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## *A Message from the Regional Administrator*

Hello, Friends!

Spring has sprung in Region III, and HUD is springing forward to provide more relief for struggling homeowners and homeless veterans.

One of the most important things HUD does to speed our housing recovery is to provide a path forward for sustainable homeownership. A big step along that path was taken with the historic \$25 billion mortgage servicing settlement reached by the federal government and state Attorneys General with 5 of the largest mortgage servicers. The settlement seeks to right some of the wrongs caused by mortgage servicing abuses, and will provide direct relief through several means. To learn more and to check on assistance eligibility, visit the [mortgage servicing settlement](#) page.

Another big news event during the past month was HUD's announcement of more than \$1.6 million in [housing counseling grant awards](#) for 19 agencies across Region III. Help is also on the way for homeless veterans. HUD awarded an additional 795 [HUD-VASH](#) vouchers to assist veterans in need across Region III.

In this issue, you'll find more about HUD's and our partners' efforts to make a real difference for the struggling homeowners, renters, potential home buyers, and people without homes among our neighbors. HUD hopes these efforts will offer them paths to their own recoveries.

Happy Spring!



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## ***Focus on Fair Housing...by Melody Taylor-Blancher, Region III Fair Housing Director***

This year commemorates the 44th year of the passage of the Fair Housing Act. Although we've made great strides toward improving equal access to housing in this country, there is still work to be done. Intuitively, in the fall of 1966 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. commented on the United States Congress' failure to pass legislation guaranteeing equal access to housing. Dr. King declared that "America has not come to terms on its conscious on the whole question of housing integration." Forty six years later, we continue to have conversations about inclusive communities, high opportunity neighborhoods, and strategies to de-concentrate areas of minority concentration. Through [HUD's efforts](#) to enforce the Fair Housing Act and ensure that all federally funded entities understand their obligations to affirmatively further fair housing, we are truly realizing Dr. King's dream by creating conscious states, cities, and municipalities that embrace inclusive, sustainable communities.



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*HUD's Mission: To create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities with quality, affordable housing for all.*

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 **SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT...** 



On March 29, the U.S. Senate confirmed Maurice A. Jones as HUD's Deputy Secretary. Mr. Jones has a long history of public and private management experience, most recently as the President of Pilot Media and publisher of the *Virginian Pilot*. He previously served as Commissioner for the Virginia Department of Social Services, Deputy Chief of Staff for the Office of the Governor of Virginia, and a Partner in Venture Philanthropy Partners. He has also served as Legal Counsel, Deputy Director for Policy and Programs, and Director of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund at the Department of the Treasury. A Virginia native, Mr. Jones holds a B.A. from Hampden-Sydney College, a Master of Philosophy in International Relations from St. John's College at Oxford University, and a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. HUD is honored to welcome Mr. Jones, who brings another element of positive energy to HUD's mission of creating strong, sustainable, inclusive communities with quality, affordable housing for all.

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**CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER**

HUD funding awards in Region III:

- \$5.75 million to 3 organizations on the cutting edge of bringing energy-saving solutions to the housing market in Region III. Congratulations to Columbus Property Management & Development, Inc. in Philadelphia, PA (\$3,000,000), Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future in Washington, DC (\$1,500,000) and the Maryland Dept. of Housing and Community Development (\$1,250,000). Read the press release [here](#).
- More than \$12.5 million in housing counseling grants to 19 Region III organizations. As a result of this funding, hundreds of thousands of households will have a greater opportunity to find housing or keep their current homes. HUD's housing counseling grants assist families to become homeowners, many for the first time, and to remain homeowners after their purchases. These grants may also provide assistance to renters and the homeless, and offer financial literacy training to individuals and families. Read the press release and see a list of the funded organizations [here](#).
- Nearly \$19 million to 81 organizations in Region III to support new local homeless programs, including new housing and service programs located in rural communities. View a complete list of all the state and local projects that received funding [here](#).
- \$10,668,810 million in grants to 4 Region III state and local government agencies to conduct a wide range of activities intended to protect children and families from dangerous lead-based paint and other home health and safety hazards. The grant funding will help clean up lead and other health hazards in high-risk homes; train workers in lead safety methods; and increase public awareness about childhood lead poisoning. Lead is a known toxin that can impair children's development and have effects lasting into adulthood. Read the press release and see a list of the funded agencies [here](#).
- Three agencies in Region III are among the 28 national awards announced for the [Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program \(HOPWA\)](#) program. Ministry of Caring in Wilmington, DE (\$790,298), the City of Baltimore Department of Human Services (\$1,405,950), and Calcutta House in Philadelphia, PA (\$837,303) will receive HUD's support to provide permanent housing assistance for extremely low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS. Read the press release [here](#).

HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki announced that HUD will provide nearly \$5.9 million to public housing agencies to supply permanent housing and case management for 795 homeless veterans in Region III. The permanent supportive housing assistance is provided through HUD's [Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program \(HUD-VASH\)](#), a program administered by HUD, VA, and local housing agencies to provide permanent housing with case management and other supportive services for homeless veterans across the country. Read the press release [here](#).

### ***HUD FUNDING RESOURCES***

- [Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Program](#) applications are due April 10.
  - [Housing Choice Voucher - Family Self-Sufficiency](#) applications are due April 24.
  - [Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program \(SHOP\)](#) applications are due April 30.
  - [Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Planning Grant](#) applications are due May 1.
  - [Assisted Living Conversion Program](#) applications are due May 5.
  - [Service Coordinators in Multifamily Housing](#) applications are due May 14.
  - [Performance Based Contract Administration \(PBCA\) Program for Project Based Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Contracts](#) applications are due June 11.
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### ***OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES***

- **April 1** – deadline for nominations for the Tech Museum of Innovation [Tech Awards](#) (for using technology to help solve some of humanity's most pressing problems).
  - **April 12** – proposals are due for USEPA [Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training](#) Grants.
  - **April 17-** applications are due for the [Wells Fargo NEXT Awards for Opportunity](#).
  - **April 19** - application deadline for [Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative](#).
  - **April 24** – applications are due for Department of Justice [Second Chance Adult Offender Reentry Program](#) for Planning and Demonstration Projects.
  - **April 24** – applications are due for Department of Justice [Second Chance Act Reentry Program](#) for Adult Offenders with Co-Occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Health Disorders.
  - **April 24** – applications are due for Department of Justice [Second Chance Act Family-Based Adult Offender Substance Abuse Treatment Program](#).
  - **May 1** – applications are due for Department of Labor (DOL) Serving Juvenile Offenders in High-Poverty, High-Crime Communities [grants](#).
  - **May 4** – applications are due for DOL Serving Adult and Youth Ex-Offenders through Strategies Targeted to Characteristics Common to Female Ex-Offenders [grants](#).
  - **May 4** – applications are due for State Farm Insurance Companies [Youth Advisory Board grants](#).
  - **May 8** - applications are due for DOL YouthBuild [grants](#).
  - **May 9** –applications are due for USDA [Rural Community Development Initiative grants](#) to provide capacity building assistance. This year, some RCDI funds are available separately as part of the Rural [Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge](#). See the Federal Register, [3/21/12](#), visit [Grants.gov](#), or contact a [USDA Rural Development state office](#).
  - **May 10** – applications are due for DOL Senior Community Service Employment Program National [grants](#).
  - **May 24** - applications are due for DOL Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training [grants](#).
  - **May 25** – applications are due for the Administration for Children and Families' Assets for Independence grants to community-based organizations to administer Individual Development Account projects. For more information, see [the ACF grants website](#) or [Grants.gov](#).
  - **June 1** - applications are due for 2012 Neighborhood Builder awards from the [Bank of America Charitable Foundation](#).
  - **June 29** – applications are due for USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service for the Rural Energy for America Program. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).
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### ***FHA LEADS THE WAY***

NeighborWorks America has completed the redesign of the [Home Equity Conversion Mortgage \(HECM\) Counselor resources website](#), to incorporate content and features for both active and prospective HUD HECM Counselors. A [demo](#) of the new site is available, and questions can be directed to [hecminfo@nw.org](mailto:hecminfo@nw.org).

FHA has updated the [Valuation protocol frequently asked questions](#) posted on the [FHA Appraiser Roster webpage](#).

A revised version of the FHA TOTAL Mortgage Scorecard Developer's Guide has been released. The FHA TOTAL Mortgage Scorecard Developer's Guide maybe accessed [at this link](#). For additional information on FHA's TOTAL Mortgage Scorecard, [click here](#).

