

# BRIEFLY SPEAKING

LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



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## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR JERRY ABRAMSON



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your hard work and dedication to not only maintaining LMHA's properties located throughout Louisville, but also your efforts relative to and in support of the HOPE VI initiative now known as Liberty Green.

Liberty Green is being built as our downtown is growing and thriving, bringing more Louisvillians back to the urban center. This initiative is not only transforming the neighborhood by drawing a mix of individuals and families from all walks of life, it is also having a ripple effect of new growth and investment throughout the community.

Some cities can only dream of the progress we are making together in Louisville. Liberty Green is taking its place amongst a vibrant urban area that includes a variety of entertainment options and restaurants, recreation opportunities such as the Louisville Waterfront Park and Louisville Slugger Field, and a host of new housing and condo developments.

To some it may have seemed like a daunting task, but I knew that if any agency could turn a dream into reality, it was the Louisville Metro Housing Authority. One has to look no further than the Villages of Park DuValle or the thousands of well-maintained public housing and scattered-site properties to know that the Housing Authority is comprised of individuals who are committed to transforming neighborhoods and the lives of those citizens who most need our assistance.

As we look back at how far we have come, we can take great pride in the success we have achieved. I look forward to continuing our work together and sharing the successes we'll see in the New Year.

Again, thank you for your hard work and dedication. Best wishes to you and yours for a safe and happy holiday season.

## 2007 LMHA METRO UNITED WAY EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN: ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR



As a result of your generosity, LMHA donated over \$11,000 to the 2007 Metro United Way campaign. Special thanks go to the following LMHA employees who volunteered to serve on the campaign committee: Pat Packer, Vickie Greathouse, Vickie Fields, Joyce Babb, Cathy Salvate, Aldean Pleasant, Janice Burns, Carlos Whitehorse, Vikki Stone and Marie Tull.

In addition to sweets and treats distributed throughout the employee campaign, several prizes were awarded to the following employees whose names were drawn as a result of chance entries that were based upon their level of contribution to Metro United Way:

| Prize                                      | Winner            |
|--|-------------------|
| \$250 Southwest Airlines gift certificate  | Amber Goddard     |
| 15" LCD HD TV w/built in DVD player        | Christine Smith   |
| One Day Off with Pay                       | Cornelia Oldham   |
| Olympus 8.0 Megapixel Digital Camera (RED) | Sandra Davis      |
| IPOD Nano (GREEN)                          | Cornelia Oldham   |
| Panasonic DVD recorder                     | Shameca Smith     |
| Roadside Emergency Kit                     | Sharon Perkins    |
| \$25 Restaurant gift certificate           | Shelly Winstead   |
| \$25 Restaurant gift certificate           | Juan Hunter       |
| \$25 Restaurant gift certificate           | Pamela Dahlum     |
| \$25 Restaurant gift certificate           | Isaiah Evans      |
| \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate             | Vickie Greathouse |
| \$25 Movie gift certificate                | Latacha Brewer    |
| \$25 Movie gift certificate                | Jerry Bodine      |
| \$25 Movie gift certificate                | LaTasha Kilgore   |
| \$25 Movie gift certificate                | Phil Stepteau     |



## SALUTE TO SERVICE (DECEMBER 2007 – JANUARY 2008)

**25 years**  
(12/2007) Cledea Thompson, Lourdes Hall

**10 years**  
(12/2007) Willie Stephens, HVAC

**20 years**  
(1/2008) Mike Dunavan  
Regional Maintenance

**5 years**  
(12/2007) Scott Nalley, HVAC  
(1/2008) Bobby Jackson, Vacancy Prep.

**15 years**  
(12/2007) Faye Wilford, Dosker Manor  
(1/2008) Mary Masden, Beecher Terrace

(1/2008) Wayne Leeseberg  
Sheppard Square

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

## December

- Valerie AL-Ethawi-Howard, Operations
- Jerry Bodine, Operations
- Gary Bradley, PG&E
- Sharon Cofield, Dosker Manor
- Gregory Crum, HVAC
- Willie Drain, Finance
- Norma Giles, Vine Street
- James Grant, PG&E
- Carlos Grigsby, Dosker Manor
- Kevin Hughes, Bishop Lane Plaza
- Linda Little, Avenue Plaza
- Robert Marshall, Regional Maintenance
- Keith McCarthy, Regional Maintenance
- Rodriquez Montgomery, Parkway Place
- LaToya Morrison, Vine Street
- Janie Orr, Sheppard Square
- Philip Reidinger, Regional Maintenance
- Vanessa Ryland, Vine Street
- Kathy Scott, Purchasing
- Alyss Simpson, Vine Street
- Jo Ann Smith, Vine Street
- Chiffon Taylor, Iroquois Homes
- John Vandevveer, Vine Street
- Dennis Weber, Purchasing
- Anthony Williams, Executive
- Lana Zusstone, Family Investment Center

