

All Around the House

News from the Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development

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State housing developments get facelift

Various state housing developments managed by the Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development have received mini-face lifts, funded by the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD).

The four sites -- Meadow Court, Woodman Street, McGee House and Essex & Tilton developments -- have

benefited from exterior work such as roof repair and painting. They were painted on the exterior and Woodman Street received roof repairs which included new skylights.

Tenants are pleased with the improvements. "The new paint looks wonderful. It makes the entire development look fresh and clean, a Meadow

Court tenant said.

The total amount received for painting work from the state was \$235,000 and another \$66,000 for the roof repair. This money was surplus money awarded due to LHAND's track record in management and maintenance and their ongoing positive relationship with the

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Softball slugger



Acie Avery and the LHAND team came up short in the annual charity softball games. More photos, Page 4.

Mageary fundraiser



From left, Dawn Whelan, Sue Sullivan, Karen Luongo and Christina Brogna enjoy a fundraiser for Patrick Mageary's family. Additional photo, Page 3.



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Summer cookouts a hit



Woodman Street residents Kaliopé Strangalas and Sandy Farese enjoy one of the summer cookouts. Photos, Page 3.

LHAND celebrates home ownership

The Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development recognized June as National Home Ownership Month, as designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Within the past year five people have purchased homes through the Infill Housing Program as well as 14 people who have used the LHAND Down Payment Assistance program for purchasing private-market homes in the city.

The LHAND also sponsors First-Time Homebuyer Classes, Credit Counseling, Post-Purchase Counseling as well as

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Letter from the Executive Director



Charles J. Gaeta

Dear friends:

As the summer ends and fall approaches, we here at the Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development are preparing for a number of large initiatives to begin.

First, we will be conducting a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the housing development stage of the Empire Laundry site, which many of you may be aware was once a brownfields site. Through the strong commitment of Mayor Edward J “Chip” Clancy Jr. and Ward 7 Councilor Rick Ford, and the hard work of EDIC/Lynn, this once contaminated property has been cleaned and will now be used for housing. This is the first Brownfields Redevelopment Project in the state and we are extremely happy to be a part of this great initiative.

Also, along with Ward 6 Councilor Dave Ellis and the Lynn Community Development Housing Corporation, we will be celebrating the completion of the Boston Street Housing Project, which includes four single family homes, as well as street infrastructure repairs and improvements. This is a highly visible stretch of land in our city, and we are very pleased with the final outcome. Four beautiful homes in a nicely landscaped setting have drastically improved the appearance of this neighborhood as well as acting as a catalyst for other neighborhood improvements. These projects would not be possible without the strong commitment of the Lynn City Council and their support for affordable housing through the Public Property Committee.

We are also ready to begin the first phases of construction

on our Warren/Shepard Street Low Income Housing Tax Credit Project in our Warren/Shepard Street Targeted Neighborhood. This project will result in 28 new affordable, quality, rental units. In addition, the Archdiocese of Boston's Planning Office for Urban Affairs has been awarded funding from the state to begin the home ownership portion of the St. Jean Baptiste Church Redevelopment Project. Once again, through another strong partnership, this project will bring 12 townhouse ownership units as well as 38 units of affordable rental housing to our city.

Lastly, we were happy to partner with the Greater Lynn YMCA in their plan to build an additional 38 units of SRO housing at their location on Neptune Boulevard. This housing will provide a needed resource for many people living in our community.

We at the LHAND are very excited about these projects that will be taking place in our city. I, along with my staff, feel very strongly about making Lynn, our home, a better place for all of Lynn's residents to live.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our state legislative team of Sen. Tom McGee and Rep. Bob Fennell who have worked hard at the state level to get our city the much-needed funds to begin these various projects. Their hard work makes feasible our housing construction initiatives. In addition, I would like to thank Mayor Clancy for his ongoing support of these projects since his inauguration in January and during his tenure as our former state senator.

In closing I hope that you have all been able to enjoy your summer and have taken advantage of many of the programs offered throughout the city during the summer. I look forward to sharing our success with you as our new initiatives begin.

Senior spotlight

Summer cookouts



Residents at LHAND's elderly housing complexes were treated to a series of cookouts over the summer. A rainy day didn't dampen the spirits of City Councilor Debbie Smith Walsh, far right, Joe Hines, left, and Dan Cavanaugh at Woodman Street.



Esther Miller, left, and Juliette Kirk dig in at Essex & Tilton Street.

The mayor pays a visit



Mayor Edward J. “Chip” Clancy Jr., center, greets Wall Plaza residents at at Residents Council meeting.

House Happenings

Farewell

We wish all the best to: **Judy O'Connor**, who retired as Rental Assistance Senior Program Representative after after 35 years with LHAND; **Ann McCloud** of the Fiscal Department, who relocated to Virginia; **Angelo Ramirez**, who is opening a new business; **Dottie Kiley**, who is teaching in the Lynn Public Schools; and **Kathy Bentley**, who stepped down from the Board of Commissioners. Good luck in your new home, Kathy!

Welcome

The LHAND extends a warm welcome to **Martha Green**, a new member of the Board of Commissioners, and new employees: **Rosario Fresco**, Accountant.; **Susan Alfonsi** and **Jim Holt**, Case Reps; **Ana Colucci**, Service Coordinator; **Jill Marston**, Accounting Clerk; and **David Holland**, Admisisions Case Rep.

