

# MHACY RESIDENT NEWSLETTER

**MHACY RESIDENT    December 2006, January, February 2007**

**MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY  
FOR THE CITY OF YONKERS, NEW YORK**

## **FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PETER SMITH**

To the Residents of the Municipal Housing Authority:

For the last 33 years, I have had the privilege to serve the Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers and its' residents. During that time I have worked with countless residents of public housing who have been supportive and helpful with their experience and guidance. I have been fortunate that those who have served on the Board over these years have each shared and been guided by our mission to provide the best possible housing opportunities to the low-income residents of Yonkers.



These years have been filled with many challenges, controversies, and opportunities. With the support of the residents, together with a dedicated staff, for which I am extremely grateful, we have accomplished many things that have benefited the residents of public housing and Section 8 recipients.

The current HOPE VI program is progressing well, and to date we have achieved our goals. I believe that it is a good time for the Authority to find new leadership to continue this progress well into the future.

I have submitted my resignation as Executive Director and Secretary to the Authority, effective January 12, 2007. I extend to each of you my sincere gratitude for helping me to serve the residents of the Municipal Housing Authority.

## **SENIOR TENANT SUPERVISOR'S Corner—Brenda M. Gray**

Greetings!

I hope that everyone is enjoying the "new style" of the newsletter. We are always looking for news from you to include in this The MHACY Newsletter. If you would like to congratulate a resident or even a MHACY employee for a "job well done", or if you have information that may be of interest to your neighbors, please forward it to our address on page. 4 or at your site office.

A tremendous **Thank You** for working with the MHACY Staff and I encourage you to keep moving forward in a positive direction.

Peter Smith, Executive Director is retiring January 11, 2007 and I would like to thank him for his dedication and leadership. "Mr. Smith I wish you nothing but a relaxing retirement, Congratulations".

Retirement means no pressure, no stress, no heartache... *unless you play golf* ~ Gene Perret

**Brenda M. Gray**

## ENERGY TIPS



October 4, 2006 was Energy Star "Change a Light" Day, which marked the beginning of the Energy Star "Change a Light, Change the World" campaign. MHACY is committed to work in partnership with HUD to conserve energy within the MHACY housing sites. Using energy wisely and efficiently is the responsibility of all Staff and residents.

### • HEATING SEASON

**MHACY is requiring that all air conditioners be removed and sealed. Also, please make sure that all radiators in the apartments are not obstructed. Any complaints pertaining to heat must be reported to the work center.**

Lighting accounts for nearly 20 percent of electricity costs. MHACY will continue to explore opportunities to use Energy Star qualified bulbs and fixtures to help reduce energy costs because they use one-third the energy of traditional lighting and last up to ten times longer. In a report issued by the Environmental Protection Agency in 2005 it was estimated that if every U.S. household replaces just one incandescent light bulb at home with one that earned the Energy Star label, the country will save \$600 million in energy bills.

### TOWNHOUSE RESIDENTS:

**Residents should never set the thermostat below 60 degrees. When you set the thermostat below 60 degrees in the cold weather your pipes can freeze which will cause them to burst. If your pipes burst you will be responsible and charged for all of the costly repairs.**

**Please check your settings on the thermostat daily.**

**PLEASE FOLLOW YOUR HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICK-UP SCHEDULE.**

High School Graduation is only the beginning...If you have a strong desire to get a college degree—

## MHACY RESIDENT COUNCIL

### RESIDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS WERE HELD OCTOBER 19, 2006

#### THE RESIDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES FOR YOUR HOUSING SITE ARE:

<b>James E. Homes</b>	Margaret Jessup
<b>Schlobohm Houses</b>	Elizabeth Owens, Deborah Smith, Valerie Marshall
<b>Walsh Road</b>	Queen E. Ramsey
<b>Calgagno Homes</b>	Beverly Blagmon, Nathaniel T. Weathers
<b>Curran Court</b>	Mary L. Kochetta, Amelia Pupchyk, Charles F. Reese
<b>Kris Kristensen</b>	Marguerite Bruton, Sarah O'Donnell, Walter Astapczyk
<b>Flynn Manor</b>	Jitinder, K. Anand, Alfred Jenkins, Sr., Mary Wilson
<b>Cottage Place Gardens</b>	Bettye C Hayford, Claudette Grady, Cena Scott
<b>Martinelli Manor</b>	Patricia Potenza, Josephine Egan
<b>Troy Manor</b>	Ethel Scarpulla, Joan Corbalis
<b>Senior Site Commissioner</b>	Agnes Scott
<b>Family Site Commissioner</b>	Roberta Allen

**RESIDENT COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT EACH INDIVIDUAL SITE ON A MONTHLY BASIS. REPRESENTATIVES ARE ELECTED FROM EACH SITE TO SERVE ON THE RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD.**

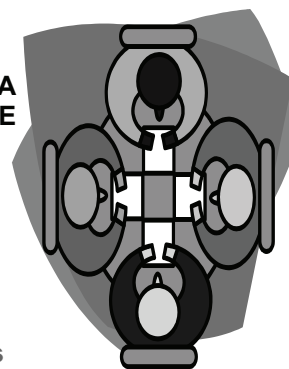
#### **BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION. WORK WITH YOUR REPRESENTATIVES**

The MHACY Resident Council is comprised of any resident of MHACY in good standing and serves as the intermediary between the Residents and Staff. They serve as the "resident voice" and will address issues, concerns or complaints.

