

THE ENTERPRISE

The Newsletter of Rockville Housing Enterprises

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Halloween Party
Friday, October 31, 2008,

Resident Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 5,
2008

Financial Management /
Budgeting
Wednesday, November 12,
2008

FSS Orientation
Thursday, November 13,
2008

FROM THE STAFF OF RHE

The Staff of RHE would like to officially welcome all new residents to Rockville Housing Enterprises Public Housing and new participants to the Housing Choice Voucher program. We look forward to working with you and hearing your ideas for better service.

We would also like to say welcome to all the new staff at RHE: Florence Cole, Public Housing Resident Counselor, Clifford Armstrong, Public Housing Specialist, Meta Lim, Housing Choice Voucher Housing Specialist, Phillip Ogbonna, Administrative

Assistant, and Sergio Masaya, and Charles Johnson on the Maintenance Team.

RHE is also looking for ideas for available programs and events for families and friends to participate in this fall and winter.

If you have any ideas or know of any available programs in the Rockville area, please contact our administrative office at 301-424-6265 and ask for Florence Cole Resident Counselor.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

HUD requires all adults (18 years or older) living in public housing who are not employed, elderly (62 years or older), disabled (as defined by HUD), or enrolled in school or a qualifying training program, to complete 8 hours of community service each month.

If this requirement is not fulfilled it will be considered a lease violation

Public Housing residents, it is required that community service hours be completed monthly. All community service hours must be turned in no later than the 30th of each month.

See Ms. Florence Cole Public Housing Residential Counselor/ FSS

Coordinator for Volun-

teer Time Sheets and a list of agencies that need volunteers.

If you are not able to complete service hours or should you have any questions about how many hours you might owe, please contact Ms. Cole as soon as possible at 301-424-6265 ext 311.

TRASH AND RECYCLE PICK UP



Rockville Housing Enterprises would like to thank our Public Housing residents for their efforts in keeping the community clean.

As you all may have noticed, the City of Rockville has provided all our David Scull and Lincoln Park residents with large trash and recycling bins.

RHE will be coming around in the next few weeks to paint each resident's house number on their bins. Please make your

bins available at that time.

Starting October 27, 2008, David Scull and Lincoln Park is picked up once a week. After your trash and recycling bins are empty you are responsible for putting your bins into your backyards. We ask that all residents continue to do their part in keeping our community clean.

**Remember this
your
community**

CAMERA INSTALLATION AT DAVID SCULL COURTS

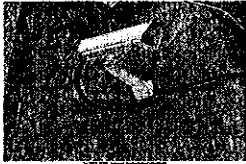
RHE has begun the ground work for the installation of security cameras in David Scull courts.

We have been made aware of some individuals attempting to tamper with the tubing that is being placed underground on First Street.

We ask that if you see any one interfering with the installation, please

notify RHE immediately.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact RHE or stop by the office at anytime during regular office hours.



UNAUTHORIZED GUESTS AND VISITORS

RHE is noticing that some residents have allowed unauthorized persons or individuals to stay or live in their home. Some of these persons have been banned from RHE properties. We would like to remind everyone that allowing persons to live in your unit without RHE approval will result in termination of your dwelling lease.

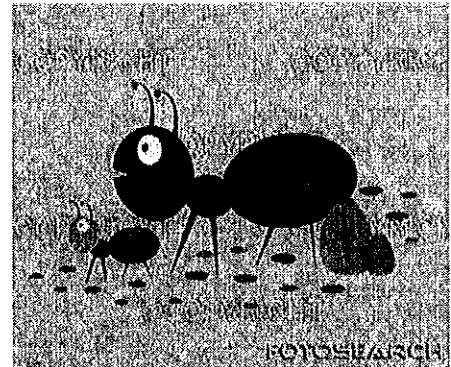
Residents who have unauthorized persons living in their units will receive a **30 day Notice to Vacate** upon RHE's verification of the violation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact RHE's main office and ask to speak with the Resident Counselor.

NOTICE OF UNIT ENTRY AND PEST CONTROL SERVICES

Regular extermination is very important to maintain pest-free units. We ask for full cooperation of all residents in allowing this important free service.

RHE schedules 12 units at a time weekly to provide them with complete pest control service. Scattered sites are scheduled upon request.

We ask that if you would like RHE to come sooner to your unit please call the main office and speak with Phillip Ogbonna, so he can make appropriate arrangements with the Maintenance Team.



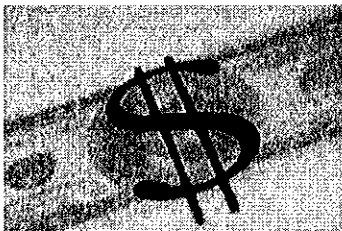
BENEFITS OF PAYING RENT ON TIME

RHE reminds all residents of the importance of paying the rent when due. A good rent paying history is crucial when applying for other housing owned by RHE or on the private market.

It also becomes part of a resident's credit history when applying for any type of credit.

Occasionally, RHE has public housing scattered site units for rent. These are lovely detached houses in quiet neighborhoods.