## January 2008

- Mary Arthur-Brown, Vine Street
- Anna Burks, Beecher West
- Janice Burns, Executive
- Emma Carey, Beecher West
- Myrna Cunningham, Executive
- Douglas Downs, Iroquois Homes
- Dan Farrell, Family Investment Center
- Dana Gibson, Auto/Grounds
- Kevin Graves, Extermination
- John Groves, Safety & Investigations
- Ronyell Hamby, Lourdes Hall
- Kenneth Heacox, Iroquois Homes
- Fred Huber IV, HVAC
- David Jameson, Vine Street
- Frances Jones, Vine Street
- Valerie Leslie, Beecher East
- Scott Nalley, HVAC
- Garry Nevitt, Construction
- Arthur Osterhage, Iroquois Homes
- William Slemmons Jr., HVAC
- Gilbert Smith, Regional Maintenance
- Willie Stephens, HVAC
- Dayrel Wade, Iroquois Homes

## STAFF UPDATE

### New Hires

#### Full-time

- Rebekah Aman  
Housing Specialist – Vine Street
- Veronica Bullitt  
Housing Specialist – Vine Street
- Linda Nuss  
Accounting Clerk II – Finance
- Joseph Spencer  
Maintenance Worker III – Auto/Grounds

### Promotions

- Patrick Clay  
Maintenance Worker III – Parkway Place
- Linda Fort  
Maintenance Worker III – Dosker Manor
- James Grant  
Maintenance Worker III – PG & E
- JeRoy Hayden  
Maintenance Worker III – Beecher Terrace East
- Ashley Jones  
Accountant II – Finance
- Alyss Simpson  
Rental Assistance Monitor I – Vine Street
- Tyrone Thomas  
Maintenance Worker III – Dosker Manor



## TASTY TIDBITS

Submitted by **Tonya Wise,**  
Construction Administration

### Sandtart Cookies

- 4 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

Beat eggs, sugar, and butter together. Gradually add flour and baking soda. Form cookie dough into a ball or log, wrap in plastic, and then refrigerate until ready to bake.

### Baking Instructions

Cut cookie dough into sections. Roll dough out on a floured pastry sheet. Use cookie cutters to create desired

shapes. Brush unbaked cookies with egg whites and top with sprinkles. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown (or darker if you desire).

### Note

One of my friends gave me her grandmother's recipe for Sandtart cookies. She told me to be sure to use a "good mixer" when mixing the dough because one time when she was making the cookies the dough was so stiff she burnt out the motor in her hand-held mixer! So, be sure to use a heavy duty mixer if you have one. Roll-out the dough to whatever thickness you like; however, I like the thinner cookies because they tend to be browner after baking than the thicker cookies (thicker ones are easier to decorate though).  
**HAVE FUN!**

## DID YOU KNOW...

### Cold weather drains batteries!

Electronics experts warn that cold temperatures can drain battery power. They recommend not leaving laptops in parked cars for extended periods of time, as well as keeping devices such as cell phones, pagers, and PDAs (personal digital assistants) in a pocket closer to your body when outside.

### Plastics and the Microwave

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recommends the following guidelines for using plastics in the microwave: use plastic containers only if they are labeled for microwave use; microwave plastic wraps are safe to use but don't let the

plastic wrap touch the food during microwaving; and don't use plastic storage containers such as margarine tubs and take out containers they can warp or melt, possibly causing harmful chemicals to transfer into the food.

### When did they make it?

Can you match the toy to the year when it was a top seller?

- |                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Nerf Ball                  | a. 1983 |
| 2. Cabbage Patch Doll         | b. 1996 |
| 3. Slinky                     | c. 1945 |
| 4. Tickle Me Elmo             | d. 2006 |
| 5. Heelys (shoes with wheels) | e. 1972 |

Answers: 1E; 2A; 3C; 4B; 5D



## ARE YOU PUZZLED?

I recently came across a copy of the "Grapevine" newsletter and noticed a regular feature entitled "HAL Puzzler". I thought it might be fun to revive these brain teasers and puzzles. To get the ball rolling, please note the Fill in the Blank quiz below. You might be wondering what's in it for you...well, a wonderful heart healthy prize of course! Please let me know what you think.

### Test your knowledge with the following heart healthy questions.

- 1) H \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ is the number one killer in the U.S. causing more deaths than all forms of cancer combined.\*
- 2) E \_\_\_\_\_ is great for improving the body's metabolism, circulation, muscles and bones.\*
- 3) It's important to check with your D \_\_\_\_\_ before beginning a vigorous exercise program.\*
- 4) The best way to lose weight is to \_\_\_\_\_ physical activity and eat \_\_\_\_\_ calories.\*\*
- 5) A stroke is the first symptom of \_\_\_\_\_ blood pressure and a \_\_\_\_\_ attack is often the first symptom of high blood cholesterol.\*\*

Submitted by:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Please make a copy of your completed puzzle, and send it to Vikki Stone in the Executive Dept. by January 11, 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](mailto:vstone@lmha1.org).

\*Excerpted from Norton Healthcare "Get Healthy" newsletter

\*\*National Institutes of Health (NIH)