REPORT TO THE BOARD

NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

MARCH, 2021

The mission of the Newport News Redevelopment & Housing Authority (NNRHA) is to create affordable housing, viable neighborhoods, and opportunities for self-sufficiency that enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Newport News.



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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The Five-Year Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan for FY 2020-2024 is under review by HUD for final approval. Planning for the 2nd Year Annual Action Plan (program year 2021-2022) is underway.

CHDO ACTIVITY Habitat for Humanity–Greater Peninsula Williamsburg (HFHGPW)

FY2019-2020 CHDO Contract:

The properties listed below were transferred to HFHPGW for development of 3 single family homes using HOME funds.

711 21st Street: A building permit has been issued and construction has been delayed due to weather.

2102 Madison Avenue: Exterior work has been completed, insultation is being installed and sheetrock installation will commence soon.

2104 Madison Avenue: Foundation has been completed; framing has begun.

INDIEDWELL CONTAINER HOUSING

Matt Burton, architect for the project, will submit the IndieDwell plans to the City for review by mid-March. After the plan review process, we anticipate advertising the bid package in May and starting construction in June.

REHABILITATION

Feasibility Inspections continue to be conducted for all Residential Rehabilitation Programs with fourteen (14) Emergency repairs four (4) Open House cases and two (2) HOMEcare cases completed since July 1, 2020.

Total Housing Rehabilitation Activity for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

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	Emergency	Open	HOMEcare	All Programs	
	Repair	House			
Projects in Underwriting	4	1	1	6	
Projects Pending Appr	3	0	0	3	
Ongoing Projects	4	1	0	5	
Total in Process	11	2	1	14	

REDEVELOPMENT

NNRHA administers the Citywide, down payment assistance program for first-time homebuyers through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). This program assists eligible first-time homebuyers in purchasing a home in the City.

Down Payment Assistance (DPA) Fiscal Year: July 1, 2020 - June 30-2021					
Program Year 20-21 (Completed)	Denied	Pending Additional	Current Month	Underwriting in Process	
		Documentation	(Completed)		
4	0	5	0	4	

RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION

Spratley House (50 Apartments)

The financing plan for Spratley House was approved by HUD and NNRHA received the RAD Conversion Commitment (RCC) on February 9, 2021. The closing package is currently under review by HUD. We anticipate closing to occur in late March or early April and construction to begin in April.

Marshall Courts Phase VI (12 Apartments)

The Marshall Courts Phase VI renovation project is progressing well. Renovations are underway on all 6 buildings. Exterior renovations are nearing completion. The general contractor is moving forward with interior finishes such as installation of interior doors, trim, painting, and VCT tile.

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE (CNI)

Site plans for the first phase of new housing, Carrier Point I and II, are under review by the Newport News Planning Department. This development includes two multi-family buildings, located on Jefferson Avenue between 27th and 29th Streets. Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2021 with a projected completion date of summer 2022.

Planning for the design and financing for Phase II development on the Ridley site has begun. The Citizens Advisory Committee and City and NNRHA staff is working with the design team to develop a final concept plan for the site. Preparation for demolition of the existing Ridley Place housing is underway.

In preparation for the new development on the Ridley site, current residents are issued housing vouchers and relocate to new apartments. As of March 8, 2021, 239 vouchers were issued and 191 families have found new housing. The remaining families are in the housing search process. It is anticipated that all residents will be relocated by the spring of 2021.

The financing package for construction of Phase I housing is nearly complete. The package includes Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, state grants, and city funds. The project received additional funding from the Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development in the amount of 2021. million March 1. \$2.8 on Preparation has also begun to secure lowincome housing tax credits and other funding for Phase II - Ridley Place development.

Tax-Exempt Multifamily Housing Bonds

NNRHA staff has received an application from Harbour – Newport News Limited Partnership c/o Silver Street Development Corporation for an additional issuance, by the Authority, of up to \$1,000,000 of its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds to assist the Borrower in financing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, renovating, rehabilitating, and equipping the multifamily residential rental housing project located at 2300-2382 Madison Avenue.

PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING

OCCUPANCY REPORT Total Waiting List Applications:

Public Housing		492
Approved/Eligible	85	
Pending	407	

Section 8		722
Approved/Eligible	149	
Pending	573	

The pending numbers for the Public Housing Program (407) and the Housing Choice Voucher Program (614) represent the total number of applications being processed for eligibility for housing assistance. Some of these families will be determined to be ineligible based on income, landlord references or criminal activity. Therefore, these numbers may fluctuate each month.

Applicants Housed in February

Public Housing Program	0
Housing Choice Voucher	17
Mod-Rehab (SRO)	_1
Total	18

Occupancy Statistics:

Public Housing Program (of 1,148 units)	98.70%
Section 8 Program (baseline 2,776);	93.4%

Warwick SRO (of 88 units)	100%
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Avg. # of Leasing Days (Public Housing) 0*
*No units leased due to units needed for renovation transfers

Average Family Rent Contribution for Move-ins Last Month:

