

Newark Housing Authority



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September Newsletter-Welcome to Fall



Food Bank of Delaware

The Food Bank of Delaware serves over 2,500 seniors per month through its Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). Each month, they provide a **FREE** meal package to elderly (60 years of age or older) Delaware residents (that income qualify). They are looking to provide this opportunity to more elderly persons throughout the state. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact members of the Resident Advisory Board for additional information.

Newark Parks and Recreation Calendar

The Newark Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled the following events for the upcoming season:

Saturday, October 1, 2011	9-11 AM	Community Clean Up
Saturday, October 30, 2011	3-5 PM	Halloween Parade and Trick or Treating on Main Street
Saturday, November 19, 2011	9 AM	38 th Annual Turkey Trot
Friday, December 2, 2011	6-8 PM	Winterfest
Saturday, December 3, 2011	9:-12 AM	Santa's Secret Shoppe and Snack with Santa

(For additional information about the City of Newark Parks and Recreation programs and events, please call 302-366-7060.)



Unit Renovations

As most of you are aware, the NHA has begun its project to renovate the kitchens in all of its senior units. The first phase of the project which involved the renovation of kitchens in twelve (12) of its senior units has been completed. The next phase will begin once funding becomes available. Residents in all units will be notified well in advance as

to when renovations will begin in their unit. As of the printing of this newsletter, we do not know when the next phase of this project will begin.

We would like to thank those residents whose kitchens were renovated in the first phase of the project for their patience and cooperation. Please help us to maintain and care for these modifications as you have cared for previous modifications to the units. **Please be aware that any damage (considered being beyond normal wear and tear) done to the cabinets, countertops, sinks and related items will become the tenant's financial responsibility. You will be charged for damages and repairs.**



Inspections

We want to remind all residents of the NHA Public Housing Program that we will be conducting random housekeeping inspections. This was indicated in the last newsletter and was accompanied with a list of some items that will be checked during these inspections. Residents will be notified at least two days (48 hours) in advance as to when housekeeping inspections will take place. These are done in addition to the annual inspections.

REAC Inspections

The NHA has been contacted by HUD's REAC inspectors informing us that they will be conducting inspections on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 and Thursday, December 8, 2011. We will not know what units will be inspected on those days until the inspectors arrive. **Therefore, we are asking that you report all repairs needed in your unit; no matter how small. A minor leak from your sink's faucet is a major problem for us.**

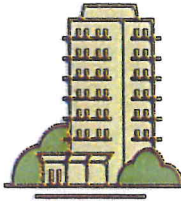


Veterans' Stand Down & Employment Expo

On Friday, October 21, 2011, Delaware will be hosting the Delaware 2011 Veterans' Stand Down & Employment Expo from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover located at 1121 Forrest Avenue. This is a grassroots, community-based intervention program designed to help the nation's estimated 200,000 homeless veterans "combat" life on the streets. Several community-based service providers have been invited to participate in this event.

Newark Area Welfare Committee

Ms. Polly Sierer of the Newark Area Welfare Committee attended the September 14th board meeting of the Newark Housing Authority to inform the agency and its board of the services offered by her organization. Some of these services consist of food assistance programs, emergency assistance, fund raising efforts and involvement in Val's Needy Family Fund. If you are interested in further information about the Newark Area Welfare Committee, they can be contacted at (302) 690-1741.



Ingleside Retirement Apartments

Ingleside Retirement Apartments has contacted the Newark Housing Authority notifying us that they have immediate vacancies at their facility. This facility provides affordable housing for seniors (62 years of age and older) or on documented disability based upon 30% of your monthly income (if you qualify for HUD assistance). If you are interested in pursuing this opportunity or acquiring additional information, please contact Patsy McNichol (Director of Admissions) at 302-575-0250.

Community Concerns Workshop

On October 21, 2011 at 3:00 PM, there will be a workshop conducted by the City of Newark Police Department regarding community safety, noise ordinances, creating and maintaining a healthy community environment and other concerns. This workshop will be held in the community room of the NHA. All Public Housing residents are strongly encouraged to attend.



Kirkwood Pharmacy Presentation

Caroline Logan, manager of the Kirkwood Pharmacy, conducted a presentation for the senior residents of Independence and Delaware Circles on Thursday, September 22, 2011. The presentation provided information on assistance in reducing the cost of prescriptions, prescription delivery, etc. Thirteen residents attended the presentation and found it to be quite informative and were treated to an enjoyable lunch which was provided by the pharmacy group.

There was discussion with the pharmacy's representative of setting up subsequent workshops in conjunction with Christina Health Care for the latter part of this year or early 2012. These workshops will provide seniors with the opportunity for free screenings of blood pressure, cholesterol, etc. This could very possibly become a twice a year event. Further information regarding the upcoming workshops will be forthcoming as soon as we receive it.



Congrats to Mr. Binger

Our congratulations go out to Larry Binger (one of our senior residents) for his recent accomplishments in the National Veterans' Wheelchair Games which were held in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania during August of 2011. Mr. Binger competed in the following events and place as indicated: Archery w/Compound Bow-4th place; Bowling-3rd place

and Trap Shooting (without assistance-2nd place. We wish Mr. Binger continued success in future competitions.



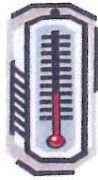
Keep It Moving

It is good to see many of our residents out and about in the community. Many take daily walks for exercise. Some residents such as Mr. Street, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Word are often seen biking around town. We are sure there are more of you doing various activities to stay healthy and vibrant.



Resident Advisory Board

The Newark Housing Authority's Resident Advisory Board is actively looking for interested residents from its senior community and all of its scattered sites to join its board. The RAB is designed to afford residents of the Public Housing Program an opportunity to have a voice in the policies and decisions that affect them. **It is most important that program participants be as involved as possible in the Resident Advisory Board.** If you would like more information, please call the office.



Thermostat Adjustments

On Thursday, October 13, 2011, NHA maintenance will be coming to the units located at Independence and Delaware Circles to adjust thermostat temperatures to 72 degrees for the upcoming heating season.