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A Message from the Regional Administrator

February has been a busy month for HUD. We unveiled HUD's proposed fiscal year 2013 budget, hosted e-briefings for our regional stakeholders, and outlined plans to streamline and strengthen HUD's programs to support a growing economy. These briefings were just the start of a conversation on the tough choices that must be made: choices that challenge us to do more with less, and hold ourselves accountable for results. We welcome your questions, feedback and input as the budget process moves forward. Working together, we know there is a lot we can do to create housing and communities that are "built to last." A stunning example of results gained through federal and state agency teamwork is the \$25 billion settlement agreement with the five largest mortgage servicers. (See more on page 2). This settlement will help relieve struggling homeowners, provide new protections and end many foreclosure abuses. It was an unprecedented joint agreement, and the largest ever federal-state civil settlement. There is now a plan before Congress that will allow responsible homeowners to refinance at historically low rates, saving an average of \$3,000 per year. Because we're all working with reduced budgets in every aspect of our lives, a refinance plan like this could provide some financial breathing space for homeowners, help stabilize the housing market, and help move the economic recovery forward.

I'm inspired by what HUD's partners in Region III have done through innovation, creativity, and collaboration. In this issue of the Region III HUDLine News, you will find out about programs and resources that may spark new ideas and partnerships. Let us know how we can help. We're always glad to hear from you.
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Focus on Fair Housing...

Secretary Donovan announced a new [HUD Final Rule](#), effective March 5, requiring equal access to housing in HUD programs regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Through this final rule, HUD implements policy to ensure that its core programs are open to all eligible individuals and families regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status. In the proposed rule on January 24, HUD noted that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals and families are being excluded from housing opportunities in the private sector. This is of special concern to HUD, which, as the Nation's housing agency, is charged to promote the federal goal of providing decent housing and a suitable living environment for all. It is important not only that HUD ensure its own programs do not discriminate against anyone, but that its policies and programs also serve as models for equal housing opportunity.



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HUD's Mission: To create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities with quality, affordable housing for all.

HUD'S NEWEST NEWS

On February 9, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan, Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller and Colorado Attorney General John W. Suthers announced that the federal government and 49 state attorneys general reached a **landmark \$25 billion agreement** with the nation's five largest mortgage servicers to address mortgage loan servicing and foreclosure abuses. The agreement provides substantial financial relief to homeowners and establishes significant new homeowner protections for the future. The unprecedented joint agreement is the largest federal-state civil settlement ever obtained and is the result of extensive investigations by federal agencies, including the Department of Justice, HUD and the HUD Office of the Inspector General (HUD-OIG), and state attorneys general and state banking regulators across the country. The joint federal-state group entered into the agreement with the nation's five largest mortgage servicers: Bank of America Corporation, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Wells Fargo & Company, Citigroup Inc., and Ally Financial Inc. (formerly GMAC). Secretary Donovan, in a recent Philadelphia Inquirer [editorial](#), explained that the mortgage settlement provides a new era in homeownership.

- Read more [about the settlement](#): Learn about the settlement, who is affected and what claims may still be pursued against the banks. Find links to your state Attorney General's Office to find state-specific information and contacts.
- [Help for Borrowers](#): Learn how to find out if your loan is affected by this settlement, the timeline for relief, how you will know if you are eligible. Find links to your state Attorney General's Office to find state-specific information and contacts.
- [News](#): Read the national news release and find links to your state Attorney General's Web site for state-specific news.

Secretary Donovan hosted an **SC2 Fellowship Program** Twitter Town Hall to answer questions and discuss how to apply for the Fellowship, which is a partnership between HUD, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, Cleveland State University, and Virginia Tech University. Over the next few months, a group of highly-skilled, public service-committed professionals will be selected through a national competition to serve in these six cities. Underwriting for the fellowships is provided by a generous gift from the Rockefeller Foundation. For more information about the program, [click here](#).