Acting FHA Commissioner Carol Galante has announced a new premium structure for FHA-insured single family mortgage loans. FHA will increase its annual mortgage insurance premium (MIP) by 0.10 percent for loans under \$625,500 and by 0.35 percent for loans above that amount. Upfront premiums (UFMIP) will also increase by 0.75 percent, beginning in April and June of 2012. Read the press release [here](#).

FHA offers a reminder for new and existing HOPE LoanPort users (HLP) that HLP hosts on-line training. If you would like to register follow this [link](#) to a registration page for each of HLP's upcoming training dates. Training classes are offered Tuesdays at 3:00 PM EST and Thursdays at 1:00 PM EST. For questions, contact [information@hopeloanportal.org](mailto:information@hopeloanportal.org).

For FHA technical support on these or any other FHA issues, please contact the FHA Resource Center at: [www.hud.gov/answers](http://www.hud.gov/answers). You can also get email technical support at: [answers@hud.gov](mailto:answers@hud.gov).

#### New Mortgagee Letters:

- 2012-3 discusses miscellaneous underwriting issues including modified documentation requirements for self-employed borrowers, new guidance on disputed accounts, and expansion of the current definition of family members for identity of interest transactions.
- 2012-4 announces changes to the FHA single family annual mortgage insurance premium (annual MIP) and up-front mortgage insurance premium (UFMIP) for cases numbers assigned on or after April 9.
- 2012-5 amends ML 2010-23 and provides enhancements to FHA's refinance of borrowers in negative equity positions ("FHA Short Refinance"). These changes are effective for loans with case numbers issued on or after March 13, 2012, and closed on or before December 31, 2014.
- 2012-6 provides guidance regarding compliance with FHA's occupied conveyance procedures in light of the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009 (PTFA) and state and local laws relating to tenant protections.

To read all FHA Mortgagee Letters, [click here](#).

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#### **WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

April 9 – comments are due on HUD's [Rental Assistance Demonstration](#) (RAD). See the [Federal Register Notice](#) or HUD's [guidance](#) with proposed details for RAD's implementation.

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#### **NEWS YOU CAN USE**

HUD is collaborating with the Council on Foundations to launch a new awards program that will recognize community foundations for the excellent work they, along with their public partners, do in the area of housing and community development. The [HUD Secretary's Award for Community Foundations](#) seeks nominations from non-profit, place-based, philanthropic organizations that work closely with the public sector on projects involving housing and neighborhood improvements; education; health and recreation; transportation; community participation; arts and culture; public safety; sustainability; and economic development. Applications are due May 11. [Read more about the new HUD Secretary's Award for Community Foundations](#).

HUD has published a newly revised handbook on Federal Labor Standards Requirements in Housing and Urban Development Programs (1344.1). To read the revised handbook, [click here](#).

The "100,000 Homes for 100,000 Homeless Americans" Campaign continues – more allies are needed to reach the goal by July, 2013! [Click here for more information](#) about the "100,000 Homes" Campaign. To see "100,000 Homes" Campaign Registry Weeks scheduled for Region III, [click here](#).

April 5 at 1:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) - The Department of Energy and HUD are hosting an important webinar on “Home Energy Score” for administering HUD-funded local governmental programs such as HOME, CDBG and NSP. To reserve your webinar seat, [click here](#).

April “Ready, SET, Go!” webinar series topics for Continuums of Care (CoCs), HMIS administrators, grantees, project sponsors and other stakeholders:

- April 3- Reporting Housing Inventory Count and Point-in-Time Count Data in the Homelessness Data Exchange - [Register here now](#).
- April 10 - Building the Bridge: HPRP to ESG [Register here now](#).

April 17–18 - Southeast Community Land Trust Conference in Durham, NC – go to this site for [conference and registration information](#).

The New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) is offering free technical assistance for the Brownfield Communities program. For more information, call the NJT Technical Assistance for Brownfields (TAB) hotline at (973) 642-4165; send an email to [tab@njit.edu](mailto:tab@njit.edu), or click on [this link](#).

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

Severe Weather Week begins on April 22! Are your family, business, and community ready to deal with a severe weather incident? Visit FEMA's [Ready.gov](#) website to learn more about how you can prepare yourself and your community for the effects of severe weather.

Dozens of destructive tornadoes, a historic earthquake, Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee all hit Region III in 2011. In the minutes and hours after these disasters, it was difficult to make calls on cell phones because the mobile networks were so busy. Ready Virginia has created a new downloadable tip sheet about phone use during disasters. For more information, [click here](#).

