

NSP Activities Near Completion

The \$500,000 dollar Neighborhood Stabilization Program activities in the Bruin-Petrolia Areas are nearing completion. The program targeted communities at risk for foreclosure due to vacant, abandoned, foreclosed or blighted properties.

The Authority acquired several properties that were demolished for potential

in-fill housing. Plans included a newly renovated facility for the Petrolia Volunteer Fire Department and a possible facility for a food pantry in northeastern Butler County.

Future Home of the Petrolia Volunteer Fire Department



Housing Preservation Grant Awarded

The Housing Authority of the County of Butler was recently awarded a Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) totaling \$100,000 by the USDA Rural Development. These funds will be used to leverage funding to provide repairs to owner-occupied housing in USDA eligible areas of the County. For more information about the HPG Program, please contact April Mottern at 724.287.6797.

Housing Counseling Grant

It was announced last month that the Housing Authority will receive \$41,882.73 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to administer comprehensive housing counseling services. The Butler County Homeownership and Housing Counseling program has been assisting County families since 1997 obtain and maintain housing. The program also receives funding through the PA Housing and Finance Agency as well as the United Way of Butler County.

Section 504 Handicap Accessibility Contracts Awarded

The Section 504 handicapped accessibility contracts for the Authority's family units to meet UFAS (Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards) have been awarded. The properties located in Butler that will be receiving housing modifications include 325 Hazel Avenue, 413 West Wayne Street and 516 West Diamond Street which will consist of a two, three and four bedroom unit at these locations. These contracts are expected to begin in April. Plans are also being reviewed for the 504 renovations to eight apartments at Terrace Apartments, hopefully to begin next year, which will bring the Authority into full compliance upon completion.

News Around the Authority

Personnel Update

The Authority welcomes new staff! Kim Ellis recently began duties in the Resident Initiatives Department. Ms. Ellis lives in the Mars area.

Jennifer Pepmeyer also recently began work at the Authority as office administrative support and lives in the Meridian area.

Welcome Jennifer and Kim!



Apartments Now Available Terrace Apartments

Terrace Apartments located at 119 South Cliff Street, Butler, is accepting applications for persons 50 and older. Full range of amenities including equipped kitchen, transportation access, wellness program, computer internet center off street parking, 24 hour emergency maintenance and friendly courteous professional property management staff.



Rent based on 30% of gross adjusted income

Income Guidelines for

1 person: \$35,300

2 persons: \$40,350

For an application or for more information, please contact: Jessica Fleischmann 1-800-433-6327.

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Affordable housing for Seniors



UPCOMING EVENT:

The 15th Annual
2011 Butler County Homebuyer Fair
Tanglewood Center (Coleman Hall)
Wednesday, April 27th
3:00 PM—8:00 PM

- ◆ Rental/Housing Counseling
- ◆ First Time Homebuyer Education
- ◆ Home Inspections
- ◆ Credit/Budget Counseling

**FREE
ADMISSION**

Authority Staff Volunteers

HA Resident Initiatives staff participated in the 20th Annual United Way's Week of Caring during September. Martha Brown, Jennifer Huber, Jessica Fleischmann, and Kristin Dershem volunteered at the Passavant Retirement Center in Zelienople, PA. They painted over 20 benches used by residents to wait for transportation throughout Passavant community and trips to local stores.



On December 20, 2002 Jeff Lutz entered Deshon Place, a transitional homeless program. He graduated from the program on December 1, 2003 and obtained employment. While



employed he was eligible for the Housing Authority's Section 8 Program and used his voucher toward rent. In May of 2010, Jeff enrolled in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, and also successfully completed the Housing Authority's First Time Homebuyer Class. On July 29, 2010 Jeff became a "First-Time Homebuyer" and is currently part of the Housing Authority's Section 8 Homeownership Program. According to Jeff, "Being a homeowner can happen to anyone! It worked for me!" Jeff has taken advantage of the many programs and services available at the Housing Authority and is a great example of someone who completed the cycle of self-sufficiency.

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