



# Charleston-Kanawha Housing Highlights

November 2009

## Carroll Terrace Decorates Garden for Halloween



Each area was decorated for the trick-or-treat event.



Debbie Knox demonstrated how she would lay in the casket made from a refrigerator box to hand out candy.



Resident Commissioner, Nora Harris, gave us a tour of the decorated garden.

## CKHA Receives Award from the Mayor



Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority received the “Mixed Use Development of the Year Award” from the Mayor of the City of Charleston on October 5, 2009. A proclamation by the Mayor was read during the City Council Meeting that stated:

Whereas: The Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority purchased several blighted buildings in the most depressed area of the West Side Main Street district for rehabilitation and redevelopment; and

Whereas: New construction connects the two rehabilitated structures with a reception center for community functions; and

Whereas: The Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority brought together the functions of client services and administrative offices which were being carried out in three different and separate locations; and

Whereas: The exterior rehabilitations and new construction were thoughtfully designed to appropriately mesh with the historical nature of the old neighborhood and utilized the consulting services provided by West Side Main Street in developing the new look; and

Whereas: The Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority developed several apartments on the second floor of the client services building, making it multi-functional and mixed-use and providing 24-hour eyes on West Washington Street.

Now therefore I, Danny Jones, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby recognize that Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority recipient of the mixed use development of the Year Award, is a valuable asset to the community and urge all citizens to commend the CKHA and its partners for investing in the future of the City of Charleston.

Pictured above from left: Mayor Danny Jones, Katherine Dooley, CKHA Board Chair, Alan McVey, CKHA Vice-Chair, Mark Taylor, CKHA Executive Director.

## Resident Council/Staff Meeting

Charleston-Kanawha Housing staff and resident council officers meet for their quarterly meeting on October 29, 2009. Updates given were as follows:

**South Park:** Eric Howard, Manager, stated that the resident council at South Park was in transition. He said there was a Halloween party planned for the community and Hope Valley has a tutoring program for the children ages 10 and under in the development.

**Lippert Terrace:** Eric Howard, Manager said Lippert has a very active council and still has their breakfast every Tuesday morning.

Donna Matheny, Vice President at Lippert reported that they have had many events including a birthday party for those celebrated within the past three months, a rummage sale, white elephant sale and hot dog sale. She said they held a cook-off contest and are planning holiday parties.

**Lee Terrace:** Ed Shoettker, Manager, stated that the relocation efforts at the high-rise are going smoothly. Of the 40 to be relocated, only three remain. He stated that he has a managers meeting every third Wednesday of the month. Mary Whiting, representative of Lee Terrace, stated that they still have an active community even though there is no council. She stated that Lee Terrace residents have met with AARP, the fire department and a church group from GA did some activities with residents. She said Ed had really cleaned house at Lee.

**Orchard Manor:** Rhonda Wallace, Manager, reported that Orchard held Night Out on Crime Activities on August 4, 2009. They served hot dogs and hamburgers and the Charleston Police Department and Fire Department attended the event. She also stated that there was a reunion for current and former residents of Orchard Manor on August 22nd and there was a huge turnout. Ms. Wallace also announced plans for upcoming Halloween and Thanksgiving events.

**Washington Manor:** Ron Willis, President, gave an update on events in Washington Manor including the Night Out on Crime, bake sale, Halloween Harvest Fest and Thanksgiving dinner. He stated that the council gave over 50 tickets to children in the community for the Halloween event at Appalachian Power Park. He said they have bible study every Friday night and shredding days the first and last Friday of each month.

**Jarrett Terrace:** Pam McDaniel, Manager, reported on activities at Jarrett which included: bingo, shredding, fall festival, Thanksgiving dinner, new office. Bill Herring, President, reported that the council purchased mums for the new planters. He stated that an open house was held for the new council office and a Christmas party was being planned with the entertainment being a viewing of the Rockets Christmas DVD.

**Carroll Terrace:** Tammy Chabot, Manager, reported that the resident council is in transition but remains active. She stated that the computer lab is open 5 days a week and they are getting ready to start a software program for the visually impaired. Nora Harris, resident Commissioner, gave an update on Carroll Terrace activities including: Night Out on Crime, community garden, thanksgiving dinner and church services. She stated that they are in the process of having another election.

**Littlepage Terrace:** Teresa White, Manager, stated that the residents are excited about the upcoming council election. They are preparing for demolition. Dave Wagner, representative, gave an update on activities such as the Night Out on Crime and work he is doing with DAWG.

Heath Fain, Modernization Coordinator, gave an update on current projects. He said paving would begin soon at Oakhurst. The contractor is set to begin unit conversions at Lee Terrace. Oakhurst and Hillcrest will be getting updated kitchens and baths. South Park will be getting updated kitchens. There is a slip repair in progress in Rand and electrical upgrades are scheduled for Rand and Dunbar.

Ray Marsh, Director of Housing Initiatives, discussed the annual plan currently out for public comment. He said the final public meetings will be held on November 19, 2009 at 2:00p.m. and 5:00p.m. at the new administrative building located at 1525 Washington Street West.

Dale Whitehair, Security Coordinator, discussed the parking issues at Washington Manor due to the demolition. He said that CKHA was looking for alternative parking possibly under the interstate bridge.

Pernell McCoy, Director of Housing Management, discussed Toys for Tots sign-ups beginning November 2, 2009. Call 304-949-6077 for more information. Mr. McCoy stated that Mountain Mission will have a coat giveaway on the 17th and 18th of November. He also reported that December 11th is the last day to sign up for a food basket from Mountain Mission.

Marva Williams, Director of Applications, gave a brief update on the status of the waiting lists for public housing and section 8. She stated that the current priority for one-bedrooms is given to residents being relocated due to redevelopment. Ms. Williams also mentioned that preferences are given to those working at least 20 hours per week and those who are elderly or disabled. There is also a new fingerprint system that allows CKHA to retrieve information very quickly.

Mark Taylor, Executive Director, discussed how pleased he was with residents at the high-rise buildings for doing so many things on their own without assistance from CKHA. He commended Jarrett Terrace for purchasing their planters and furniture for their new community room and council office. Also, Lippert Terrace for keeping their breakfast going every Tuesday morning. Mr. Taylor praised the ladies involved with the pillowcase donations and stressed the impact that it has had on the community.

Amy Lewis, FSS Coordinator, discussed the Green Team initiative and announced a contest among the high-rises and family sites. Ms. Lewis stated that their would be a "substantial prize" for the properties that look the best and do the most in their community with no assistance from CKHA.

Michele Hatfield, Public Relations Coordinator, announced the award presented to Mark Taylor at the City Council Meeting on October 5, 2009. It was a proclamation from the Mayor of Charleston for the new administration building for "Mixed Use Development of the Year."