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## A Message from the Regional Administrator

Dear Friends:

I hope you've managed to stay cool during the recent series of heat waves that have dominated our area. While some of us may work in air conditioned offices, retail areas and restaurants, there are many farmers who are trying to salvage the crops burning up in their fields. HUD is committed to nurturing strong, robust and vibrant rural communities. After all, Rural America supplies much of the nation's food, preserves our environmental heritage, encourages small business development and plays a growing role in science and innovation. In fact, the Obama Administration is marshalling an unprecedented cross-agency effort to support rural communities, with collaboration between HUD, the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). To lay the foundation for this cross-agency collaboration, President Obama announced the creation of a [White House Rural Council](#) in June. The goal is to build a strategy for rural America and make sure that continued federal investments in rural communities create maximum benefit for rural Americans. HUD's part of the effort is to help increase affordable housing in small towns and rural communities, and to commit to supporting the Rural Council's belief that a healthy American economy depends on a prosperous rural America. Click [here](#) for more information about HUD's plans to strengthen rural communities.

Just a quick reminder: the Emergency Homeowner Loan Program is still open for applications in Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland until September 30<sup>th</sup>, even though the application window in Virginia and West Virginia has closed (and congratulations to all in both of those states for an outstanding outreach effort!).

As the summer winds down, make the most of what's left. And for those heading back to school or college at the end of the month, best wishes for a great start with your classes!



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### HUD's Newest News...

*HUD bids a fond and grateful farewell to Deputy Secretary Ron Sims as he retires to Seattle; and sends a most hearty HUD thank you! to Estelle Richman, HUD's Chief Operations Officer, who has accepted the responsibility to serve as Acting Deputy Secretary.*

HUD has started a HUD-VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) listserv to send out important information about the program, including:

- Notices, rules, Q&A, program guidance, etc.
- Program achievements and progress
- Success stories/best practices
- General information related to ending veterans homelessness

If you'd like to be on the listserv, [click here](#).



(Pictured from left) Pete Galuffo, JCOC Case Manager, Carrie Schmidt, HUD Richmond Field Office Director, RA Vincent, Ruth O'Lill, JCOC Grants Manager, and Anne Davis, HUD Richmond Sr. Management Analyst.

On July 20<sup>th</sup>, Regional Administrator Jane Vincent toured the [Judeo-Christian Outreach Center's](#) (JCOC) "Home at Last" housing (combined Veteran's Supportive Housing and CoC. Supportive Housing) in Virginia Beach.



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 **REGION III STAFF NOTES** 



Region III extends a hearty HUD welcome to the new Richmond Field Office Director, Carrie S. Schmidt. [Read the news release here.](#)

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**DON'T BE SORRY - BE READY**

August Flood Insurance Web Conferences for Lenders conducted by the National Flood Insurance Program. Each month the National Flood Insurance Program conducts web training on a growing number of flood insurance topics for lenders. Just go to [FEMA Webex](#) and click on the Upcoming tab to view this month's offerings. These webinars are FREE, but spaces are limited so please register early.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is accepting submissions for the 2011 Individual and Community Preparedness Awards. Winners will be announced in September, during National Preparedness Month, and will be FEMA's honored guests at a community preparedness roundtable event in Washington, D.C. One winner will be selected to attend the 2011 International Association of Emergency Managers Conference in Las Vegas, Nev., and to participate on a FEMA community preparedness panel. See [the Citizen Corps website](#) to download application instructions. Entries must be received by August 26<sup>th</sup>.

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM)! This awareness month is sponsored by the *Ready* Campaign in partnership with Citizen Corps. NPM is held each September and is designed to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities. Learn more at <http://www.ready.gov/>.

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**SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERS AT WORK**

[Community Housing Partners](#) (CHP) was named Best Green Organization by the [Virginia Sustainable Building Network](#) at their Green Innovations Award event on June 29<sup>th</sup>. CHP received the award for demonstrating its continued commitment to create affordable, green, and sustainable housing opportunities for communities throughout the Commonwealth over the past three decades.