HUD wishes a happy 150th anniversary to the United States Department of Agriculture. Created in the midst of the Civil War, USDA has grown and adapted along with the country, and has served the American public with unflinching commitment to its well-being. See the USDA's [150th Anniversary website](#) for a look at the history and vision of one of HUD's great partners.

DON'T BE SORRY - BE READY

HUD continues to explore the housing challenges that communities face in a post-disaster environment, even as we examine new strategies to support state and local governments in their preparations and planning for disasters. A tangible result of this research is [Pre-Disaster Planning for Permanent Housing Recovery](#), a four-volume set of tools and strategies derived from experience with recent major disasters (such as Hurricane Katrina) that underscored the importance of disaster preparedness at the local, state, and regional level.

SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERS AT WORK

HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities (OSHC), in partnership with the Office of Policy Development and Research, is pleased to present the [Sustainable Communities Resource Center](#) (SCRC) — a new section of HUDUSER.org dedicated to providing information that supports local and regional strategies, with an emphasis on sustainable housing and planning.

March 8 - [New Tools in the Blight Fight – Launching a Southwestern PA Training Program](#). Local Government Academy, Sustainable Pittsburgh, the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania and the Allegheny Municipal and School

Solicitors Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association have collaborated to bring presenters from other Pennsylvania municipalities to tell their blight-busting stories and to help launch a targeted three-part training series to assist municipalities in developing the policies and programs to deal with blight in their communities. Click here for [more information and registration](#).

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

On March 1, the White House recognized eleven housing counselors as "[Champions of Change](#)," for the tremendous work they are doing in their communities. The event is part of President Obama's [Winning the Future](#) initiative to feature groups of Americans, businesses or organizations who embody "Innovate, Educate, and Build." Two of the housing counselors, *Dorothy Patricia (Dotty) Acampora with Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation, Virginia Beach, VA*, and *Larry Douglas with Chester Community Improvement Project, Chester, PA*, are from Region III. The Honorees will be featured on the White House website and in a White House Press Release. The White House and HUD will work closely with each Honoree to help promote their work, the work of their organization and the work of all HUD-approved housing counseling agencies, through the White House and HUD websites and through the media. Region III is honored to claim Dotty and Larry, truly extraordinary people, as colleagues and partners.

Region III Fair Housing Assistance Agency Partners were awarded nearly \$960,000 in [grants](#) to enforce fair housing laws and help communities and housing providers to better understand their fair housing rights and responsibilities. The funds will also be used to promote the Department's [new Equal Access to Housing regulation](#), which ensures that HUD housing and programs are open to all families, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status (See the "Focus on Fair Housing," page 1.)

HUD FUNDING RESOURCES

- [TA and Capacity Building under the Transformation Initiative](#); ("OneCPD" and Core Curricula"); Request for Qualifications due March 15.
 - [Fair Housing Initiative Program \(FHIP\)](#) applications are due March 16.
 - [Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency \(ROSS\) Service Coordinators Program](#) applications are due March 27.
 - [Transformation Initiative - Natural Experiment Grant Program](#) applications are due March 29.
 - [Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Program](#) applications are due April 10.
 - [Housing Choice Voucher - Family Self-Sufficiency](#) applications are due April 24.
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OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

- **March 11** – deadline for award nominations for Metlife Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) innovative partnerships between community groups and police. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).
- **March 15** – applications are due for the United States Tennis Association (USTA) grants for programs designed to improve health, build character and strive for academic excellence. To learn more about this program, click [here](#).
- **March 16** – deadline for nominations for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation's [Richard H. Dreihaus National Preservation Award](#).
- **March 22** – applications are due for the Department of Labor's [Workforce Innovation](#) grant program.
- **March 22** – applications are due for the Substance Abuse And Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) grants to prevent and reduce substance use among youth. To apply and to learn more about this program, click [here](#).
- **March 26** – applications are due for Department of Justice grants for Education, Training and Enhanced Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women with Disabilities. For more information, [click here](#).
- **March 30** – applications are due for USDA renewable energy system feasibility study applications, To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

