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Letter from Shawn

Happy Spring! This is an exciting time as we leave Winter behind and enjoy the renewal that comes with the Spring season. For RHA, it is a special time as we celebrate the renewal of public housing and voucher programs in our community, including opening the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) waiting list.

I am delighted to report that the first residents have moved back into their newly renovated homes as part of our Federal Street and Scattered Sites affordable-housing development project. One of the residents was so happy that she hugged our RHA team after getting the keys to the house, and simply said, "I'm very excited for my family."

This project is part of RHA's ongoing efforts to not only *Change the Face* of Public Housing but to *change the perception* of public housing. These Scattered Sites projects – among many others – are doing just that.



Far from what many imagine when they think of public housing, when completed, 18 energy-efficient homes on Federal Street and 35 units within the Beechwood neighborhood are being developed or significantly renovated. Amenities include new high-efficiency heat pumps, improved ventilation, enhanced insulation, window replacements, and much more.

These are the first of several projects in progress that will help increase, preserve, and diversify housing options and revitalize neighborhoods. And they are just the beginning, as they kick off the next 20 years of RHA preserving and redeveloping our public housing stock and developing new affordable housing.

You can keep track of these and other RHA projects and upcoming events by following us on Facebook (@RochesterHousingAuthority).

I wish each of you the very best for a safe and enjoyable Spring and Summer.

Shawn Burr, Executive Director



Tenants on Patrol

Kennedy Tower residents Andre and Alberta help keep their neighbors safe by volunteering as Tenants on Patrol. They patrol the building six hours per week. Andre, who has volunteered for six years, said he does it to "try to keep our building safe and to protect our people." Alberta volunteered nearly a year ago because she "wants to give back." Andre and Alberta encourage other tenants to volunteer to help them protect where they live.



Scattered Sites Move-Ins

The first residents recently moved back into their newly renovated homes in the Beechwood neighborhood as part of the Federal Street and Scattered Sites affordable-housing development project. These two renovations are part of RHA's efforts to revitalize neighborhoods and increase, preserve, and diversify housing options. "This is just the beginning," said RHA Executive Director Shawn Burr. "We are grateful for our residents who have worked with us throughout the entire process."

Capital Project

Bronson Court Phase II

Porch roof/deck framing and exterior work has begun.



Family Self-Sufficiency Program Update

This is a voluntary employment and savings incentive program designed to assist families in becoming economically independent and self-sufficient. Benefits include: obtaining the education or training to make a living wage; case management / support services; an escrow check on successful completion of the five-year contract; and pride in achieving their goals. We currently have 169 participants enrolled in the program.



On April 22, we hosted a special graduation event celebrating the achievements of our 16 graduates. Thanks to Shawn Burr, Melissa Berrien, and Mayor Malik Evans who spoke at the event.

Scan this code to learn more, contact your Public Housing or Leasing Operations
Department Housing Specialist, or fill out the interest form here: rochesterhousing.org/resident-services



Financial Empowerment Center



Rochester Financial Empowerment Center

Free One-on-One Financial Counseling

The Rochester Housing Authority works together with the Rochester Financial Empowerment Center to provide free financial education.

The FEC program offers free financial counseling focused on increasing savings, reducing debt, and increasing access to safe and affordable banking products. In 2023, we provided 344 counseling sessions to 137 clients. These sessions resulted in debt reduction of \$310,000 and increased savings of \$70,000.

Homeownership

We are so proud of our seven RHA families who have an anticipated house closing, and the 31 families who have been approved for financing and are searching for homes. Congratulations to our new and soon-to-be homeowners!

HAI Group Resident Scholarship Program

HAI Group's Resident Scholarship Program has awarded over \$1.7 million in scholarships to nearly 500 students nationwide who reside in public or affordable housing properties to help defray the costs of higher education.

The HAI Group is accepting applications for its Resident Scholarship program. This year, they are awarding scholarships worth \$6,000 each to 20 residents to continue their education.

Act Now! Visit

haigroup.com/scholarships (or scan code below) to learn more about the program or access our online application.

If you're interested, the deadline is Friday, May 31, 2024 at 3:30pm EST



Black History Month

RHA's Black History Month Celebration took place on February 29, 2024. Our Diversity and Inclusion Committee selected Florine Cummings, Board of Commissioners Vice Chair, to be interviewed on camera to share her years of experiences in Rochester and the need to be a part of systematic change.

Senior Holiday Luncheon



On December 7, 2023, we were delighted to host residents attending our festive Senior Holiday Luncheon at Kodak Center. Attendees had the opportunity to enjoy great food and hear and dance to holiday music from our Resident choir.





Eclipse Family Event

Zoralis and Tileesia from our Resident Services team, along with Evhen from IT, were at Harriett Tubman Estates the morning of the eclipse to show youth residents how to make pin-hole eclipse viewers. Sun Chips and Moon Pies were also a big hit!



Pirate Toy Fund



The Pirate Toy Fund distributes new toys to children-in-need throughout the Greater Rochester region. In December, children from RHA public housing received toys on behalf of RHA staff and the Pirate Toy Fund.