Dominion Due Diligence Group (D3G), a HUD Multifamily Development partner, developed a white paper entitled "It IS or It IS NOT Contaminated" following a MAP training conducted by the Richmond Multifamily Production Staff. D3G has graciously offered to share this paper with others who are concerned about environmental issues. To read the paper, click [here](#) or contact Staige Mason, Director of Environmental Services at D3G, 804-237-1883; [s.mason@d3g.biz](mailto:s.mason@d3g.biz)

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**CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER**

The Environmental Protection Agency recognized [Community Housing Partners](#) (CHP) of Christiansburg and Richmond, VA, with one of its 2011 ENERGY STAR® Award for Sustained Excellence. The national award was given to CHP for its long-term commitment to superior energy efficiency.

HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan awarded \$32 million in Capital funds to 29 public housing authorities in Virginia. [View a full list of public housing authorities receiving funding.](#) HUD's [Capital Fund Program](#) provides funding to public housing authorities to build, repair, renovate and/or modernize public housing in their communities.

[Way Station](#) offers new routes for veterans' returning journeys through employment services. Way Station was awarded three grants from the Department of Labor's competitive grant programs, one of which was for veterans' employment programs. The vital nonprofit has been recognized by [USA Today](#) as the "bright spot" in Maryland's mental health system and was honored by the White House as one of America's "Points of Light."



(l to r) Carlos Cana, former veteran; Maryland Senator Barbara Mikulski and Scott Rose, CEO, Way Station in Frederick, Maryland

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## **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT...**

Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> is the 28th annual National Night Out celebration, "America's Night Out Against Crime." National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and preparation in local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Follow this link: [National Night Out](#), to find out more.

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## **HUD FUNDING RESOURCES**

- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) due August 2<sup>nd</sup>. See [HOPWA NOFA](#).
- Round II of Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants due August 8<sup>th</sup>. See [Choice Neighborhoods Planning NOFA](#).
- Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant [advance funding notice](#) has been posted, targeting areas with populations under 500,000. Visit <http://www.grants.gov> or [HUD's Grants page](#). For more information, contact [HUD's Office of Sustainable Communities](#).
- FY 2011 HOPE VI Main Street applications due August 22<sup>nd</sup>. See [HOPE VI Main Street](#).
- FY 2011 Regional Planning and Community Challenge Planning Grant Programs - \$95 million to support sustainable local initiatives to expand housing choices, improve connections between employment centers and homes, and reduce barriers to achieving affordable, economically vital, and sustainable communities. Community Challenge Planning grant program applications are due September 9, 2011, and the pre-applications for the Regional Planning Grant Program are due August 25, 2011. For more information, see [HUD's Sustainability website](#).
- Fair Housing Initiative Program (FHIP) applications due August 29<sup>th</sup>. See [FHIP NOFA](#).
- Self-Help Homeownership Opportunities Program (SHOP) applications due September 6<sup>th</sup>. See [SHOP NOFA](#).

All the latest in HUD funding news may be found at [HUD.Gov Funds Available](#) or [Grants.Gov](#). All applicants must register or update information at [Grants.Gov](#) before submitting applications.

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## **NON-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDING RESOURCES**

The Corporation for National and Community Service has announced a Nonprofit Capacity Building

[funding opportunity](#). Applications are due August 9<sup>th</sup>. For more information, see the [Corporation's website](#) or contact [NCB@cns.gov](mailto:NCB@cns.gov).

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta has announced four new Affordable Housing Program products to help support neighborhood stabilization and help first-time homebuyers get started in homeownership. Learn more about these new opportunities [here](#).

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## **FHA LEADS THE WAY**

**August 17, 2011** - Webinar: FHA - VA Quarterly Changes & Updates. Learn about changes & updates that with the FHA & VA mortgage insurance/guaranty programs. [Registration required](#), no fee.