- **April 1** – deadline for nominations for the Tech Museum of Innovation [Tech Awards](#) (for using technology to help solve some of humanity's most pressing problems).
- **June 1** - applications are due for 2012 Neighborhood Builder awards from the [Bank of America Charitable Foundation](#), and the deadline to nominate an outstanding volunteer for the Bank of America Charitable Foundation's "Local Heroes" award, which could win the nominating organization a \$5,000 grant. For details on both programs visit [this website](#).
- **June 29** – applications are due for USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service for the Rural Energy for America Program. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

FHA LEADS THE WAY

New Mortgagee Letters

- 2012-1 discusses the launch of a new Multifamily Low Income Housing Tax Credit pilot program.
- 2012-2 clarifies the requirements for the origination, closing, and submission for FHA insurance endorsement of loans via the sponsored third-party origination process.

To read all FHA Mortgagee Letters, [click here](#).

Notices for FHA Lenders:

- Extension of waiver of financial statements reporting requirements for supervised lenders and mortgagees with less than \$500 million in assets: supervised lenders and mortgagees seeking FHA lender approval or renewal are required to electronically submit audited financial statements to FHA within 90 days of their fiscal year end pursuant to Mortgagee Letter 2010-20. For more information please see these [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- A revised version of the FHA TOTAL Mortgage Scorecard User Guide will be released on March 4. The FHA TOTAL Mortgage Scorecard User Guide may be accessed [through this link](#).

Notice for HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agencies:

- HUD-9902 FY2012 First Quarter Submission Extension

For technical support on these or any other FHA issue, please contact the FHA Resource Center at: www.hud.gov/answers and search the online knowledge base to find answers to the most frequently asked questions. You can also get email technical support at: answers@hud.gov, or call FHA toll-free between 8:00 a.m. & 8:00 p.m. ET at (800) CALLFHA or (800) 225-5342. Call FHA TDD at: (877) TDD-2HUD (877) 833-2483).

Training in Region III:

- **March 6** - Pittsburgh, PA - FHA Loss Mitigation Training Course at the HUD Western Pennsylvania Office. There is no fee, but registration is required. Register online at: <https://eclass.hudtulsa.org> For questions and to confirm your registration, contact dave.gallian@hud.gov.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

March 5 – Comments are due regarding the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau request for suggestions for regulations. The CFPB is responsible for regulations originally written by other agencies, including rules for the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, and the SAFE Mortgage Licensing Act. It requests specific suggestions by for ways to streamline "inherited" regulations and practical measures to make compliance easier. See [Federal Register, 12/5/11](#) or [Regulations.gov](#), or contact Jane Gell, CFPB, 202-453-7700.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced a new outreach program to help rural USDA-financed homeowners refinance their mortgages and reduce their payments. Read the rest of Secretary Vilsack's remarks [here](#).

Notice of the FY 2011 Substantial Amendment Process and Other Related Information for Recipients of Emergency Solutions Grants Program Funds was published in the [Federal Register](#) on January 27.

The Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University has launched a new website containing a 15-year archive of Joint Center research papers and reports, as well as information about student programs, public events and news article. A Brown Bag lunch lecture series featuring leaders in housing and community development is being offered. Click [here](#) for more information.

The Center for Housing Policy has released a new brief titled "More than a Roof: Case studies of public housing agency initiatives to increase residents' economic security." To get a free copy of the brief, click [here](#).

The USDA's Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP) provides loan capital and technical assistance grants to small business development organizations to support startup and existing rural business. To read more about the program and to get other information from the Center for Rural Affairs, click [here](#).

HUD has published the results of a study called "End of Participation in Assisted Housing: What Can We Learn About Aging in Place?" To read the study, click [here](#).

Affordable Housing Symposium Resources are available from NeighborWorks America. The symposium "Building on Strength: Invigorating Business Models for Affordable Rental Housing in the New Era" was held recently. To access the materials, click [here](#).