The Resident Advisory Board meets on the last Friday of every month. The Officers are elected every two years by the residents in a democratic election.

**Next Resident Council Meeting for the Resident Advisory Board is on January 19, 2007 at Central Office.**

**"Better to hold out a hand, than to point a finger."**



**HOLIDAY SEASON SAFETY  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!**

1. Limit light illumination of any decorations to a maximum of 3 hours per day.
2. Limit decorations on doors and public areas (handrails, exit doors, etc.) **All items that may cause a safety issue will be removed by Maintenance and held in the Management Office.**
3. All Christmas items should be flame-proof or treated with a fire retardant. .
4. Set up Christmas trees in a cool part of the house, away from radiators. Stand tree in water and make sure it does not block the exit.
5. Use only electric light bulbs. Discard lighting sets with worn wiring or sockets not in good condition.
6. Don't let electric light bulbs touch tree needles. If lights are used in windows, keep curtains & drapes at least 6" away from lights.
7. Don't leave tree lights on when you are away from home or at night when everyone is asleep.
8. Don't set up electric trains under or near the tree.



*Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late New Year's Eve.  
Middle age is when you're forced to ~ Bill Vaughn*

**Happy Holiday  
Management**

**Volunteer Opportunities**

RSVP	948-4452
Bezack Environmental Ed. Ct.	377-1900
Groundwork Yonkers	375-2151
Hudson River Museum	963-4550
Jewish Council of Yonkers	423-5009

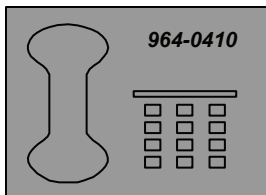
**NEED SERVICES INCLUDING HEALTH CARE ?**

*Community Choice Health Plan will be at the MHACY Resident Council R.E.A.D.Y Office 55 School Street, Suite K every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Come meet with one of the Marketing Representatives to see if you qualify for FREE or LOW-COST Health Insurance. Please bring the following documents with you: Paycheck Stubs for one month; Birth Certificates; Social Security Cards; utility bill showing your address; A letter mailed to your home (no window envelopes or labels and a Government Photo I.D.*

*For more information about Community Choice Health Plan please call: (800) 619-2247 or (914) 375-1545.*

**To place a  
Work Order**

**Call  
914-964-0410**



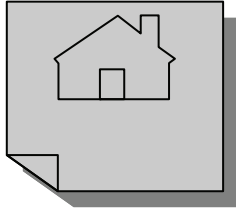
**Housing Updates and Reminders**

- Residents will be charged for any toilet or sink stoppage due to the responsibility of the household.
- All Large items must be brought outside of the building to the curb for the garbage pick-up. If garbage bags are needed see your site Superintendent. Only regular garbage should be placed down the garbage compactor Please do not insert any odd size objects in the compactors to include boxes, Christmas trees, wreaths, shades, umbrellas, brooms, mops, pizza boxes,

**2007 Parking Stickers**

The 2007 Parking Stickers are available in your Site Office. Please wait for the notice from your site office to receive your 2007 parking sticker. Only residents who have the proper documents will be given a sticker. If you are on the wait list for a parking sticker, please wait for notification from your site manger to notify you that you are approved for a sticker. Only one sticker per year will be given for a vehicle.

If you get a new vehicle be sure to remove the sticker from the previous automobile and return it to the site office for a replacement.



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If you have special announcements or accomplishments to include in the newsletter, please call us.

We are interested in graduations, recipes, poems, and any other great news you'd like to share.

The MHACY newsletter regrets any errors or omissions. We will do our best to provide accurate information.

### ANNUAL RENT RE-EXAM

In December and/or January you should receive a letter from Social Security, SSI, and other Government or Private Agencies stating the amount of your Income Award for 2007. These letters and forms will be needed for your 2007 Re-Exam. Please keep a copy of them for your Site Manager.

### EMPLOYMENT AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Yonkers Employment Center located at 20 South Broadway 12th Floor (914) 964-0105, is offering the following services.

Resume Preparation

Job Readiness

Interviewing Skills

Employment Opportunities.

Please stop by the Office Monday through Friday from 9:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and receive this valuable assistance.

### 2007 Yonkers Summer Youth Employment Program

\*\*\*Limited slots available and selections will be made via a lottery pool.

\*\*\*Application will be accepted beginning January 3, 2007 at the Yonkers Employment Center for youth ages 14-18 years old. For further information please call (914) 709-1373.

## Are You Considering a Career in the Retail Industry?

**The Yonkers Employment Center**

**20 South Broadway, 12 floor**

**(914) 964-0105**

**Training is FREE for qualified applicants**

⇒ **Learn the skills you need to be successful in retail**

⇒ **Earn a nationally recognized certificate**

### AVAILABLE SERVICES FOR MHA RESIDENTS

The following services are available to all MHA residents:

**SENIOR CARE:** Medicaid, Medicare, home health care

**FAMILY CARE:** Day Care services, adult education, drug and alcohol awareness programs and Health care information

For more information contact your Site Manager for a referral to the OUTREACH COORDINATORS MARY TOBIN and ANA HERNANDEZ. They are available to assist at no cost to you. Contact you site manager for the Outreach Coordinators' schedule.