1. Public Housing	\$ 0.
2. Housing Choice Voucher	\$314.
3. Warwick SRO	\$ 57.

Lease Rate – Feb 2021 93.4%

Cumulative Percentage of Section 8
Budget Authority Utilized Feb, 2021 92.2%

FAMILY INVESTMENT CENTER (FIC) ACTIVITIES

EMPLOYED F.I.C. PARTICIPANTS February, 2021 (since 1995)				
Aqueduct	112			
Ashe Manor	0			
Brighton	46			
Cypress	24			
Dickerson	185			
Harbor Homes	126			
Lassiter	95			
Marshall	160			
Orcutt	28			
Orcutt TH	10			
Oyster Point	23			
Pinecroft	7			
Ridley	383			
Section 8	71			
Spratley	2			
Total	1,272			

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY (FSS) UPDATE

186 Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing clients have completed their goal of homeownership as follows:

Housing Choice Voucher Families/FSS	69
Public Housing Families/FSS:	56
HCV Homeownership:	_61
Total	186

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The	Family	Inve	stment	Center
Coord	inator along	with	other	Workforce
Devel	opment	indi	viduals	and

the part organizations are a Network2Work pilot program. spearheaded by the Hampton Roads Council. The network Workforce currently looking for employers and service providers to join the team. The with goal is to assist employers and recruitment, training certifying candidates along with connecting the job seeker with supportive services (childcare, transportation) to ensure employee success. The launch date is TBD.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program began on Monday, February 8, 2021 and will end on April 15, 2021. To date approximately 20 tax returns have been prepared that generated \$19,522 in Federal refunds and \$1,202 in Virginia state refunds.

Seniors Receive 1st Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine

NNRHA coordinated with the City of Newport News and Riverside Regional Medical Center to offer Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccinations to NNRHA seniors 65 years and above. Each resident at Ashe Manor, Spratley House and seniors at Marshall Courts residina contacted to discuss their interest in receiving the vaccine. A total of 23 seniors received their first dose of the vaccine at Achievable Dream Academy High School on Saturday, February 27th. The second clinic took place on Saturday, March 6th. Residents from Pinecroft Apartments and Jefferson Brookeville Apartments attended the clinic. A total of 34 residents received their first dose. Staff are currently registering residents from Great Oak Apartments and several, from previously mentioned communities. to receive their first dose of the vaccine at upcoming vaccination clinic the

Achievable Dream Elementary on March 20th. For those without transportation we are arranging it using funds from the CARES Act. Appointments for the second dose have already been scheduled. Many of the seniors expressed gratitude for being offered the vaccine. Most seniors who have PCPs with Riverside, Sentara and the VA have received at least their 1st vaccine, some did not meet the age criteria.



Community Partner Spotlight:

New Living Stone Christian Church provided beautiful Valentine's Day gift bags to numerous seniors at Great Oak Apartments, Spratley House, Pinecroft Apartments, and Ashe Manor. Seniors expressed surprise and delight over the thoughtful gesture.

Peninsula Agency on Aging and InnovAge PACE has collaborated very closely with Resident Relations Advisor to address several particularly complicated resident issues.

House of Blessings Holiness Church has been providing a food distribution on a weekly basis to Spratley House for several months. In February, they added Ashe Manor.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

SENIOR RESIDENTS COVID-19 CARE PACKAGES

In our continuing efforts and commitment to provide a safe environment and minize the exposure and transmission of COVID-19, we provided our senior residents with a care package that included the following:
Custom Printed Shopper Bag
16 oz. Gel Hand Sanitizer
2 oz. Travel Gel Sanitizer
Package of Microbicide Disinfectant Wipes
10 Pack 3 Ply Surgical Masks

We received feedback that indicated the packages were well received and much appreciated.

Other NNRHA Controlled Multi-Family Properties Waiting Lists as of February, 2021

Property	Occupancy Rate	Approved/Eligible	Pending	Total
Orcutt Townhomes III	100%	16	10	26
Cypress Terrace	100%	10	59	69
Oyster Point/Brighton	99%	10	96	106
Great Oak	98%	90	60	150
Lofts on Jefferson	100%	6	2	8
Jefferson Brookville	98%	7	9	16
Lassiter Courts	99%	16	53	69

Family Self Sufficiency (FSS)

Following is a current breakdown of the status of FSS participants in the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs for the month of February, 2021.

Participants:	Public Housing	Housing Choice Voucher	Total		
Total number in FSS Program	28	73	101		
Employed	16	44	60		
Currently not working	9	26	35		
Attending Thomas Nelson Comm. College	0	1	1		
Enrolled in other Training Program	3	1	4		
Employed and going to school	0	1	1		
Participants with escrow accounts	12	34	46		

NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY 2021 Housing Choice and Mainstream Voucher Program Utilization Report - Actual For the Year Ending December 31, 2021

				HUD Held	1,043,615.48	1,054,166.72	1,064,718.39	
				NNRHA Held	22	901,823.23	1,063,135.73	
				Other Sources	Splinds	\$ 4,094.38 \$	\$ 1,886.50 \$	\$ 5,980.88
					Fraud Recovery	•	1,886.50	071
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estimated budget; Proration 99%		estimated	2776		From HOD	\$1,931,040.00 \$49,059.00	\$1,927,907.00 \$49,059.00	\$3,957,065.00
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	Mainstream Voud	Baseline HCV Units VASH units CNI tenant protection Mainstream Vouchers	0 2 3	AVG HAP	\$ 683.70 \$ \$ 677.78 \$	\$ 685.61 \$		
			HAP Payments	to Landlords	1,762,573.00 52,867.00	1,778,481.00	3,647,759.00	
					Kate	92.9% \$ 55.3% \$	93.4% \$ 57.4% \$	49
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