

# THE HOUSING HORIZON

*RESIDENTS FIRST!*



## Coronavirus & Redevelopment

Hardly a day goes by where someone doesn't ask, "So, how is the coronavirus situation impacting CRHA's redevelopment efforts?" While our standard answer over the past month or so has typically some version of, "Well, let's wait and see," we are starting now to get a clearer idea of what lies ahead.

1. Crescent Halls: The Crescent Halls renovation project is still happening, but for now it is on hold. Since the apartments at Crescent Halls will be renovated while the building is still occupied, we simply cannot have moving crews, construction crews, etc. coming in and out of the building right now and potentially exposing our residents to the virus. Seniors and individuals with disabilities face the highest threat from the virus, and we will not put their health at risk. Our General Contractor, Cornelius Griggs, is monitoring this situation closely, and once he and our development team are confident that the threat from the virus has lowered to where construction can safely begin, we will inform residents accordingly. Crescent Halls residents helped us to choose a moving company (Milo the Mover) to start relocating people once the relocation process begins, but we do not expect the renovation work to start until much later in 2020 at the earliest. Stay tuned for more info.
2. South First St. Phase One: Construction of 62 new affordable apartments and a community center on the ballfield at South First St. is moving forward and will hopefully be underway this summer.
3. South First St. Phase Two: We are currently awaiting the results of our application for Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) funding for the construction of 113 new affordable townhouses & apartments to replace the existing 58 units at South First St. If the funding comes through for this project, we expect construction to get underway sometime in spring or summer of 2021.

As always, please feel free to contact Dave Norris, CRHA's Redevelopment Coordinator, at [norrisd@cvilleha.com](mailto:norrisd@cvilleha.com) or (434) 242-5165 with any questions about our redevelopment initiative.

### Residents First!

### Business Hours:

500 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm; EXCEPT  
Wednesday 10am-5pm  
(434) 326-4672

801 Hardy Drive  
By appointment only.  
(434) 326-4672 ext. 9308

### Closings

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day

### Maintenance

(434) 227-2107

### Non-Emergency Police

(434) 970-3280

**Reminder:** Please place rent payments in the drop box at the rental office. Receipts will be mailed out to confirm payment.

### Where's My Stimulus Check?

To check the status of your Economic Impact Payment, also known as Stimulus Check, please visit the official information site at <https://www.irs.gov/> and click on **Get My Payment**. If you need to know information from your 2019 or 2018 return. For additional help, please visit the **Frequently Asked Questions** page.

### COVID-19 Resources

For up-to-date information on community services and resources available due to COVID-19 visit <https://tinyurl.com/covidresourcequidecville> or to obtain assistance call the Community Resource Line at (434) 234-4490.

### Mother's Day – May 10th

Mother's Day is a national holiday. It was first celebrated in 1908 in Grafton, West Virginia, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother Ann Reeves Jarvis, founder of Mothers' Day Work Clubs in five cities. Anna began a campaign to make Mother's Day a national holiday. In 1914, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May Mother's Day.

### Don't Forget!

**Recertification:** Please remember to include all requested and applicable supporting documents with your completed recertification packet. Originals documents that are submitted will be copied and returned to you by US mail.

**Telephone Number:** Please update the rental office with your current telephone number and emergency contact.

Remember to stay 6 feet apart from your friends when speaking to them.

 **Be safe! Stay inside!**

**Meet Our Staff**



Barbara Edwards rejoined the team at the Charlottesville Redevelopment & Housing Authority (CRHA) as an Asset Manager for the Westhaven and Madison Avenue communities in January 2020.

Previously, she worked for CRHA as a Community Coordinator and served as a liaison between the residents of public housing and the Housing Authority. She served in that role for over 14 years.

After leaving, she began to pursue a ministerial path and completed her seminary degree at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education and Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia. After graduation, she worked for the Charlottesville public school system.