Oh, baby

Congratulations to Rose **Rivera** of the Curwin Circle staff on the birth of her granddaughter, **Makenzie Rivera**, born August 7. Makenzie checked in at 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Also to **Tim Fila** and his wife, Andrea, on the birth of their daughter, **Abigail**, on September 15. Abigail weighed in at 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Condolences

Our sympathy goes out to LHAND Executive Director **Charles Gaeta** on the loss of his mother, **June**.

Congratulations

Kudos to **Sen. Thomas McGee** on his election to the State Senate and **Steve Walsh** on his election to the House of Representatives.

State developments get facelift

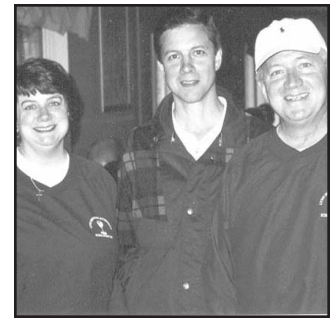


From left, Paul Gaudet, Councilor Jane Teal, resident Jackie White, Sen. Thomas McGee and Rep. Bob Fennell at Meadow Court.

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DHCD, according to LHAND Executive Director Charles Gaeta.

The state legislative delegation consisting of Sen. Tom McGee and Rep. Bob

Fennell, along with former Senator and current Mayor Edward J. "Chip" Clancy Jr. also worked hard to make sure the LHAND's needs were a top priority at DHCD, Gaeta said.



At left, LCDHC board member Laurie Walsh and LHAND Executive Director Charles Gaeta share a laugh at the LHAND golf tournament. At right, Norm Cole, far right, his brother, Frank and their sister, Barbara Morrison.

Golf tournament raises money for LHAND scholarships

Five Lynn students were awarded LHAND scholarships and four others received awards of merit with proceeds from the fourth annual LHAND Golf Tournament at Kelley Greens in Nahant on June 14.

2002 scholarship winners included: Edola Hysenaj, Lynn Classical; Liza Martinez, Lynn Tech; John Saunders, Lynn Classical; Sokna Seang, Lynn Classical; Veronika Stepanova, Lynn Classical;

Receiving awards of merit were: Joshua

Adams, Lynn Tech; Kathryn Bontos, Lynn English; Eunice Landrau, Lynn Classical; and Rachel O'Higgins, St. Mary's.

Major sponsors of the golf tournament included: Eastern Bank; Horizon's Edge Casino Cruises; Edison Realty, Gilberg Family; John's Fuel Service; Caruso & McGovern Construction; John Moberger and Kathleen Hirbour; Peter and Mary DeVeau; Bradley, Moore, Primason, Cuffe & Weber; EDIC/Lynn; LCDHC; CSS Architects; Willow Street Medical Center; Koukonaris Realty.

Fundraiser benefits Mageary family



The LHAND held a fundraiser in memory of Patrick Mageary, former Assistant Director of Rental Assistance, who died two years ago at age 37. The event, held on the American Classic boat, raised money for the educational expenses of Colin Mageary, the fourth-grade son of Patrick and Kathy Mageary, left, who was joined by Mary Cronin.

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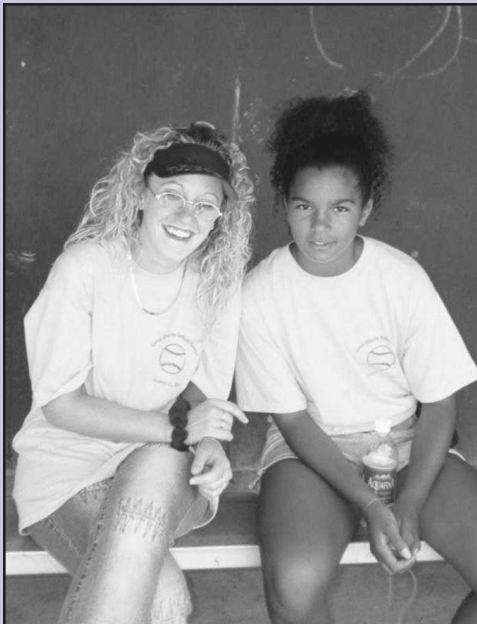
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Softball scenes



Many employees and friends went to bat for the LHAND team in the charity softball games that also included teams from the City Council, DPW and Lynn Water & Sewer Commission. Above left, Jill Marston and her niece, Felicia, take a break from the action; at right, Paul Gaudet tries to intimidate the opponent by rolling up his sleeves and showing off his muscles.

LHAND marks home ownership

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offering an array of other programs to help people purchase or improve their homes, under the direction of Dawn Whelan, LHAND community assistant.

In addition, the LHAND has established a Section 8 Home Ownership Program for eligible participants. The LHAND also participates in the Family Self-Sufficiency program that allows public housing and Section 8 participants to save money in an escrow account to be used to purchase a home.

"We are very proud of the variety of programs that the city is able to offer residents in becoming homeowners," said LHAND Executive Director Charles Gaeta.

For more information on these programs, please contact 781-477-2800 or visit our Home Ownership Resource Room at 10 Church St.