Floods are the most frequent and costly natural disaster in the United States. FEMA Region III encourages citizens in Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia to know their flood hazards. FEMA has created a one-stop flood awareness information tool available at the [Ready.gov website](#).

ReadyWV is an online tool and education campaign to help West Virginians know what to do before, during and after an emergency. To order bookmarks, family emergency guides, or other supplies for your public meeting or organization, contact [Gina.L.Namay@wv.gov](mailto:Gina.L.Namay@wv.gov).

April 6 is the deadline for nominations to FEMA's National Youth Preparedness Council. FEMA is looking for 12 to 17 year old youth leaders who are dedicated to public service, making a difference in their communities, and want to expand their impact as national advocates for youth preparedness. Complete nomination instructions are available at: [the Citizen Corps website](#). For questions not covered on the website, email [YPC@cfi.com](mailto:YPC@cfi.com).

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

#### ***HUD EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA/ REGIONAL OFFICE***

HUD Secretary [Shaun Donovan](#) will deliver the keynote address at “Reinventing Older Communities: Building Resilient Cities,” on May 10. The conference is scheduled for May 9-11, in Philadelphia. Its particular focus is on smaller cities that were once manufacturing centers. [See the agenda and register for the conference](#).



HUD Regional Administrator Jane C. W. Vincent, Pennsylvania Congressman Chaka Fattah and other project partners share a laugh after a humorous comment by Esterlina Fernandez. Ms. Fernandez, formerly homeless, expressed gratitude for her new home at the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the James Widener Ray Project; welcoming Mayor Nutter, Jane Vincent and other partners to her new home. More than \$9.2 million in “Neighborhood Stabilization Program 1” funds was invested into the building rehabilitation to create 53 permanent homes for formerly homeless men, women and children, including veterans and low-income families, at the James Widener Ray

Project in Philadelphia. [Project H.O.M.E](#) the development sponsor, received HUD funds through the state and city, leveraging Middleton Housing Partnership’s start-up capital funding and a generous gift from the Raynier Foundation. The new housing project is a model for public-private partnerships to maximize federal resources in the effort to end homelessness. (Photo by Shira Yudkoff). Hear Ms. Fernandez’ story on [YouTube](#) (with footage by Human+Nature).

### **Eastern Pennsylvania Fair Housing Month events:**

**April 11-** Fair Housing Council of Southeastern PA will host its Open House and Fair Housing Month Mixer

**April 26-** Fair Housing Symposium/ Lehigh County, Northampton County, City of Allentown, and City of Easton

### **HUD CAPITAL DISTRICT**



Capital District Field Office Director Marvin Turner participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the “Nannie Helen at 4800” development on March 1. Also taking part in the celebration of this milestone were Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Mayor Vincent C. Gray, Ward 7 Councilmember Yvette Alexander, Deputy Mayor Victor L. Hoskins, DC Housing Finance Agency Director Harry Sewell, and DC Housing Authority Director Adrienne Todman. The groundbreaking was a significant step toward revitalizing the blighted neighborhood; and will bring jobs, retail, and affordable housing through mixed-use development.

- **May 16** - Applications are due for the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) 's Transportation/Land-Use Connections (TLC) Technical Assistance Program. Any local jurisdiction in the National Capital Region that is a member of the TPB is eligible to apply. Application information is available on the [TLC website](#), or contact [TLC@mwkog.org](mailto:TLC@mwkog.org)
- **June 9** - Prince George’s County 2012 Housing Fair – featuring the County’s first Home Lottery! For more information, contact Alexis Revis Yeoman (301) 883-2760.

### **Capital District Fair Housing Month events:**

- **April 11** – Virginia Fair Housing Office Seminar “Fair Housing for People with Disabilities” in Alexandria. To register, [click here](#).
- **April 18-21-** National Community Reinvestment Coalition will host its annual conference "Not Just an Economy, A Just Economy." For more information, [click here](#).
- **April 19-** DC Department of Housing and Community and Development hosts its [11th Annual Fair Housing Symposium](#).
- **April 24-** Fairfax County Human Relations Commission Fair Housing Luncheon. For more information, [click here](#).

## HUD WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA



On March 6, the Western PA Field Office hosted Loss Mitigation training to improve industry partners' understanding of FHA loss mitigation procedures and help reduce the number of foreclosures. James Cannon, Senior FHA Program Specialist from the Columbus Field Office, facilitated the training. More information is available on [HUD's Single Family Housing website](#) and the [FHA National Servicing Center website](#).