The latest edition of FHA Appraiser Newsletter is on line at: [FHA Appraiser Newsletter](#) To find out more about FHA appraisals please visit: [the Appraiser's page on HUD's website](#)

FHA Lender requests for case cancellations, transfers and reinstatements to the Homeownership Centers changed on 7/25/11. Fax requests will no longer be accepted in Philadelphia. Requests for the Philadelphia Homeownership Center are now via **email only**. Please submit requests via email to: [PHOCInsure@hud.gov](mailto:PHOCInsure@hud.gov), and be sure to include the case number in the subject line. Please submit the HUD-1 as an attached .PDF file, including lender name, phone number and contact name.

The Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Servicing Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) webpage has been updated to include information regarding recently published Mortgagee Letter 2011-16. See the FAQ's at [FHA's HECM Lenders webpage](#) or view the updated FAQs directly [here](#). For any questions regarding the HECM Servicing FAQs, contact [HECMServicing@hud.gov](mailto:HECMServicing@hud.gov).

MORTGAGEE LETTER 2011-23 temporarily amends the Type I special forbearance program as it pertains to unemployed borrowers, effective August 1, 2011.

MORTGAGEE LETTER 2011-24 discusses annual base city high cost percentage and high cost area revisions for 2011

MORTGAGEE LETTER 2011-25 advises supervised lenders and mortgagees with consolidated assets below the audited financial reporting thresholds set by Federal regulators at 12 C.F.R. § 363.1(a), 12 C.F.R. § 562.4(b)(2), and 12 C.F.R. § 715.4(c) of changes to the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA)

requirements regarding the submission of audited financial statements as a condition for FHA lender approval and renewal  
For all Mortgagee letters, see [Mortgagee Letters](#).

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## **WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND REGION III...**

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### **BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

!!An Important Reminder!! Maryland homeowners who have lost income and are behind on their mortgage payments have until mid-September to apply for help through the state's Emergency Mortgage Assistance program. The reminder comes as the deadline for a similar program fast approaches in 26 other states and Washington, D.C. [Click here](#) for more details.

Baltimore boasts nine new homeowners, thanks to Habitat for Humanity and the Baltimore City Housing Agency. The nine new homeowners received the keys to their homes from Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, and signed the deeds to the properties during a recent ceremony.



(from left of center): Congressman John Sarbanes, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and Danita Washington, first time homeowner, at the ceremony to celebrate nine new Baltimore City homeowners

**August 3** - HUD Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and HUD Baltimore are co-sponsoring a Symposium on Supportive Housing for people with HIV/AIDS in Washington, D.C. To register, email [JC Shay](#) or call at 410-209-6587.

**August 13** -Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development will offer foreclosure prevention information at the "2nd Annual Community Empowerment & Awareness Day" Sponsored by:

Amistad St. Paul United Church of Christ in Lanham.  
For more information contact [Rev. Paul](#), 301-577-7700

**August 16** - Maryland Farm Bureau and the Maryland Association of Counties (MACO) are hosting a symposium on septic and growth at Chesapeake College on the Eastern Shore. Click [here](#) for a detailed agenda.

**August 18 - 19** in Annapolis - Main Street Basic Training for anyone concerned about improving the health of downtowns or neighborhood business districts. Register free at [Neighborhood Revitalization](#). For more information email [Tim Murphy](#).

**August 24** - Baltimore Housing is offering a seminar on the Rehab Process. This event is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Irena Prifti at 410-396-4111 or email [v2v@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:v2v@baltimorecity.gov).

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### **CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA**

**August 9** - 2011 Back-to-School Workshops in Sutton to cover mental/behavioral health, oral health and school based health centers. For more information, email [Paula Fields](#)

**August 9 – 11** - Faces of Leadership Conference, Charleston. For more information, access the brochure [here](#).

**August 10** - FREE Training in Huntington – Identifying At-Risk Behaviors: The "Soft" Usage of Drugs, Alcohol and Weapons. To register email CLW collaborative co-chairs: [Hope Smith](#) or [Kristy Schnierlein](#).

