



On the Home Front

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Education Incentive

Any Housing leaseholder with a child or dependent attending grade seven through high school (levels 1, 2, 3, or 4) or any household with an adult or dependent attending a post-secondary institution or enrolled in an Adult Basic Education Program is eligible for this program. Eligible tenants will receive \$50 for every month that each child and/or adult student is in school. This is issued by cheque to the leaseholder. For those with children in high school, payments are made twice a year, at the end of the normal school terms, which would be January and June. For those in post-secondary institutions, the payments will be paid at the end of each semester. To qualify Housing will need a letter from the school for each child and/or adult stating the student was in full-time attendance and the exact date of the school term for which you are requesting the incentive funding. Contact your Housing Administration Officer (HAO) to find out more about this program.



27th Annual Tenant Conference

Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation hosted its 27th Annual Tenant Conference in Gander from September 14-16th with 80 tenant representatives from 30 tenant associations in attendance. Chairman and CEO Len Simms and the Honorable Tom Hedderson presented plaques to The United Neighborhood TA, Community Togetherness TA, and Buckmaster's Circle TA celebrating their 25th Anniversary. Plaques were also given to A.C.E. TA celebrating 10 years and Forsey Place TA celebrating 15 years. The theme Strive, Grow, Change encouraged participants to explore ways to continue to work to make changes in their neighborhoods, and themselves. It was a fun filled weekend with great presenters and entertainment. Everyone enjoyed the humorous comedy by Amy House and Newfoundland's funniest family, The Gills. There were presentations on a number of topics including Credit Counseling, Couponing, Community Kitchens and Supermarket Savvy and Neighborhood Watch. It was very exciting to see two of our own tenants present information on Community Gardens and a new program "Wheel It Forward." As always it was a great opportunity to meet with other tenants across the province and to continue to enhance positive relationship building between tenants, NL Housing and the community.



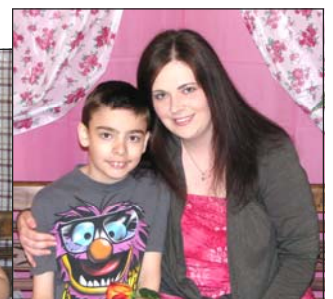
West Heights Tenant Association

West Heights in St. John's have been busy partnering up with Bridges to Hope preparing and providing school bags full of back-to-school supplies for students. The group held their annual Halloween Party which was a big success with 30 children in attendance. The children participated in Halloween themed games, enjoyed hot dogs and juice packs. Everyone had a great time!

United Neighbourhood Tenant Association

United Neighbourhood Tenants Association held a Mother's Day Event in May and a Father's Day event in June. The Mom's and Dad's of our community were served Mary Browns for lunch, given a beautiful rose and had their picture taken with their children. Pictures were printed and delivered to each Mom and Dad.

Dessert consisted of apple pie and ice cream for the Mom's and waffle bowl sundaes for the Dad's. All had a great time and we enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the parents of our community.





Black Duck Cove Tenant Association

In March 2012, the Homework Haven Marystown chapter expanded to Black Duck Cove where the homework tutor visited twice a week. Beginning with only three students, the group tripled within two months. As a result, the Black Duck Cove Tenants Association and the Homework Haven children have requested the program continue next year provided the funding go through.

Holiday Safety

Avoid overloading electrical circuits and connect lights to power strips with a built-in circuit breaker that has several outlets.

Don't use extension cords that are frayed or have cracked insulation or damaged plugs. Extension cords can be a big help, but if not used properly they can lead to fire.

Remember to unplug indoor lights when going to bed.

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

At this year's Tenant Conference in Gander, both NLHC and CUPE Local 1860 donated to the Wheel It Forward Program. This is a program whereby the W.I.N.G.S. Tenant Association in Gander has partnered with Michael Gaultois to refurbish bicycles and then donate them to NLHC tenants. Michael is a burn survivor who has devoted his life to sharing his positive message of hope. The donations from NLHC and CUPE ensured that each child who received a bike, also got a helmet. Tenants Wanda Rideout and Anna Day with W.I.N.G.S. show off the new helmets.



White Mesher Tenant Association

The White Mesher Tenant Association in Happy Valley-Goose Bay had a busy summer. The land on Mesher Street was cleared to create a beautiful green space for the community garden. The group used their funds from the Tidy Neighborhood Campaign to purchase a pergola, which was placed next to the garden for everyone to enjoy. Gardening workshops for both adults and youth were offered with no cost and supplies included. Turnip greens were grown in the garden and enjoyed by all residents in the neighborhood.



Perrault Place Tenant Association

Perrault Place Tenant Association received a donation of six bicycles from the Labrador Correctional Centre. The Correctional Centre runs a program where inmates repair bicycles that are donated from the RCMP and donate them to community groups such as our Tenant Association.

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

The W.A.T.C.H Tenant Association in St. John's had a great turn out for their annual Halloween event. Every child received a treat bag and three lucky children won free movie passes. MHA Dale Kirby dropped by with treats for the children.



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 Wednesday, February 1, 2013. Please submit your photos and stories to Danette at drfox@nlhc.nl.ca.