She continues to enjoy teaching and interacting with people. Her joy is rooted in sharing the gospel with others and serving as outreach minister for women. She founded the Divine Diva Extravagant Women’s Ministry at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, a group that encourages elevating your life through faith-based approaches.



Brano Popovic joined the CRHA as Director of Facilities /Modernization Manager in January 2020.

Brano was born in the former Yugoslavia and moved to United States in 1996. He lived in Minnesota for seven years, then moved to Charlottesville in 2004.

His love for the mechanical world led him to obtain a Chief C Engineer Boiler license and HVAC Technician diploma and HVAC (cooling and Heating Systems) CFC certification.

His extensive knowledge and experience in all phases of construction led to obtaining of Class A Building Contractor license (Commercial and Residential) and becoming owner of REMCON remodeling and construction company.

In 2009, during the Recession he decided to close his business and find a job in the public sector. Since then, he has worked as the Facilities Manager in several Senior Centers before coming onboard at CRHA.

There is reason a lot of people knows him by name Smiley, you will notice why.

**Maintenance & Work Orders**

To place a work order for routine maintenance issues, please call **(434) 227-2107** between 8am-5pm, M-F. Only emergencies should be called in after 5pm and on the weekend. Please **DO NOT** contact maintenance staff directly for non-emergency work orders.

**REMIDER: No Smoking Policy**

The smoke-free policy has been in effect since of July 1, 2018. If you have not signed the Non-Smoking Lease Addendum, please see your Asset Manager immediately. Smoking in HUD properties is a lease violation.

**Famous People Who Lived In Public Housing**

Can you match the description to the name of the famous person? Answers are at the bottom of the page.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1) Tony Allen         | A) "King of Rock", grew up in public housing in Memphis, TN.                                                                                                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2) Lloyd Blankfein    | B) Known professionally as Jay-Z, is an American rapper, entrepreneur, and record executive who grew up in Marcy Houses public housing in Brooklyn, NY.                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3) Ursula Burns       | C) AKA Puff Daddy, P. Diddy, Puffy, or Diddy, is an American rapper, record executive and actor who grew up in public housing in Harlem, NY City.                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4) Jimmy Carter       | D) Former Secretary of the Dept. of Homeland Security, grew up in public housing in Erie, PA.                                                                                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5) Shawn Corey Carter | E) Florida governor grew up in public housing.                                                                                                                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6) Sean P. Combs      | F) AKA Mr. T, actor (Rocky, The Team A) who spent his childhood in Chicago public housing.                                                                                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7) Bill Cosby         | G) The first Latina to become a US Supreme Court Justice, grew up in a Bronx public housing, now named The Justice Sonia Sotomayor Homes and Community Center.                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8) John Paul DeJoria  | H) Country music legend and actor who grew up in public housing Houston, TX.                                                                                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9) Elvis Presley      | I) CEO and Chairman, Goldman Sachs, grew up in Brooklyn housing.                                                                                                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10) Thomas Ridge      | J) Xerox CEO, grew up in New York City’s Lower East Side housing.                                                                                                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11) Kenny Rogers      | K) NBA star (Boston Celtics, Memphis Grizzlies) lived in public housing.                                                                                                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12) Howard Schultz    | L) Entrepreneur and billionaire CEO of the Paul Mitchell line of hair care products.                                                                                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13) Rick Scott        | M) Starbucks Chairman and CEO, lived in Bayview in Brooklyn, NY.                                                                                                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 14) Sonia Sotomayor   | N) Growing up in Philadelphia public housing inspired many characters in Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids.                                                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15) Laurence Tureaud  | O) American politician and philanthropist who served as the 39th president of the United States from 1977 to 1981 and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, grew up in housing in Plains, GA. |

**Announcements:**

- Answers to Match:** 1) K, 2) I, 3) J, 4) O , 5) B, 6) C, 7) N, 8) L, 9) A, 10) D, 11) H, 12) M, 13) E, 14) G, 15) F.