**August 11**- Health Fair in Huntington, 4:00pm to 7:00 pm. For more information, email [Demeley Smith](#), Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator, or call 304-526-4400, ext 173

**August 23** – HUD Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Grant Writing training hosted by Congressman David McKinley at the Robert Mollohan Research Center. Contact: Adam Harbison at 202-225-4172

West Virginia Bureau of Medical Services announced Funding Availability for MFP Transition Services. Applications due August 19<sup>th</sup>. Click [here](#) for application information.

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### **WASHINGTON, DC**

**Every Friday through August 26** - White House Community Leaders Briefing Series. This is a unique opportunity for grassroots leaders to come to Washington to hear directly from White House officials on issues that are affecting communities across the country. Participants are local leaders who are currently involved in their cities and towns at the grassroots level

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and who are invested in improving their communities.

[Click here to learn more about this opportunity](#)

**August 23 and 24** HUD Washington DC is offering a FREE “Grants on Track” Workshop for experienced grantees (this is not a “grantwriting” workshop.) Email [Belinda Fadlelmola](#) for more information.

**September 28** - Workforce Housing Forum in Washington, D.C. co-hosted by the National Association of Realtors and the National Housing Conference. Find out more [here](#).

HUD’s Office of Policy Development and Research, with the National Building Museum and John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, are co-hosting the “How Housing Matters” Conference on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pre-registration is required - [sign up today](#).

## PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

**!!An Important Reminder!!** - The Emergency Homeowner Loan Program (EHLP), which began accepting applications in early April, is still open for business in Pennsylvania. The State Housing Finance Agency will be accepting applications through mid-September. EHLP will assist homeowners who are behind in their mortgage due to unemployment, underemployment, injury or illness. More information about the program is available at [PA EHLP](#)

Affordable Housing Success Story - Temple I: North 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - [1260 Housing Development Corporation](#) and the [CPM Housing Group](#) announce the completion of the [Temple I N. 16th Street Project](#) – the LEED ® Gold certified rehabilitation of 58 affordable housing units in 22 historic brownstone buildings. The layered development funding involved a number of funders, including HUD.



Local leaders and federal representatives came together in Chester, PA for a press conference on the morning of July 11 to usher in a new White House initiative, titled

“Strong Cities, Strong Communities” (SC2). The program, which stresses collaboration between local and federal workers, was launched in six pilot cities nationwide to help with economic revitalization. For more about the program, click [here](#).

## PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

**August 1** - National Veterans Wheelchair Games, will bring more than 600 veterans to Pittsburgh for the competition. Co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Paralyzed Veterans of America, this is the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the world. For more information or to volunteer, see [the Pittsburgh cares website](#) and click on the National Wheelchair Games logo, or contact Richard Kiehn at 412-954-4582.

**August 15** - HUD Pittsburgh and partners are offering a seminar “Bringing It All Together”: Identifying Strategies to End Homelessness for Individuals and Families at Butler VA Medical Center. For more information or to register contact [Lauren Ashcraft](#)

**August 16 and 17** HUD Pittsburgh is offering FREE Capacity Building Workshops at the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown, and **August 23 and 24** at Waynesburg University in Green County. For more information email [Lauren Ashcraft](#) or call 412-644-3318

The Allegheny Front, “Environmental Radio for Western Pennsylvania,” has taken an in-depth look at Pittsburgh’s green building efforts. To hear the report, go to [the Allegheny Front's website](#).

## RICHMOND, VIRGINIA



Regional Administrator Jane Vincent presented a grant check for \$48,410 to the **Newport News Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Center** staff during a visit on July 19. (From left) LaVonda Bell, FSS Community Resource Coordinator, Charlene Bowser, FSS Coordinator, and RA Vincent.

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**Aug. 1-5:** Richmond Registry Week for the [1,000 homes for 1,000 Virginians](#) statewide initiative led by the Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness. [Virginia Supportive Housing](#) and [Homeward](#) are leading the [1,000 Homes effort in Richmond](#). 100-200 volunteers will be needed during Richmond Registry Week. Find out more by clicking [here](#).

