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CITY-WIDE RESIDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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Ready and AYBL: DCHA introduces new homeownership program

The District of Columbia Housing Authority's (DCHA) is expanding our commitment to support public housing residents in achieving self-sufficiency through a new program titled Achieving Your Best Life (AYBL).



The newly renovated Elvans Courts

What is AYBL?

AYBL is a homeownership preparation program for eligible public housing residents. Participating residents will live at the newly renovated Elvans Court for up to five years. DCHA will provide support and training so that residents can work to prepare for the responsibilities of homeownership and secure a mortgage. During a family's time in the program they will:

- save for a down payment on a home;
- work to increase their income;
- work to improve credit (if necessary); and
- learn about home maintenance.

Each AYBL participant will work directly with a case manager to develop an individualized plan to reach homeownership. Participating families that successfully complete AYBL will move out of public housing into their own home.

Who is eligible?

You are eligible to apply for the AYBL program if you:

- ✓ Have been a DCHA public housing resident for at least one year;
- ✓ Meet bedroom size requirement for the available units at Elvans Court;
- ✓ Have a combined earned income of at least \$35,000 (head of household/co-leasee/spouse/domestic partner). Exceptions apply for seniors or people with disabilities; and
- ✓ Are a resident in good standing.

In addition, you must be prepared to make a commitment to yourself and your family to put in the time and effort necessary to become a homeowner.

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What Happens if I am Unable to Purchase a Home?

Families who do not achieve homeownership, will not lose their public housing assistance as long as the family remains compliant with their lease. Instead, the family will be transferred from Elvans Court to another public housing site so that another eligible family has an opportunity to participate in AYBL.

How do I apply?

Applications are available:

- on-line at www.dchousing.org
- at 1133 North Capital Street, NE in Suite 301
- by mail for requests made by phone at 202-535-1856

Interested?

DCHA will be holding an information meeting with residents in April. Let us know if you would like to attend by calling 202-535-1856.

A Message from the Executive Director



Adrienne Todman
DCHA Executive Director

Greetings-

This special edition of our Excel Newsletter contains information about two important events. First, we are announcing the launch of our new public housing resident homeownership program titled Achieving Your Best Life (AYBL). You can read about this exciting new program on the cover of this issue.

Second, the time has come again for citywide Resident Council Elections. These elections are held every three years and DCHA is pleased to be able to facilitate the elections. The Office of Resident Services (ORS) and an Independent Third Party Monitor (ITPM) will partner to conduct the elections and ensure that they comply with fair election procedures.

Resident Councils play a vital role, and there is a significant need to have a team of dedicated residents willing to actively advocate for the interests of public housing residents in the District. Residents running for office must also be committed to empowering public housing residents and encouraging self-sufficiency.

I turn to your resident council leadership on a regular basis to discuss community initiatives, housing authority policies, and sometimes just to check in. Please participate in this year's election; as a candidate if you are so inspired, but definitely as a voter! I am counting on you to make this election season a success.

Stay well.

Adrienne Todman

2011 CITY-WIDE RESIDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

WHAT VOTERS SHOULD KNOW

Election Day

The elections for Resident Council officers will be held on May 24, 2011 and May 25, 2011 from 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM at DCHA public housing properties throughout the city. Please refer to page 3 of this newsletter to find out the designated polling site for your property.

In Order to Vote

To qualify as a voter, a person must:

- Be a public housing resident in the District of Columbia;
- Be directly assisted by a public housing agency;
- Be named on the lease;
- Be eighteen (18) years of age or older

All residents desiring to vote must go to their designated polling site on their specified election day and receive an official ballot from the ITPM, unless a request has been made for special accommodations. In order to receive an official ballot, the resident will be required to provide a valid photo ID. A resident may submit only one ballot. Absentee ballots will not be permitted, with the exception of voters listed for special accommodations (see next).

Special Accommodations

Persons unable to come to the polling place because of disability should notify their property manager by 4:00 PM on Monday, May 2, 2011. We will need the name of the resident, his or her address including the unit/apartment number, and phone number. The ITPM will arrange for special accommodations to ensure that those with disabilities are able to vote on Election Day.

Vote Tabulation

At 7 PM on the day of your property's election, the ballots will be counted by the Independent Third Party Monitor in the polling site. All residents are welcomed to attend this session to witness the preliminary tabulation. The challenge votes will not be counted at this time. The Independent Third Party Monitor will perform a re-count to include challenges votes and the final tabulations will be posted on or before June 3, 2011. Notices of the official results will be posted in the meeting areas (community rooms, Resident Council offices, or recreation centers) and at property management offices at the respective public housing developments.

2011 CITY-WIDE RESIDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

POLLING SITES

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2011

RESIDENTS OF

Claridge Towers Senior
Ft. Lincoln Senior
Garfield Terrace Family
Garfield Terrace Senior
Greenleaf Gardens, Additions & Extension
Greenleaf Midrise
Greenleaf Senior
Harvard Towers Senior
Horizon House Senior
James Apartments Senior
James Creek
Judiciary House
Kelly Miller
Langston Dwellings
LeDroit Senior
Lincoln Road
Montana Terrace
Park Morton Family
Regency House
Sibley Plaza
Sibley Plaza Townhouses & Sursum Corda
Siphax Gardens

WILL VOTE AT

1221 M St., NW (Lobby)
2855 Bladensburg Street, NE (Community room)
2371 11th St, NW (Basement)
2301 11th Street, SW (9th Floor)
205 L Street, SW
203 N Street, SW
1200 Delaware Avenue, SW (Community Room)
1845 Harvard St., NW (Community Room)
1150 12th Street, NW (Lobby)
1425 N Street, NW (Community Room)
100 N Street, SW (Community Room)
461 H Street, NW (Community Room)
238 W St, NW (Community Room)
667 24th St, NE (Lower Level)
2125 4th Street, NW (Community Room)
11 R Street, NE
1625 Montana Ave, NE
615 Morton Street, NW #11
5201 Connecticut Avenue, NW (Community Room)
1140 North Capitol Street, NW (Community Room)
49 K Street, NW
1501 Half Street, SW #21 (Resident Council Office)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2011

RESIDENTS OF

Barry Farm and Wade Apts
Benning Terrace
Carroll Apartments Senior
Ft. Dupont
Highland Additions
Hopkins Apartments
Kenilworth
Kentucky Courts Senior
Knox Hill Senior
Lincoln Heights
Potomac Gardens Family
Potomac Gardens Senior
Richardson Dwellings
Stoddert Terrace
The Villager
Woodland Terrace

WILL VOTE AT

1230 Sumner Road, SE (Recreation Center)
4450 G St., SE (Recreation Room)
410 M Street, SE (Community Room)
155 Ridge Road, SE (Community Room)
916 Wahler Place, SE (Community Center)
1000 K Street, SE
4500 Quarles Street, NE (Basement)
1336 D Street, SE (Resident Council Office)
2700 Jasper Street, SE (Community Room)
400 50th Street, NE (Meeting Room)
700 12th Street, SE (Recreation Center)
1229 G Street, SE (Community Room)
5319 1/2 Dix Street, NE (Osay Building)
155 Ridge Road, SE (Community Room)
3810 Southern Avenue, SE (Board Room)
2310 Ainger Place, SE (Community Center)

NOTE: Special Elections will be held at Colorado Apartments, Elvans Road & Highland Dwellings after residents return to the site.



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