Paul and Helena Sicker and their two young daughters have something to celebrate! They have just bought their first home from Mercer County Housing Authority, which renovated the 150-year old house from top to bottom using Neighborhood Stabilization grant funds. The house, which had been vacant and in disrepair for more than ten years, is the last step on the path the Sicker family has traveled to make the transition from being renters at a Pymatuning Township public housing community to owning their own piece of the American Dream. Read more about the Sickers' journey from public housing to homeownership [here](#).



- **April 2** – Information session for new tuition free job training program in Renewable Energy Technologies. Classes start April 26. Contact [renewable@ccac.edu](mailto:renewable@ccac.edu) or phone 412-788-7387 to register for the information session.
- **April 10** - Tour the Green Building Alliance Office - a healthy and high performing place! [Click here for more information and to register.](#)
- **April 18** – 16<sup>th</sup> Annual 2012 Butler County Homebuyers Event. For more information, [click here](#) or call Butler County Homeownership Program at 724-287-6797 or 1-800-433-6327.
- **April 20** - Erie County Human Relations Commission Sustainability Seminar. The seminar will feature a wide variety of topics on sustainable building and energy. For more information call 814-451-7021 or [click on this link](#).
- **April 21 and 28** - Free (two days) federal job search workshop hosted by the Hispanic Employment Program Committee of the Federal Executive Board and the Small Business Development Center (Sbdc) At Duquesne University. To register, contact [Susana Munroe](#), 724-794-2005 ext. 3710.
- **Throughout April** - Pittsburgh Green House is offering free community classes and open house tours. Visit [the Pittsburgh Green House website](#) or call 412-362-4PGH for details.

### **Western Pennsylvania Fair Housing Month events:**

- **April 13** – Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations Fair Housing Month event. For more information, [click here](#).
- **April 20** – Erie County Human Relations Commission Sustainability Seminar. For more information, [click here](#).

## HUD VIRGINIA

Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NRHA) has been selected by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to coordinate regional efforts toward increasing jobs for lower income persons and public housing residents on HUD-funded projects in Hampton Roads. NRHA was among 12 housing authorities and jurisdictions nationwide to receive a [\\$50,000 grant](#) to maximize a HUD's [Section 3](#) implementation.

Anne Davis (left) discusses foreclosure prevention resources with Charlotte Dillow of Hampton Ecumenical Lodging and Provisions (H.E.L.P.) during the Faith and Neighborhoods in Action Seminar at Norfolk State University on March 20. Approximately 200 small business people, nonprofit and faith-based organizations attended the seminar, which was hosted by the [White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships](#) and the [Small Business Administration](#).



Housing Virginia's [SOURCEBOOK](#) now features estimates of the need for affordable rental housing for lower-income households in every Virginia jurisdiction. Look for the [Assisted Rental Housing Needs](#) in SOURCEBOOK.

Governor McDonnell has kicked off the tenth year of Stewardship Virginia, a statewide campaign to encourage and recognize voluntary activities with a tangible impact on Virginia's natural resources. Individuals, businesses and organizations are encouraged to register their projects and events with Stewardship Virginia. For more information, including a registration packet, call 1-877-42-WATER; in Richmond call 786-5056 or visit the [Stewardship Virginia website](#).

- **April 2** – Deadline for applications for Virginia Enterprise Zone designation. For more information about the Enterprise Zone Program, the Real Property Investment Grant (RPIG) or the Job Creation Grant (JCG), visit the [VEZ site](#), or contact Lauren Fink at [lauren.fink@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:lauren.fink@dhcd.virginia.gov).
- **April 4** – Nominations are due for the "[Top 40 Under 40 in Housing](#)" awards, being offered by the Virginia Housing Coalition to celebrate Virginia Housing Development Authority's 40 years of service to Virginia.
- **April 19** – Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission is hosting a Living Lands Workshop on "Fostering Sustainable Agriculture for Economic Development." For more information see the [Commission's website](#) or contact [Michelle Edwards](#), 540-829-7450.
- **April 30 – May 3** – Virginia Association of Housing Counselors Spring Certification and Conference in Virginia Beach. Register [here](#) to reserve your spot.
- **May 4** – Southeast Regional Community Assistance Project's "2012 Water is Life" Conference & Luncheon. For more information [click here](#).
- **May 16 – 18** – Virginia Association of Housing and Community Development Officials (VAHCDO) annual conference and scholarship luncheon in Virginia Beach. For more information, [click here](#).
- **June 27-28** – Capacity Building and Grantwriting Workshop for nonprofit and faith-based organizations. Contact Anne Davis ([anne.davis@hud.gov](mailto:anne.davis@hud.gov)) to register.
- **July 22-23** – The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Virginia (NAMI VA) and the Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness (VCEH) statewide summit on housing needs of individuals with mental health issues. For more information, contact [Lane Burgess](#), 804-332-0406.
- **September 20-21** - 2012 Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference in Charlottesville. A call for presentation proposals has been made, and early registration is now open. To learn more, call 540-342-2763, or visit the [website](#).