A twelve-month history of no late rent payments is part of the requirement to transfer to these units. If you would like further information about scattered sites, please contact

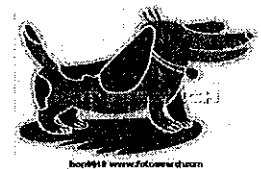


PETS IN PUBLIC HOUSING

Please be reminded that pets are not permitted in public housing except under very limited circumstances and if you are found having an unauthorized pet in your unit then you are violating your lease.

Pets must be pre-approved, an application must be completed and approved and a deposit of \$300.00 paid prior to allowing any type of pet in the unit. The animal must be spayed, neutered and have all applicable shots, tags and a license as required by Rockville Animal Control Ordinance and RHE's Pet Policy.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in enforcing the Pet Policy. Please report to RHE management if you see or hear any unauthorized animals in your neighborhood. Thank you for your cooperation.



November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Election Day Office Closed	5 Resident Council Meet- ing	6	7 Game Night	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day Office Closed	12 Financial Mtg. Workshop 6:00 -7:00 pm	13 FSS Orientation 6:00-7:00 pm	14	15
16	17 Officers Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm	18	19 RHE Board Meeting	20	21	22 First Street Brunch 1:00-3:00 pm
23/30	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29

December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Resident Council Meeting 5:30-7:00 pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 RHE Board Meeting	18	19 First Street Holiday Party TBA	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26 Office Reopened	27
28	29	30	31			

TIPS FOR CONSERVING YOUR ENERGY THIS WINTER!!

During the winter months, turn down your thermostat from 72°F to 68°F for 8 hours a day and you'll save as much as 10% on energy costs. Every degree you lower your thermostat could save you about 3% on your heating bill. It is recommended that you set the thermostat to 68°F for when you're home and 55°F for when you're sleeping or not at home.

Using a microwave to cook meals uses about half the energy of a conventional oven.

Washing clothes in cold water instead of hot is another energy saving tip that can save you about \$50 per year.

Another way to save energy in the laundry room is to put a dry towel in the dryer with each load of wet clothes. The towel will absorb dampness and reduce drying time, saving energy and money.

Replace incandescent light bulbs with more efficient, compact, fluorescent ones.

Besides saving energy, you will also save money in the long run, since the life span of a fluorescent bulb is substantially longer.



A WORD FROM THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM IF YOU PLAN A MOVE

If you are a HCV participant and you plan to move in the future, you need to understand the moving process. Depending upon what is written in your owner's lease, you will be required after the first year of the lease to give the landlord either a 30 or 60 day notice in writing that you wish to vacate.

A copy of the written notice must also be given to RHE's HCV office for our records. If it has been more than 120 days since your last recertification, you must supply your HCV Specialist updated information to complete a recertification. Only after an up to date recertification is done can you be reissued your Voucher to use at a new place. So...if you want to move you need to make an appointment with the HCV specialist to get your paper work started. Do Not try to rent the unit and then call us. Call us first.

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM (FSS)

Whether you are a Public Housing Resident or a HCV participants....

Whether you are a single, married or a parent

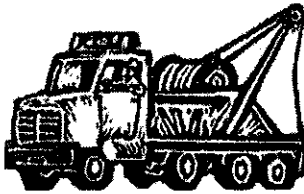
Whether your ultimate goal is homeownership, opening a small business or going back to school

The FSS Program can assist you in meeting your goals.

Come out to the FSS Orientation at David Scull Community Center
1201 First Street
November 13, 2008 at 6:00 pm.

What are you waiting for?

Call RHE at (301)424-6265 to find out more! Ask for Florence Cole (Public Housing /FSS Coordinator)



VEHICLES

Beginning November 3, 2008 Vehicles may be towed away at owner's expense for any or all of the following reasons:

- 1). Not in running condition
- 2). Not displaying current tags
- 3). Not displaying RHE parking sticker or guest pass.

If you do not have a RHE parking sticker or guest pass, please bring your registration card to David Scull to obtain one.

*Please Note that there are not enough parking spaces so any resident that has more than one car please use the over flow lot between third and fourth court.

HELPFUL INFO

NEED CHILD CARE?

Child care LOCATE is a free telephone referral service for parents. Counselors provide assistance in finding licensed child-care centers, family child care homes, preschool, nursery schools, and school age programs for children of all ages. Call LOCATE AT (301)279-1773 to speak with a counselor.

NEED HELP PAYING FOR CHILD CARE?

The Montgomery County DHHS Child Care Subsidy Program provides help with child care costs for many working families. To find out if you are eligible and make an appointment, call (240) 777-1155.



Election Day Information

Do you need a ride getting to your local polling place for the November 4, 2008 elections??

Or do you know anyone that might need a ride to their polling place for the election??

On November 4, 2008 an RHE van will be available from 10a.m.-1p.m. for residents that will need a ride to their local polling place.

Please call RHE and ask to speak with Florence Cole
Resident Counselor
from

now until November 3, 2008 to put your name on the list for van pickup.