The Official Poverty Guidelines for 2012 have been issued. The poverty line for a family of four in the continental US is \$23,050. For more information, click [here](#) or contact Kendall Swenson, HHS, 202-690-7507.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND REGION III...

HUD EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA/ REGIONAL OFFICE



Chester city officials visited with the Chester SC2 Team, representatives of HUD, EPA, SBA, DOL, HHS and ED last month to discuss the city's challenges and the resources HUD may have available to help create new jobs and improve the economy. To get some background information on Chester, a study was done just last year by Cleveland University on Chester and several other declining cities. The information on Chester can be found in [Appendix C](#).

Federal agencies are teaming up to revitalize the City of Chester, one of 6 cities that HUD has included in the Strong Cities, Strong Communities (SC2) initiative, a new pathway for the federal government to work responsively and collaboratively with cities. Thirteen federal agencies are working with mayors and local governments in Chester, PA; Cleveland, OH; Detroit, MI; Fresno, CA; Memphis, TN; and New Orleans, LA. to help them make more effective use of existing federal resources to achieve their economic vision and goals. Federal agencies are working with local elected officials and philanthropic, non-profit, and private sector leaders to improve the capacity of these cities to respond to immediate and future challenges.

The West Philadelphia alliance for Children (WePAC) is working to provide educational opportunities for Philadelphia students by revitalizing the City's school libraries. WePAC volunteers, who staff libraries and run newspaper clubs for students in the 5th through 7th grades, donated more than 6,600 hours in schools during the 2010-2011 school year. These volunteers involve students in conducting interviews and writing both creative and informative articles, promoting childhood literacy and a love of language through writing. In recent months, staff

at the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development teamed up to donate nearly 400 books to support WePAC's contributions to the Philadelphia community. "One of HUD's goals is to use housing as a platform to improve quality of life by addressing issues of education, health care, and transportation systems," said HUD Regional Administrator Jane C.W. Vincent. "So providing books to WePAC in partnership with ED is just one of many ways we can collaborate to improve the quality of education in communities throughout Philadelphia and the region." During a recent [Askwith Forum at Harvard University](#), Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said that he knows "what's possible when we give young people long-term guidance, educational opportunities, and the commitment and connection of a caring adult. I know our students can be successful, regardless of their zip code and background."

Congratulations to the [Clinton County Housing Authority](#) as it celebrates 50 years of dedicated service to meeting the housing needs of families and individuals in the Clinton County area. In addition to providing decent, safe, affordable housing; the Clinton County Housing Authority devotes significant resources to helping its residents become productive, self-sufficient Clinton County residents.

March 4-7 – The Pennsylvania Association of Housing and Redevelopment Agencies (PAHRA) Legislative Conference – to register [click here](#).

HUD WEST VIRGINIA

The Kanawha Institute for Social Research & Action, Inc. (KISRA), through a Small Business Administration program, is making loans of up to \$50,000 available to start or expand businesses in West Virginia. Call 304-768-8924, ext. 203, 877-34-KISRA, or email loan@kisra.org for applications and more information.

KISRA has launched another program, West Virginia Pathways to Responsible Father's Initiative, to help improve the well-being of families. For more information, call 304-768-8924, 877-34-KISRA, or email pathways@kisra.org.

A comprehensive resource for educational and career development is the West Virginia Department of Education, linking high schools, career centers, vocational and technical schools and community colleges to career paths and potential jobs. The website link is www.wvcareerpathways.com

Round 5 of the Governor's Regional Substance Abuse Task Forces meetings will take place around the state the last two weeks of March. All stakeholders are welcome to attend. The meetings have been scheduled as follows:

- March 19 - In Belmont – Region 3: Tyler, Pleasants, Wood, Ritchie, Jackson, Wirt, Roane, Calhoun
- March 19 – In Buckhannon - Region 4: Monongalia, Preston, Marion, Doddridge, Harrison, Taylor, Barbour, Tucker, Gilmer, Lewis, Upshur, Randolph, Braxton
- March 20 – In Welch - Region 6: Webster, Pocahontas, Nicholas, Fayette, Greenbrier, Raleigh, Summers, Monroe, Wyoming, Mercer, McDowell
- March 21 – In Hamlin - Region 5: Mason, Putnam, Kanawha, Clay, Cabell, Wayne, Mingo, Logan, Lincoln, Boone
- March 26 – In Shepherdstown - Region 2: Pendleton, Grant, Hardy, Mineral, Hampshire, Morgan, Jefferson, Berkeley
- March 27 – In New Martinsville - Region 1: Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel

The Round 4 Meeting Notes and other documents are available for review, and may be downloaded [here](#).

Contact team members at SubstanceAbuseTeam@gmail.com if you have questions or need more information.

- **March 28 – 29** - 5th Bi-Annual Suicide Prevention Conference, "Drugs, Alcohol, and Suicide Across the Life Span," Charleston. For questions or to register contact [Lora Humphrey](#), 304-296-1731, ext 4269.
- **April 18** - Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority's (CKHA) Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program Job Fair in Charleston. For more information Contact Amy Lewis, Public Housing FSS Coordinator 304-348-6451, ext. 256, alewis@charlestonhousing.com or Kimberly Pickens, Housing Choice Voucher FSS Coordinator 304-348-6451, ext. 264, kpickens@charlestonhousing.com.

HUD CAPITAL DISTRICT



(Left to right) Marvin Turner, HUD Capital District Field Office Director, Senator Ben Cardin, Maryland Housing Secretary Ray Skinner and Maryland Housing Assistant Secretary for Finance Frank Coakley, at a foreclosure prevention workshop on January 28 at Mt. Ennon Church in Clinton, MD. “We must continue to look for ways to spread the gospel of foreclosure prevention, and we are proud to see the churches join with elected officials to get the word out,” Mr. Turner said.

Older Arlingtonians with disabilities have a new home. Twenty-five people aged 55 and older, with intellectual disabilities or mental illnesses, are now living in the 52-unit Volunteers of America (VOA) center in the Fort Myer area of Arlington County. The [Washington Post](#) reported, “The opening of the center comes as the state closes four of its five large institutions for people with intellectual disabilities in favor of smaller, community-based residences, a nationwide trend as society rethinks its once-default attitude that the disabled should be confined and hidden from the public.” Attending the VOA center’s grand opening were HUD Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Marie Head; Marvin Turner, HUD Capital District Field Office Director; Charles Famuliner, HUD Virginia Multifamily Program Center Director; and Carolyn Roberts, Anita Petty, Carol Schrader and Ron Fitch, HUD Virginia Senior Asset Managers.

Prince George’s County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Assistant Secretary Mercedes Márquez and Eric C. Brown, Prince George’s County Director of Housing and Community Development signed a joint Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on February 13, to mark a collaborative partnership which will further enhance Prince George’s County’s housing and community development initiatives. The purpose of the agreement is to provide joint technical assistance and capacity-building engagement that will maximize the use of federal funds to revitalize neighborhoods, help the homeless, and produce more affordable housing. Read more about it [here](#).

HUD WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA



On February 9, the HUD-funded South Hills Retirement Residence received two awards at the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) International Builder’s Show in Orlando, FL. The developer, a.m. Rodriquez Associates, inc., was honored with the Best of 50+ Housing Award (GOLD) and a Platinum Award for Best in American Living. An adaptive reuse of the former South Hills High School, there are now 106 apartments for seniors where the former school had been vacant and in disrepair for more than 20 years. South Hills Retirement Residence also received the LEED for Homes GOLD designation and the Charles L. Edson award for “Green Housing”. To learn more about South Hills Retirement Residence innovative “green” design and sustainable living standards, [click here](#).

- **March 1 through April 5** – [Family Services of Western Pennsylvania](#) is offering “24/7 Dad” ParentWise classes. Call 724-837-5410 ext 704 for more information.

