry clothing or blankets.
- If the person is lying on the ground, gently move them to a comfortable area where they can be laid down.
- Don't jostle them because it can cause an irregular heartbeat.
- Cover them with blankets. If you are outdoors put clothing or something underneath them to keep them warm. Make them lie still.
- In a warm weather situation, prevent any draft or air from blowing on the injured victim.
- In severe cases, where breathing and heart rate are very slow and hard to detect, begin CPR immediately.

Excerpt from Family Safety and Health Winter 2007-2008



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

February

Chester Brewer, Finance
 Jeffrey Carter, Lourdes Hall
 LaDasha Downs, Construction Admin.
 Chyna Eda, Family Investment Center
 Quanda Ellis, Dosker Manor
 Alan Farley, Construction Admin.
 Aurelia Hensley, Vine Street
 James Johnson Sr., LHS
 Ashley Jones, Finance
 Joycelyn Kinnaird, Vine Street
 Kelvin Kirby, Bishop Lane Plaza
 Geraldine Livers, Vine Street
 Mike Lyall, Construction Admin.
 LaShonda Moore, Parkway Place
 Mary Nichols, Vine Street
 Patricia Packer, Personnel
 Les Payton, Construction Admin.
 Jeff Ralph, Finance
 Belinda Southard, Iroquois Homes
 Reginald Spinks, Avenue Plaza
 Terry Steiden, Beecher Terrace
 Sheri Tyus, Vine Street
 Matthew White, Extermination
 Frank Young, Dosker Manor

March

Joyce Babb, Personnel
 Maya'-Mae Brown, Sheppard Square
 David Halberg, Auto/Grounds
 Carlo Hayes, Sheppard Square
 William Keltee, Sheppard Square
 Mike Loughmiller, Purchasing
 Timothy Montgomery, Vacancy Prep.
 Cherica Pruitt, Vine Street
 Sean Sands, Dosker Manor
 Nani Singleton, Construction Admin.
 Marlon Smiley, Parkway Place
 Paulette Sublett, Vine Street
 Shari Wells, Finance
 Adrain Wilson, Auto/Grounds
 Wavid Wray, Finance
 James Wright, Purchasing



SALUTE TO SERVICE (FEBRUARY – MARCH)

30 years

(3/2008) Shirley Leonard, Avenue Plaza

20 years

(2/2008) Frances Jones, Vine Street
(3/2008) Sandra Davis, Finance

15 years

(2/2008) Jeff Ralph, Finance
(2/2008) Raymond Atkinson, Beecher Terrace
(2/2008) Frank Young, Dosker Manor

10 years

(2/2008) Nani Singleton, Construction Admin.
(2/2008) Sandra Schardein, Vine Street
(3/2008) David Hughes, Construction
(3/2008) James Johnson, LHS

5 years

(2/2008) Alious Kaestner, Vacancy Prep.
(3/2008) Vanessa Ryland, Vine Street
(3/2008) Sheri Tyus, Vine Street
(3/2008) Rodriguez Montgomery, Parkway Place

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY:

NEW DEGREE PROGRAM OFFERED AT UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Designed for working professionals who have college credits and five or more years of work experience, the University of Louisville has announced a new degree program entitled Bachelor of Science in Workforce Leadership. Considered as a "completer" degree, this new educational program will assist adults in obtaining a Bachelor's Degree that is highly relevant to their job roles.

Program Description

- This program is designed to help working professionals, with prior college credits and/or two-year Associates Degrees, to complete a Bachelor's Degree.
- Upon completion of one 3-credit hour course, whereby an individual documents his/her work learning and/or company completed training programs, an individual may earn up to 45 credit hours free toward the completion of this non-traditional, compressed degree.

- He/she may then proceed to the 35 credit hour major that focuses on workplace performance and the design, delivery and evaluation of job related training as well as skills for managing change, knowledge and human resource education.
- Graduates of this program will have learned important work related skills which include managing projects and events, the use of knowledge management systems, supporting change and leading performance improvement initiatives.

For additional information on this program, please contact:

University of Louisville Program Coordinator:

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ARE YOU PUZZLED?

Now that I know you like to be "puzzled", Pat Packer in Personnel submitted the following Logo and Mascot quiz that should be a little more challenging. Let's see how you do on this one. The deadline for completion is March 7, 2008. What's in it for you...another great prize of course – Good Luck!

The winner of the "Healthy Heart Fill in the Blank" puzzler in the December/January newsletter is **Quanda "Que" Ellis (Dosker Manor)**. Congrats Que, stop by the Executive Office at your convenience to pick up your Heart Healthy prize!

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Submitted by:

Name _____ Dept. _____

Please make a copy of your completed puzzle, and send it to Vikki Stone in the Executive Office by March 7, 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

Answers to the December/January puzzler: 1) heart disease; 2) exercise; 3) doctor; 4) increase and fewer; and, 5) high and heart.