#### Virginia Fair Housing Month events:

- **April 3** – Virginia Fair Housing Office Seminars in Richmond. For more information, [click here](#).
- **April 5** – Fair Housing training for property managers, real estate agents, lenders, tenants, landlords or housing advocates. Participants who complete the course are eligible for state certification from the Virginia Fair Housing Board. Register by April 2 at [hampton.gov/learn](http://hampton.gov/learn) or call 757-727-8311.
- **April 10** – Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission Seminar in Front Royal. To register, contact Tyler Klein at [tklein@nsvregion.org](mailto:tklein@nsvregion.org).
- **April 12** - Virginia Fair Housing Office Seminar in Virginia Beach. For more information, [click here](#).
- **April 18** – [Fair Housing Accessibility Training](#), Glen Allen. To register, contact John Ritzu at [jritzu@cmarchitects.com](mailto:jritzu@cmarchitects.com) or 1-312-913-1717 x228



- **April 19** - City of Roanoke Fair Housing Board's Fair Housing Seminar (3 CEUs for real estate continuing education and fair housing certification). [Register here](#) or call 540-853-5647.

## HUD DELAWARE

[The Ministry of Caring, Inc.](#), a community-based, non-profit organization in Wilmington, has received a \$790,298 [Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS \(HOPWA\)](#) grant to continue its services to formerly homeless men and women with AIDS. The Ministry of Caring's House of Joseph II allows single adults with advanced AIDS the opportunity to lead lives that are as full and independent as possible. Long-term and essential supportive services, including nursing care, are provided for those living at the 16-unit housing facility.



- **April 17** - Delaware State Housing Authority hosts a public hearing in Dover for the FY 2013 Moving to Work Annual Plan to be submitted to HUD. For information, call Christopher Whaley (302) 739-4263.
- **April 18** – The First State Community Loan Fund Annual Meeting in Newark. Mr. Albert Boscov, the CEO of Boscov's Department Stores, will be the keynote speaker. For information, call (302) 652-6774.
- **April 27** – Delaware State Housing Authority and The Money School will jointly sponsor the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 2012 Homebuyer Fair in Newark. Call Bill Salamone at (302) 577-5001 for information.

### **Delaware Fair Housing Month events:**

- **April 02** – Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware sponsors the 29<sup>th</sup> Fair Housing Proclamation Signing Ceremony from 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 Noon at the New Castle County Government Center. For more details, contact Kathy Lewis at (302) 429-0794.
- **April 13** – Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware sponsors the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Housing Law Forum in Wilmington. Call Kathy Lewis at (302) 429-0795 for information.
- **April 16** - Release event for "Community and Choice: Housing Needs for People with Disabilities in Delaware." RSVP to Jb Singles (email: [Jb.Singles@state.de.us](mailto:Jb.Singles@state.de.us)) by April 11.
- **April 19** – 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Housing Conference sponsored by the Delaware Human Relations Commission in Dover. Call 1-877-54-HUMAN for more information.
- **April 27**- Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware will host its Annual Fair Housing Month Luncheon. Call Kathy Lewis at (302) 429-0795 for information.

## HUD MARYLAND



Civic Works' [Baltimore Center for Green Careers](#) is making Baltimore's economy stronger and more sustainable by training residents for jobs in the emerging green economy. The "B'more Green" program provides job training for brownfields remediation and home energy efficiency. Participants earn industry-recognized certifications and job placement assistance. The [Baltimore Center for Green Careers](#) conducts information and application sessions every Tuesday, and is open to all. For information, see the [Baltimore Center for Green Careers](#) website.