- **March 8** - [Building Value Chain Capacity: Sustainability's Role in Product Purchasing and Service Procurement for Healthcare](#) sponsored by the Regional Learning Alliance. Click here for [more information and registration](#).
- **March 8** - Vibrant Pittsburgh Launches Mini-Grants Initiative with a reception at Duquesne University. Register [online](#) or call Vibrant Pittsburgh at 412-281-8600.
- **March 9** - Allegheny County Link to Aging and Disability Resources presents “Medicare Part A,B,C,D.” To register, contact Jbe Elliott at jelliott@alleghenycounty.us.
- **March 14** - Real Estate Continuing Education Series “Ethics” at the Four Points Sheraton, North-Warrendale/Mars, PA. For more information go to www.pahma.org.
- **March 28** – “What Today’s Property Manager Needs to Know” workshop at the Four Points Sheraton, North-Warrendale/Mars, PA. For more information go to www.pahma.org.

Thursdays, 12:15 - Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh is offering free Business Workshops. All programs are free and open to the public. For more details go to www.carnegielibrary.com

HUD VIRGINIA

HUD Field Office Director Carrie Schmidt and CPD Representative Jay Grant were present when Virginia Supportive Housing (VSH) officially broke ground at Heron's Landing in Chesapeake, on Wednesday, February 8. Heron's Landing, VSH's fourth development in the Hampton Roads area, will provide 60 units of permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals in the South Hampton Roads cities of Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth and Chesapeake. Like South Bay in Portsmouth, it will be constructed according to EarthCraft certification standards. The projected completion date is early 2013. To read a recent article about this development in the Virginian-Pilot, [click here](#).



The Crossings at Fourth & Preston, Virginia Supportive Housing's (VSH) first development in Charlottesville, is scheduled to open on March 27, 2012. The Crossings will offer 60 permanent supportive apartments for homeless and low-income individuals. It will be the first VSH building to be equipped with a solar thermal hot water system. Like South Bay in Portsmouth and the Studios at South Richmond, it is also equipped with solar electric panels. To read a recent article on this development, [click here](#). Qualified individuals should start moving in the second week of March, and the official Grand Opening is scheduled to take place on April 10, 2012. For more information or to RSVP, [please click here](#).

Governor Bob McDonnell announced that an innovative prisoner re-entry program has been awarded a national Bellwether Award finalist trophy. The program, “Campus Within Walls,” is led by Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC) and involves partnerships with the Virginia Department of Corrections, the Sunshine Lady Foundation and Goodwill Industries. Because of these collaborations and a Second Chance Grant from the Department of Justice, the program has operated without cost to Virginia taxpayers, helping inmates earn education credentials so they have the tools and skills they need to get a job and support themselves after release. Recently, 40 inmates at Lunenburg Correctional Facility graduated from the [Campus Within Walls](#) program.

Governor McDonnell announced an additional \$3.15 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for housing Rehabilitation and water service projects in Halifax, Scott, Smyth and Mecklenburg Counties. Read the news release [here](#).

The Spring, 2012 Roanoke Leadership College is now accepting registrations [online](#) or by calling the Roanoke Office of Neighborhood Services at 853-5210.

Roanoke's [Old Southwest Neighborhood](#) has been selected as one of [This Old House](#) magazine's Best Old-House Neighborhoods 2012. This announcement follows on last year's announcement recognizing Roanoke's Mountain View neighborhood as one of the magazine's Best Old-House Neighborhoods 2011.

The National Alliance to End Homelessness is conducting workshops as a part of the project, "Reducing Family Homelessness in Virginia: A Rapid Re-Housing Approach," a collaboration between the Alliance, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness, and the Freddie Mac Foundation. The rapid re-housing workshops will be held in 12 locations around Virginia during March and April. [Register here](#).