Strong Families

RHA looks forward to hosting more Strong Families events this summer. Please check our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/ RochesterHousingAuthority often for updates on this and other events of interest.

Leasing Operations

RHA is thrilled to announce the opening of our Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), formerly Section 8, waiting list. We will begin accepting preliminary ONLINE applications on May 23, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. through Friday, June 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. This preliminary application window will be available 24 hours/day during the open period.

More information is available at <u>www.</u> rochesterhousing.org.



Partnerships

The RHA is proud to continue its partnerships with the following organizations:

Partners Ending Homelessness | RMAPI Steering Committee and Housing Working Group (focus on our community's full housing system, Melissa B. Co-Chair) | Boy Scouts | City FEC Program Initiative | Connected Communities Housing Committee | Closing the Gaps Six City Cohort | Office of Financial Empowerment | Private Sector Rental Market Study Working Group | Eviction Response Team | and Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning | Foodlink (see schedule below)

APRIL 1 - JUNE 30 2024 SCHEDULE / ABRIL 1 - JUNIO 1 2024 CALENDARIO. Now accepting WIC at select locations. / Ahora aceptamos WIC en ubicaciones seleccionadas

MONDAY / LUNE

Closed 4/8 & 5/27

Lifespan - Wolk Café 12:30 - 1:30 PM 25 Franklin St, 14604 *Near Liberty Pole Way*

Long Pond Senior Housing 1:00 - 1:30 PM 1 GBC Parkway, 14626

Cornerstone Pointe Apts 1:30 - 2:15 PM 3 GBC Parkway, 14626

Trillium Health 2:00 - 2:45 PM 259 Monroe Ave, 14607 Parking on corner of Monroe Ave & Union St.

St. Jude Apts 2:45 - 3:15 PM 4075 Lvell Rd. 14606

St. Jude Apts II 3:15 - 3:45 PM 4099 Lyell Rd, 14606

Kennedy Towers 3:15 - 4:00 PM 666 S. Plymouth Ave, 14608 Parking lot on Edith St

TUESDAY / MARTES

ElderOne Hudson PACE Ctr 10:30 - 11:30 AM 2066 Hudson Ave, 14617

St. Ann's Adult Day Ctr 10:30 - 11:30 AM 1500 Portland Ave, 14612

The Gardens at Town Ctr 10:30 - 11:15 AM 100 Greece Center Dr, 14612 **DePaul Treat. Apts Program** 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM 750 W. Main St, 14618

Seneca Towers 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM 200 Seth Green Dr, 14621

ESLC East Ave 12:00 - 12:45 PM 270 East Ave, 14604

Carriage Factory Apts 2:00 - 3:00 PM 33 Litchfield St, 14608

Irondequoit Meadow Reserve 2:30 - 3:15 PM 100 Hulda Park, 14609

Winton Garden Towers 2:30 - 3:30 PM 2052 E. Main St, 14609 Parking lot off Cedarwood Ter

E.L. Towers 3:30 - 4:15 PM 500 South Ave, 14620

Skyview Park Apts 3:30 - 4:30 PM 200 Skyview Park Ctr, 14622 Harris Park Apts 3:45 - 4:30 PM 122 Harris Park. 14610

In front of rental office

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Closed 6/19

Pinnacle Place Apts 10:30 - 11:45 AM 919 S. Clinton Ave,14615

Thurston Road YMCA† Neighborhood Center 10:30 - 11:15 AM 597 Thurston Rd, 14619

Apts Program Lake Tower Apts*

t, 14618 321 Lake Ave, 14608
rs Parking lot on Fulton Ave
45 PM Upper Falls Square Apts
n Dr. 14621 10:45 = 11:30 AM

10:45 - 11:30 AM 396 Hudson Ave, 14605 Parking lot on Merrimac St

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

New Life Fellowship/ Family Restoration† 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM 360 Wellington Ave, 14619

Andrews Terrace 12:00 - 1:15 PM 125 St. Paul St, 14604

Maplewood YMCA 12:00 - 12:45 PM 25 Driving Park Ave, 14613

Danforth Towers 2:00 - 2:45 PM 140 West Ave, 14611

Unity at St. Mary's† 2:00 - 2:45 PM 89 Genesee St, 14611 Keeler Park Apts*

2:45 - 3:45 PM

2:30 - 4:00 PM 501 Seneca Manor Dr, 14621 Hudson Ridge Tower

401 Seneca Manor Dr, 14621

Rochester View Apts†
3:15 - 4:00 PM
4365 W. Henrietta Rd, 14467
Parking on Southside of bldg

Warfield Square 3:15 - 4:15 PM 1337 E. Main St, 14609 **DePaul Ridgeview** 4:00 - 4:30 PM 109 Marburger St, 14621

THURSDAY / JUEVES

Closed 4/25

Dept of Human Services† 10:30 - 11:15 AM 111 Westfall Rd, 14620

Dunn Tower Apts 10:30 - 11:30 AM 100 Dunn Tower Dr, 14606

Fairport Apts 10:30 - 11:15 AM 1030 Whitney Rd E, 14450 Next to leasing office

Pines of Perinton 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM 2 White Pine Circle, 14450

