

Housing Matters

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Rolling Road Becomes Reality

December 10, 2004, marked the beginning of a new era for low-income, elderly citizens in southwest Butler County. A grand celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony opened the doors to Rolling Road Regency Apartments in Cranberry Township.

Financed by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, the National City Community Development Corporation and County of Butler Act 137, Rolling Road is a welcome addition to the Cranberry landscape to residents who need the affordable housing it provides. The facility also received a construction loan from Mellon Financial.

A long list of local, state and federal dignitaries were on hand to congratulate the Butler County Housing Authority on the completion of this important project. Local officials including Congresswoman Melissa Hart, Senator Jane Orie, Commissioners Glenn Anderson and James Kennedy and Cranberry Board of Supervisors Chair John Skorupan offered remarks. They were joined by A. William Schenck, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency Board, Mr. Richard Nemoytin from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Brenda Wells of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency and Stephanie Cipriani of National City Bank of PA.

Most importantly, perhaps, were comments from Dee Hoffman and Audrey Carter, two elderly Butler County residents who are most happy with the opportunity the grand opening brings them. (See more photos inside!)■



Clockwise from top: Mr. Richard Nemoytin; The Honorable John Skorupan; The Honorable Melissa Hart; Ms. Stephanie Cipriani; and Ms. Brenda Wells.

Under Our Wing Takes Flight



The City of Butler will soon be home to another important housing development that will benefit the city's aging population.

Under Our Wing, Inc., an affiliate of the YWCA of Butler County, along with the Butler County Housing Authority, celebrated the groundbreaking of a 24-unit affordable low income housing tax credit complex with full supportive services for the frail elderly. The complex will be adjacent to the YWCA's current downtown location on West Cunningham Street.



Courtesy of Sprint, attendees at the groundbreaking ceremony were treated to lunch while officials offered remarks about the importance of the project. An opening ceremony--complete with singing from the preschool students at the YWCA Montessori School--kicked off the special program which was held in early December, and bull dozers and other heavy equipment have been busy at the site since then.

Margaret Clawson, Executive Director of the YWCA, believes that this project is a "dream come true," and although it has been many years in the developmental stages, the end result is going to have a huge impact on the City of Butler. ■



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In addition to YWCA Executive Director Margaret Clawson, speakers at the Under Our Wing event included (from top to bottom) Butler County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Executive Director Perry O'Malley; Board Chairman Robert Hartnett and Butler City Council Member James Kraus.

Family Savings Account Program Available

Most people know the importance of saving money, especially if you are trying to purchase a home, remodel your home, go to college or even start a business. A new program administered by the Butler County Housing Authority for the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development makes saving money for eligible families actually easy!

When you save \$10 each week for two years, you will have \$2,080; \$20 a week for two years, you will have \$4,000. Those numbers include a match from the FSA Program of up to \$2,000 total. AND that's \$4,000 that can be used toward a down payment or closing costs on a home or to get through college.

It's easy to get started. Just do the following and you'll be earning \$1 for every \$1 you save!

How to Start in Four Easy Steps!

- Complete and return the application.
- The Butler County Housing Authority will schedule an interview to review the application and complete an action plan.
- Open your savings account at National City Bank.
- Attend four *free* financial workshops throughout the savings period.

For more information, phone 724.287.6797 or visit the website, www.housingauthority.com. ■

More Rolling Road Memories



Clockwise from top to bottom: Dee Hoffman and Audrey Carter; County Commissioner James Kennedy; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Cranberry Twp. Post 879 presenting the colors; Senator Jane Ori presents a proclamation to Perry O'Malley; County Commissioner Glenn Anderson; PA Housing Finance Agency Board Chair A. William Schenck.

Authority News Briefs

Several new employees have been added to the staff of the Butler County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. **Cynthia Wehner** joins the Resident Initiatives Department as FSS Coordinator. Also joining the staff is **Kelly White**, who specializes in Section 8 Housing and **Kathy Miller** and **Liana Lloyd**, both Clerk Typists. Congratulations!



George Michael Kelly was recently reappointed to another term on the Butler County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors. Says Kelly, "It is an honor to serve on this board, and a joy to know that our programs, services and properties help so many Butler County residents in need."



Effective January 1, 2005, 52 tenant-based vouchers will be available, bringing the total number of vouchers to 1,391.

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