- **March 8** - South Hampton Roads Regional Conference on Ending Homelessness. Register and download the Conference Brochure [here](#).
- **March 9** – “How Inclusive is Your Community?” workshop, [Wytheville Meeting Center](#). Free, but registration is required to reserve lunch. To register call (434) 979-7310 or email register@tjpd.org.
- **March 13** – “How Inclusive is Your Community?” workshop, [Williamsburg Hellenic Center](#). Free, but registration is required to reserve lunch. To register call (434) 979-7310 or email register@tjpd.org.
- **March 16** – First round workshop proposal deadline for the 2012 Common Cents Conference. Information about and the application for conference workshop proposals are available [here](#).
- **March 20** - Faith and Neighborhoods in Action: A Symposium to Address Economic Recovery through Strong Communities and Job Creation – hosted by The White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and the US Small Business Administration at Norfolk State University. Register online [here](#) by March 14.
- **March 20** - Statewide Tornado Drill - Registration is now open at www.ReadyVirginia.gov. Businesses, schools, organizations, families and individuals are encouraged to take part in this critical safety exercise. 2011 was a tough year for tornadoes – nearly every part of Virginia experienced tornadoes during 2011 – from Southwest to Hampton Roads. [Click here](#) to learn more about tornado safety and how to hold a drill.
- **March 21** – “How Inclusive is Your Community?” workshop, [The Barn at LFCC](#), (Warrenton). Free, but registration is required to reserve lunch. To register call (434) 979-7310 or email register@tjpd.org.
- **March 26-28** – Free VHDA Foreclosure Prevention Certification, Glen Allen. RSVP by email to foreclosureprevention@vhda.com and include name, Organization name, Organization address, phone number and email, Request for Hotel accommodations if applicable, and Organization Executive Director and email. For more information or to ask questions, contact LaDonna Cruse at 804-343-5682, ladonna.cruse@vhda.com.
- **April 2** – deadline for Central Virginia Combined Federal Campaign agency applications. For applications and more information, contact kirkhumg@yourunitedway.org.
- **April 30 – May 3** – Virginia Association of Housing Counselors Spring Certification and Conference in Virginia Beach. Earlybird registration ends March 30. Register [here](#) to reserve your spot.
- **May 4** – Southeast Regional Community Assistance Project’s “2012 Water is Life” Conference & Luncheon. For more information [click here](#).

HUD DELAWARE



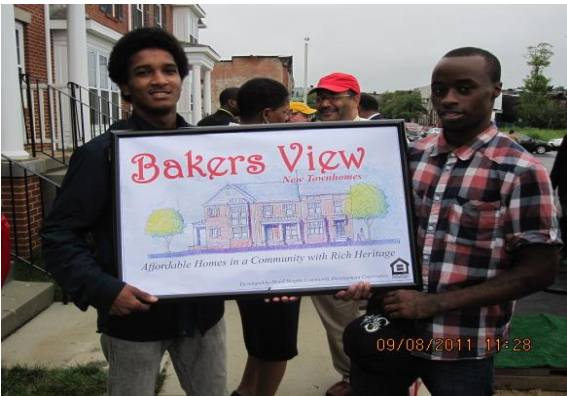
During a meeting on February 8, HUD Delaware Field Office Director Toni Schmiegelow discussed the operations of the Ministry of Caring with its Executive Director, Brother Ronald Giannone. One of the topics included the planned development of a Section 202 apartment building, Sacred Heart Village II, consisting of 26 units for seniors. The new development will complement the 78-unit Sacred Heart Village I, pictured right, that has been operating in Wilmington since 2001.

