



Moline Housing Authority



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Message From the Executive Director/CEO

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our new and improved newsletter which is long overdue. Goal number of the Moline Housing Authority's five year strategic plan is to encourage tenant participation and consultation, and to actively keep residents informed on all facets of the Authority's operations and management. And we believe that the newsletter is one such medium we can keep residents informed.

This first edition is dedicated to the memory of the late Commissioner Kathrine York who was the editor and producer of our previous newsletter for many years. The late Commissioner York passed away on Tuesday, April 12th 2016. She was a tenant of the Housing Authority for many years. She was appointed to the Board of Commissioners as the Resident Commissioner in August of 2007 and served until her death. She also served on the Resident Advisory Board as well as the Resident Council. She was a member of The Literacy Connection (TLC), and was part of the summer lunch program for the children here at the housing authority, a program she cared very much about.

Kathy was a staunch advocated for low-income public housing, and was devoted to public service and the wellbeing of those she served and represented. Kathy was quietly confident and unassuming, however, had a comprehensive and thorough knowledge of the rules and regulations governing the administration of public housing programs; and had deep interest in how the programs were run and often made suggestions as to how to improve service delivery. She was instrumental in the development and growth of the housing authority and contributed to the recent accomplishment of the housing authority. Although the late Kathy was a Resident Commissioner, However, she also had the interest of staff at heart and demonstrated that through close working relationship with staff at all levels within the authority.

To conclude, the late Commissioner York was special to me because she was the chairperson of the personnel sub-committee responsible for my recruitment and was the lead negotiator for the housing authority, a tough negotiator at that. She will be greatly missed, and may her soul rest in perfect peace. The Moline Housing Authority has loss a great and a mighty solider.

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Hints from Housing



Summer is upon us! The weather is warming up quickly, and we would like to remind all residents that the \$100 air conditioner fee must be paid in full by July 5th, or a late fee of \$25 will be added to your account. Any new air conditioners installed after July 5 will need to have the fee paid at the

time of request.

The Resident meetings for July will be held on the 13th at 4pm for Spring Brook, July 14 at 4:30 for Hillside, and July 19th at 3:30 for Spring Valley. The pest control dates for the month of July will be on the 5th for Hillside Heights, July 12th for

Spring Valley, Spring Brook units 1-90 on July 19th, and Spring Brook units 91-184 on July 20th.

As a reminder, the Moline Housing Authority office will be closed on Monday, July 4th. We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Independence Day!

Memo from Maintenance

We are well underway with the painting project, and maintenance would just like to remind everyone of the importance of being prepared when the painting begins in your unit. We don't want to have to skip any apartments because it was not prepared properly. Just a reminder that you

should have all furniture moved 3-5 feet from the walls, any pictures or wall hangings removed, and any visible dirt or grease wiped from the walls. The apartments that are done are looking very nice, and MHA believes everyone will be pleased with the final results!

Also, another reminder, summer is upon us, and with the warm weather, maintenance would appreciate it if all tenants would move any furniture, toys, or garbage off of the lawns so we can mow the grass more easily. Thanks!

Statements from Section 8

Summertime! Summer often means changes in the household. Kids are out of school, time off for vacation, and free time to think about moving. Summer can be a good time to make a move because it can cause less interruption to school and schedules.

Summer is also usually a busy time for the Section 8

department. Here's a quick list to get started on the big move:

Check your lease. Do you have to give a 30 or 60 day notice to the landlord? Intent to vacates must be copied to Section 8. Contact Sec.8 and start the paper trail New voucher New certification Port-out In-

spections. Need assistance with security deposit? Check with Project Now, family, or friends. Moving takes a lot of planning and work. Check out "Tips for a Smooth Move" at www.moving.com. If you have any questions or concerns, give our office a call!



Bits from the Board

The Housing authority is governed by five Board member commonly known as Commissioners. What is a Commissioner? In its most general sense, it is an individual appointed by the local elected official (or body) – empowered by state law to do so – serve as a governing officer of a quasi-public corporation that functions as a developer and landlord of local affordable housing and community development programs. Principal responsibilities of a commissioner include;

Provide leadership and advocating for affordable housing and community development activities;

Setting policies governing authority operations, and charting the direction of current and future programs;

Ensuring, through independent review and audits that the housing authority operates within law, good practice and according to regulations established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Participate in hiring a qualified executive to manager day-to-day operations;

Obtaining and managing monies to support the housing authority

Adopting operating and other forms of programmatic budgets; and

Establishing policies to prevent fraud, abuse, mismanagement and discrimination, and to ensure that the agency acts legally

and with integrity.

The role of the Board of Commissioners as a whole include:

Establish a vision, work with staff to structure and plan goals

Determine and develop policies for effectiveness

Provide for implementation of policy through staff with appropriate oversight

Monitor policy implementation for efficiency

Advice and consent.

The Board meets on the third Monday of the month at the Spring Brook office, come and observe and be part of what is going on here at the housing authority.

Rap from RAB

The resident Advisory Board (RAB) provides the housing authority and the residents with a forum for sharing information about the housing's Annual Plan. Section 511 of the United States Housing Act and the regulations in 24 CFR part 903 require that the housing authority establish one or more Resident Advisory Board(s) as part of the housing authority's plan process. RAB membership is comprised of individuals who reflect and repre-

sent the residents assisted by the housing authority. We current have three tenants representing Hillside, two from Spring Valley and two from the Section 8 Program.

The main role of the Resident Advisory Board is to make recommendations in the development of the Housing Authority's PHA plan. And the housing authority is also required to request input from the RAB for any significant amendment or modification to the PHA plan. The current

RIB also serves as Resident Council and have organized events such as health fare for the past three years. There are no representatives from the Spring Brook Housing complex on the Resident Advisory Board presently, Spring Brook residents need a voice and to be heard. Therefore, if there is any resident(s) at the Spring Brook courts interested in serving on the RAB, please contact the office for further information.



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Important Dates

JULY

- 1 Rent Due
- 4 MHA Offices Closed
- 5 HH Pest Control
- 12 SV Pest Control
- 13 SB Resident Meeting 4:00pm
- 14 HH Resident Meeting 4:30pm
- 18 Board Meeting 5:30pm
- 19 SV Resident Meeting 3:30pm
- SB Pest Control #1-90
- 20 SB Pest Control #91-184

AUGUST

- 1 Rent Due
- 2 HH Pest Control
- 9 SV Pest Control
- 15 Board Meeting 5:30pm
- 16 SB Pest Control #1-90
- 17 SB Pest Control #91-184

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Rent Due
- 5 MHA Offices Closed
- 6 HH Pest Control
- 13 SV Pest Control
- 19 Board Meeting 5:30pm (Held at SV)
- 20 SB Pest Control #1-90
- 21 SB Pest Control #91-184



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