**August 18** - Pastors and faith-based leaders are invited to participate in a Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) Harvest Project (Outreach Initiative to Faith-Based Organizations) Neighborhood Revitalization Workshop at the Virginia Housing Center in Glen Allen. RSVP by Aug. 4 to [Monica Jefferson](#)

**September 7 – 8** - The Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) is presenting training on revitalizing neighborhoods through housing and economic development. Register by August 31<sup>st</sup> by emailing [Bruce DeSimone](#), or calling 804-343-5656

**September 12 – 13** - Capacity Building / Organizational Development and Grantwriting Workshop in Richmond. Contact [Anne Davis](#) to register.

**September 22-23** - Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference in Williamsburg. Online registration is available now at the [Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference website](#). And...nominations are being accepted for the Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference Awards - due date August 31<sup>st</sup>. Eligibility requirements and guidelines are at [Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference website](#).

**Sept. 26-27:** Virginia Association of Housing Counselors (VAHC) Fall Conference in Glen Allen. Check the [VAHC Training website](#) for more details.

Charlottesville-Albemarle launches the *Many Plans, One Community* Livability Partnership! The Partnership is made up of representatives from a wide array of community groups to provide input into the planning process. More information about the Partnership may be found [on the TJPDC website](#). Contact [Summer Frederick](#) or [Mandy Burbage](#) with questions about *Many Plans, One Community*.

Registration is open for the Veterans and Small Business "SUCCESS" Symposium in Virginia's Gateway Region. Symposium date is Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at Virginia State University in Petersburg. For more information, Go to <http://veteransuccess.eventbrite.com>.

The 2011 Governor's Housing Conference, (November 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>) is seeking nominations for the Virginia Housing Awards Program. Housing partners are invited

to [submit a nomination](#) by September 9<sup>th</sup>. Email [Rhonda Spear](#), or call at (804) 371-7000, with questions.

Virginia Secretary of Technology Jim Duffey announced the release of the new [broadband availability map for Virginia](#) - a comprehensive and interactive map to identify where broadband services are available and to pinpoint unserved or underserved areas in the commonwealth.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved low-interest loans for Virginians who sustained damage from the April tornadoes. *The filing deadline for physical property damage is August 29, 2011. The deadline for economic injury applications is March 29, 2012.* For more information, see [SBA Disaster Loans](#).

Governor Bob McDonnell announced \$3 million in structural revitalization grant funding as part of the "Opportunity at Work" budget initiative. The program will be administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and will provide grants for construction projects aligned with local and regional economic development strategies. Workshop registration and location details, the program design and the application packet are available [here](#).

Virginia residents are encouraged to apply for the Virginia Energy Efficiency Rebate Program, administered by the VA Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy. The online application, rules, forms and additional information are available [here](#)

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## *WILMINGTON, DELAWARE*

!!An Important Reminder!! Delaware State Housing Authority's (DSHA) Emergency Homeowners Loan Program (EHLPL) to assist homeowners who are behind in their mortgage due to unemployment, under-employment, injury or illness is accepting applications through mid-September. Homeowners should contact one of the [Delaware HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Agencies](#). For more information, email [Cynthia Karnai](#) or call at (302) 577-5001, or see [DSHA's website](#).

**August 2** - NCALL Research, Inc. offering a First-Time Homebuyer Seminar in Dover. For more information or to register, call the NCALL Dover Office at (302) 678-9400.

**August 3** - Hockessin Community Center offering a Foreclosure Intervention and Prevention Workshop in Hockessin For more information, contact Shenise Ferrell at (302) 239-2363.

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**August 6** - Hockessin Community Center offering a First-Time Homebuyer Workshop in Hockessin. For more information, contact Shenise Ferrell at (302) 239-2363.

**August 8** - NCALL Research, Inc. offering a Foreclosure Prevention Workshop in Georgetown. For

more information or to register, contact Lisa Spellman at (302) 678-9400.

**August 9** - NCALL Research, Inc. offering a First-Time Homebuyer Seminar in Georgetown. For more information or to register, contact Lisa Spellman at (302) 678-9400.

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