Hickok Center† 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM 2320 Brighton Henrietta Townline Rd, 14623

Hubbard Springs Apts 12:00 - 12:30 PM 154 Union Square Blvd, 14514 Manhattan Square

Family Medicine[†] 2:00 - 3:00 PM 454 E. Broad St, 14607 VOC Liberty Landing Apts

2:15 - 3:00 PM

185 Scio St, 14605 **F.I.G.H.T. Village Apts 3:15 - 4:15 PM** 186 Ward St. 14605

YWCA†
3:15 - 4:30 PM
175 N. Clinton Ave, 14604
Parking lot on Bittner St

Edna Craven Estates 3:30 - 5:00 PM 625 Clifford Ave, 14621 Parking lot off Clifford Ave Lexington Court Apts 3:30 - 4:30 PM 6 Christopher Ct, 14606

FRIDAY / VIERNES

Durand Senior Apts† 10:15-11:15 AM 4250 Culver Rd, 14622

ESLC - Rockwood Center 10:30 - 11:15 AM 3833 E. Henrietta Rd, 14467 Rochester Psychiatric Ctr

Rochester Psychiatric Cti 10:30 - 11:15 AM 1111 Elmwood Ave, 14620

Plymouth Gardens 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM 1400 S. Plymouth Ave, 14611

Venture PROS 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM 975 Elmwood Ave, 14620

Beechwood Neighborhood 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM 441 Parsells Ave, 14609

Charlotte Harbortown (Lake Ave) 2:00 - 3:00 PM 4575 Lake Ave, 14612

ABC Headstart† 2:15 - 3:00 PM 251 Joseph Ave, 14605

OACES 2:30 - 3:15 PM 30 Hart St, 14605 Parking in "loop" on West side of building

Charlotte Harbortown (River St) 3:15 - 4:30 PM 60 River St, 14612

Rochester Highlands†
3:30 = 4:30 PM
47 Green Knolls Dr, 14620
Across from dog park

St. Bernard Park Apts 3:45 - 4:45 PM 2260 Lake Ave, 14612 North end of the building

SATURDAY / SÁBADO

Closed 5/25

The Hamilton Apts 10:30 - 11:45 AM 185 Mt. Hope Ave, 14620

Ellison Park Apts†
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
1 Bobrich Dr. 14610

William Warfield Comm Ctr 12:15 - 1:00 PM 100 William Warfield Dr. 14605

James Dobson Apts†
12:30 - 1:45 PM
150 Van Auker St, 14608
In front of main building

Phillips Village 2:30 - 3:30 PM 100 Krieger Rd, 14580 AHEPA 67 Apts 3:45 PM - 4:15 PM 100 Ahepa Circle, 14580

Closed 4/8 & 4/25; 5/25 & 5/27; 6/19

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† Now accepting WIC / Ahora aceptamos WIC



Development Projects for RAD



Federal Street
A kitchen in a renovated house as part of the Federal Street and Scattered Sites project



Federal Street
A living room in a renovated house as part of the Federal Street and Scattered Sites project



Federal StreetAn exterior of a recently renovated home



Federal StreetBuilding 25 with siding complete



Parliament/FairfieldRenovations of existing
buildings in the Parliament/
Fairfield project are underway



Parliament/FairfieldBuilding #1 with a new metal roof

Maintenance Requests

If you have a non-emergency request, please fill out the form found here:

https://www.rochesterhousing.org/forms/maintenance-request.

All work orders will be addressed in 1-5 business days. If you are a Voucher Holder or Shelter Plus Care participant, please contact your Housing Specialist at (585) 697-6105 to request an HQS Inspection.

For emergency requests only, please call (585) 464-9600.



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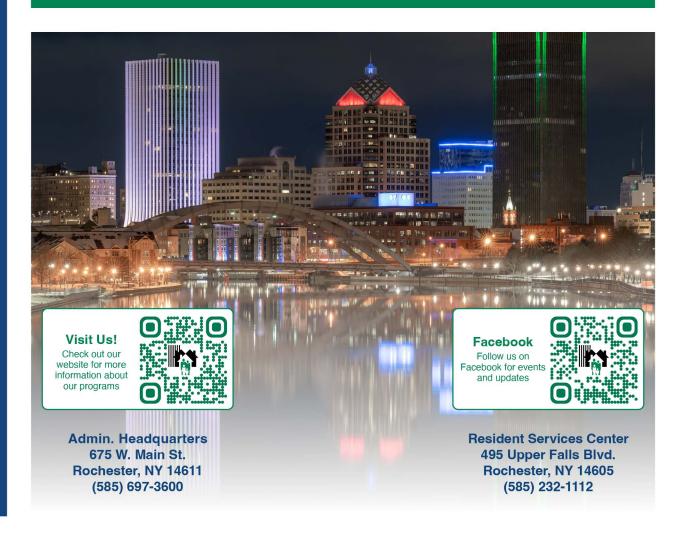
Housing Specialist

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Mail Room Clerk

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