

# Newark Housing Authority



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## *December 2011 Newsletter*

*Hopefully the holidays were enjoyable and restful for those who celebrate. We also want to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year!!*



### *REAC Inspections*

The HUD-REAC inspector conducted inspections on a number of the NHA's Public Housing units on December 7, 2011. Overall the inspections went well. There were several instances where we were penalized for violations that could have been avoided if residents had reported needed repairs to our office. In an effort to avoid any violations, our office circulated a listing of items that needed to be checked in each unit prior to the REAC inspections. **By some residents not reporting needed repairs, the NHA was penalized by the REAC inspector. Please report any and all repairs needed, no matter how minor they may seem.**



### *Continuing to Improve*

The Newark Housing Authority continues to improve the quality of living for our residents by moving forward with the kitchen renovations at Independence and Delaware Circles. To date, the NHA has renovated 20 kitchens. We are looking to completing the second phase of the renovations by mid-February.



### ***Outside Water Shut-off***

With the onset of winter weather, we are asking that residents properly shut off their outside faucets. Proper shut-off means turning off the valve inside your pantry and then turning on the outside faucet. This procedure protects the outside water line from freezing and possibly bursting. We are also asking that you disconnect your hoses from the outside spigots.



### ***Santa Came to NHA!!***

On Monday, December 19, 2011, Santa visited the Newark Housing Authority spreading holiday cheer and providing gifts to children of program participants. This was the third year for the event. It was attended by numerous families who responded to NHA's notification of Santa's visit. The project was organized in conjunction with Corporal Bryda of the Newark Police Department. NHA extends its sincerest appreciation to Corporal Bryda and his helpers in helping to bring this program to the Newark Housing Authority.



### ***Registration of Automobiles***

It is a violation of City of Newark regulations to park unregistered vehicles or vehicles with expired registrations on public streets/property. The parking area around Independence Circle is City of Newark property. Improperly registered or unregistered vehicles are subject to being towed. Officers and city inspectors do make their rounds periodically checking vehicles.

### ***Resident Advisory Board***

The Resident Advisory Board will be meeting in the NHA's Community Room at 11:00 AM on the dates (for 2012) listed below.

January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	August 7 <sup>th</sup>
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	September 4 <sup>th</sup>
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	October 2 <sup>nd</sup>
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	November 6 <sup>th</sup>
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	

### ***Board of Commissioners Meetings***

All meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the community room at the NHA. Meetings commence at 5:00 PM. The general public is invited to attend. The Newark Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners "regularly scheduled" meetings for the 2012 calendar year are as follows:

January 11, 2012

February 8, 2012

March 14, 2012

April 11, 2012

May 9, 2012

June 13, 2012

July 11, 2012

August 8, 2012

September 12, 2012

October 10, 2012

November 14, 2012

December 12, 2012



### ***Parking***

We are asking that residents and their guests refrain from parking behind the administration building at all times. Ample parking spaces have been provided for residents and their guests on Independence Circle. Remember to register your vehicle with the NHA office and acquire your guest parking passes from the Newark Police Department.

### ***Access to Units***

The NHA will continue to service its residents and units as we have in the past. When work orders are generated from your request for service, we will attend to that work order as soon as possible. There will not always be notification as to when exactly we are coming out to resolve a work order issue. Notification will be left on your door if we have entered your unit. If we do not need entry into your unit, we may visit the property at any time (unannounced) to assess building exterior concerns, site concerns, etc. When contractors are working on properties and schedule changes take place, we may make a courtesy call/visit to your unit to make you aware of such.



***Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow***

So far we have been lucky! And unlucky for all you snow lovers! But when it snows we will put forth our best efforts as we have in the past to clear the walkways, patios and entrances to the sidewalks. We are not responsible for the parking areas of Independence Circle. Independence Circle is the responsibility of the City of Newark. They will plow or clear the snow as best they can. If cars are parked in the parking areas they have said they find it difficult to clear the area. It is the individual automobile owner's responsibility to clear the area around their vehicle.