- **March 13** The Homeless Planning Council of Delaware – 2012 Annual Meeting - Dover Sheraton Hotel – Dover, Delaware – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – For information call Susan Starrett at (302) 654-0126.
- **March 14** – NCALL Research, Inc. – First Time Homebuyer Seminar – 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. -363 Saulsbury Road – Dover, Delaware. For information call Carolyn Figueroa at (302) 678-9400.
- **March 14** – The Delaware State Housing Authority Council on Housing Meeting – Huling Cove – 1140 Savannah Road – Lewes, Delaware. For information call The Delaware State Housing Authority at (302) 739-4263.
- **March 15** – Delaware Division of Human Relations – Fair Housing Training 101 – Designed for Property Managers and other interested parties – 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon – Carvel State Office Building – 3rd Floor Conference Room – 820 North French Street – Wilmington, Delaware. For information call (302) 577-5050.

For a complete list of similar training opportunities in Delaware through December 2012, go to: [this page](#) and click on Events.

HUD MARYLAND

A report funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, “Determination of Effective Strategies for Addressing the Health Needs of Baltimore City Public Housing Residents,” highlights the critical need for appropriate, affordable and accessible health care services. Major outcomes of the report are to address the health, social and economic disparities that currently exist. In response to the report, HUD Maryland Field Office Director Carol Payne identified funding opportunities with the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the Department of Health and Human Services. The Baltimore Health Strategy Steering Committee has applied for a grant (\$100,000) to rebuild the Community Health Worker program, a pivotal part of the “Healthy Hearts in Housing” project. For information contact Carol B. Payne at 410-209-6557 or carol.b.payne@hud.gov.



HUD Maryland Office staff attended the ribbon cutting for Bakers View Homes in Baltimore. With support from State Farm Insurance Company, which invested \$9.7 million dollars the project, Druid Heights Development Corporation's Bakers View community offers quality, affordable homeownership in Baltimore City, and stabilizes and enhances the Sanford-Cumberland corridor. The Bakers View redevelopment also reduces housing density and creates open green space in the community. Left, attendees at the Bakers View ribbon cutting hold up an architect's rendering of the rehabilitated townhomes.

Baltimore City announces the Adopt- A- Lot Program: The process of acquiring vacant city lots has been streamlined. In addition to calling 410-396-4111 or emailing V2V@baltimorecity.gov, an applicant may now research vacant lots and apply for an Adopt-A-Lot license online. Click here to view the list of [vacant](#) lots that are available to adopt and [Click here to apply for an Adopt a Lot License](#). Additionally, the city is giving qualifying neighborhood groups access to water to keep the new greenspace or garden vibrant. [Click here for links to resources](#).

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Secretary Raymond A. Skinner has announced more than \$3.9 million in Community Legacy program awards for projects by 35 municipalities and community groups around the state. Community Legacy projects directly support the “Smart, Green & Growing” initiative and include green redevelopment of the Old Highlandtown Library in Baltimore City, a program in the City of District Heights that helps elderly property owners make green improvements, and an Ocean City Development Corporation program to provide initiatives for downtown businesses to install renewable and energy-efficient equipment. For more information about “Smart, Green & Growing,” visit [Green Maryland](#).

The landmark \$25 billion settlement (see the HUD’s Newest News section on page 2) is expected to bring nearly \$1 billion to Maryland. Details on what the settlement will mean to Maryland homeowners can be found on DHCD’s [MD HOPE website](#).

- **March 8** - Free Foreclosure Prevention/First-Time Homeownership Information sponsored by Arundel Workforce Development Center, Glen Burnie. Call: DHCD at 1-410-541-7400.
- **March 10**- Free Foreclosure Solutions Workshop sponsored by Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland, Inc. at Baltimore City College High School. To pre-register for a free legal consultation, call Annie Brinkmann at Pro Bono Resource Center at 443-703-3050 or 800-396-1274 ext. 3050.
- **March 13** - Morgan State University’s Entrepreneurial Development and Assistance Center in Baltimore is hosting a Business Plan Clinic. Open to the public, but registration is required. Call 443-885-3663 for information and to register.
- **April 18** - Baltimore County Human Relations Commission’s 2012 Fair Housing Conference, “Fair Housing Opportunities for Older Communities in Transition” at the Sollers Point Multi-purpose Center. Contact: ldwalker@baltimorecountymd.gov for more information.

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