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has settled the last loans under the Emergency Mortgage Assistance program, bringing the total number of households assisted through Maryland's landmark \$43.4 million foreclosure prevention program to 1,320 families. Since the Emergency Mortgage Assistance program closed in September, DHCD and the [Maryland HOPE Initiative](#) counseling network have continued to help homeowners find sustainable alternatives to foreclosure.

Maryland DHCD recently received a grant of \$634,936 from [NeighborWorks America](#) for the Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling program. Visit the [Maryland HOPE Initiative](#) to learn about [foreclosure mediation](#) and other foreclosure prevention programs available to distressed homeowners throughout the state, including a [calendar](#) of upcoming workshops and events.

East Baltimore Development, Inc. (EBDI) is hosting the Spring 2012 Contractors Lunch "n" Learn Workshop Series on the second Monday of each month. Registration is required for all workshops. For more information or to register, contact Portia Wheatley at [portia.wheatley@ebdi.org](mailto:portia.wheatley@ebdi.org).

East Baltimore Development, Inc. (EBDI) also offers the "JUMPStart Pre-Apprenticeship Program," a free three-month program that provides interactive, hands-on and in-class training to prepare participants for careers in construction and entry in state-approved apprenticeship programs. The next class begins in May. For more information, see the [EBDI website](#), or stop by the Community Resource Center at 1731 East Chase Street in Baltimore.

Baltimore City's mayor and housing commissioner joined Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake (HFHC) for a groundbreaking at Orchard Ridge. HFHC will construct and sell 30 affordable homes to qualified buyers. [Baltimore Housing](#) has redeveloped the blighted Freedom Village and Claremont Homes sites into a new vibrant, mixed income community, and the homes being built by Habitat will fit right in to the neighborhood.

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Secretary Raymond A. Skinner and Maryland Department of Planning Secretary Richard E. Hall have announced the designation of four new sustainable communities under the state's [Sustainable Communities](#) Act of 2010. The newly designated sustainable communities are Mount Rainer, Hagerstown, Centreville and Princess Anne.

#### **Maryland Fair Housing Month events:**

- **April 14** - Howard County Housing Fair. For more information, call 410-209-6587 or e-mail J.C. Shay at [james.c.shay@hud.gov](mailto:james.c.shay@hud.gov).
- **April 18** - Baltimore County Human Relations Commission's 2012 Fair Housing Conference, "Fair Housing Opportunities for Older Communities in Transition" at the Sollers Point Multi-purpose Center. Contact [ldwalker@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:ldwalker@baltimorecountymd.gov) for more information.
- **April 26** - Cumberland, Maryland DHCD Fair Housing Event. For more information, call 410-209-6587 or e-mail J.C. Shay at [james.c.shay@hud.gov](mailto:james.c.shay@hud.gov).

#### **HUD WEST VIRGINIA**



[The Covenant House](#) in Charleston is one of 12 new homeless programs to receive HUD funding to continue its work to house the homeless. The Covenant House received \$109,500 of the \$1.6 million awarded to programs in West Virginia.

- **April 17-18** - West Virginia Association of Housing Agencies Spring Workshop in South Charleston. For more information contact [djmorris@parkersburghousing.com](mailto:djmorris@parkersburghousing.com).
- **April 17-19** – 2012 WV Disaster Summit in Summersville. For more information or to register, contact Jann Fleming at [jann.e.fleming@wv.gov](mailto:jann.e.fleming@wv.gov) or 304-356-4788.

- **April 18** - Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority's (CKHA) Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program Job Fair in Charleston. For more information contact [Amy Lewis](#), 304-348-6451, ext. 256, or [Kimberly Pickens](#), 304-348-6451, ext. 264.
- **April 21 - April 28** - is the third annual "West Virginia Money Smart Week®," with free classes and activities designed to help consumers better manage personal finances. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/wvmsw](http://www.facebook.com/wvmsw).
- **July 30** – Letters of Inquiry are due for the National Inclusion Project's "Let's ALL Play" grants. For more information, [click here](#).

### West Virginia Fair Housing Month Events

- **April 2** – Fair Housing Industry Training in Beckley, sponsored by the Beckley Human Rights Commission. For more information contact Elmer Day at Beckley Human Rights [humanrights@beckley.org](mailto:humanrights@beckley.org) or call 304 - 256-1777.

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