



# On the Home Front

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## Wigmore Manor Tenant Association

The Wigmore Manor Tenant Association in St. John's had a great turn out at their Annual Meeting. Plans are underway for the annual Tree Decorating and Reindeer Run whereby tenants travel around the city by bus looking at Christmas lights. The group still holds their weekly card game and bingo game which always draws a crowd. The Tenant Association would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Ms. Stella Kelloway who will be turning 91 this month. She is the oldest tenant in the building and has been living there for the longest amount of time. Ms. Kelloway is very active in the building and we hear that she is always the first one on the dance floor and the last to leave. Best wishes for a wonderful Birthday from all of us!



## Halloween Events

W.A.T.C.H. Tenant Association hosted a Halloween party where lucky winners received free movie passes!

Eric/McKay Tenant Association hosted pumpkin carving



Crosbie Portia Tenant Association made loot bags for the neighbourhood trick or treaters



## W.A.T.C.H. Tenant Association

It has been a busy fall for the W.A.T.C.H Tenant Association in St. John's. As part of NL Housing's annual Tidy Neighbourhoods program, the group purchased a community fire pit, benches and picnic tables that are enjoyed by many tenants in the area. The group also partnered with Vibrant Communities and Bridges to Hope to provide well-stocked book bags for tenants returning to school this fall.



## Perrault Place Neighbourhood Cleanup

Perrault Place Neighbourhood Centre is undergoing a major cleanup! Over the years donations and used furniture began to clutter up the Centre; so the Tenant Association decided a November spring cleaning was needed. There is already a huge improvement and everyone is excited to see the extra space without the clutter.

## 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Tenant Conference

This year marked the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Tenant Conference hosted by NL Housing. Participants were taken on a journey down the yellow brick road with our Wizard of Oz themed opening. Sandra Earle from the Perrault Place Tenant Association in Happy Valley Goose Bay cut the cake with Chairman and CEO Len Simms. With 100 tenant representatives from 38 tenant associations, it was certainly a fun filled and informative weekend. Everyone enjoyed the comedic flair of John Sheehan and the musical talent of The Split Peas from Twillingate. Saturday included presentations on a number of topics including healthy eating, living an active lifestyle, crime prevention and the role of The Office of the Citizens Representative. As always it was a great chance to meet with tenants from around the province and learn about the exciting initiatives happening to enhance the lives of people in our communities.





## Cochrane House Citizens Association

The Cochrane House Citizens Association availed of Tidy Neighbourhoods money and purchased flowers and outdoor furniture for their common areas. The group did discover that these days everything comes in a box — meaning that the furniture required assembly, but they worked together and are pleased with the results. In a letter to NL Housing, Linda Matthews of Cochrane House Citizens Association wrote, “Summer is over, Fall has arrived so I’d like to take this opportunity to thank NL Housing on behalf of the tenants of Cochrane House for the funding of the Tidy Neighbourhood Program allowing us to continue to add more improvements to our backyard, patio and flower beds.”

## White Mesher Tenant Association

The White Mesher Tenant Association in Happy Valley Goose Bay has been very busy since they began last spring. The group has hosted four community dinners and participated in the Tidy Neighbourhoods Campaign. The group used their funds to build garbage boxes for tenants in the Neighbourhood.



## United Neighbourhood Back to School BBQ



The UNTA in partnership with MacMorran Community Centre held a BBQ on the basketball court of MacMorran Community Centre on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the BBQ, bouncy castles and face painting. Some lucky winners also went home with Staples gift cards to help with back-to-school shopping.

## Family of Friends Back-to-School Event

The Family of Friends Tenant Association in Grand Falls Windsor provided over 65 school bags full of back-to-school supplies to students. This was the second year for the project and they have doubled their numbers from last year. The plan is to hold this event again next year and expand to include even more students. The Back-to-School Event included clowns, a dunk tank, BBQ, face painting, minute-to-win-it games and much more. Everyone had a lot of fun and the event would not have been possible without the support of the many volunteers who came out for the day.



*“Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.”*

## W.I.N.G.S Tenant Association

The W.I.N.G.S Tenant Association in Gander has partnered with Michael Gaultois to create an innovative and exciting new project repairing bicycles called “Wheel It Forward”. Many of you will remember Michael from our Annual Tenant Conference in 2010. Michael is a burn survivor who has devoted his life to sharing his positive message of hope. The way the program works is that any tenant in need of a bike can contact Wanda Warren of the Tenant Association and she and Michael will work together to try and get the tenant a bicycle free of charge. Anyone wishing to donate a bicycle to the program can contact Wanda. Way to go W.I.N.G.S!

*We want to hear all about what’s happening in your neighbourhood! The deadline for submissions for the next On the Home Front newsletter is Friday, February 3, 2012. Please submit photos and a short caption to Charlotte at [cgcourage@nlhc.nl.ca](mailto:cgcourage@nlhc.nl.ca)*