



On the Home Front

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Scholarships

Did you know that NLHC offers an annual Youth and Adult Scholarship Program? While the deadline for the Youth Scholarship program has passed (August 31st) the Adult Scholarship Program will remain open for applications up until September 30, 2013. Check out NLHC's website at <http://www.nlhc.nl.ca/tenant/tenant.html> for more information or to print an application.

Conference Alert!

The 28th Annual Tenant Conference is a go for the weekend of September 13th at the Gander Hotel. It promises to be a fun-filled weekend of education, sharing and growth!

▲ Congratulations to two Community Centre Green Teams for their efforts to help grow environment awareness. For the second year in a row, the Smallwood Crescent Community Centre in Marystown has sponsored a Green Team consisting of four students: Justin Saunders, Kristen Kelly, Dillon Drake and team leader Josh Parsons. The WestRock Community Centre also sponsored a Green Team: Billy Bennett, Byron Hutchings, Leshia Pike and team leader Melanie MacDonald. Over the summer, both teams have been on the job spreading their green message. The local groups have been busy with beautification projects, cleanups and awareness events. Both teams are proud to help beautify and make their community a better place to live. The Green Team program is the flagship initiative of the Conservation Corps and has provided the organization's main work force since 1993.

White/Mesher Tenant Association



White/Mesher Tenant Association held a planting event at the Community Garden on June 8, 2013. Twenty-six volunteers enjoyed a fun-filled day barbecuing and planting crops. They planted greens, turnip, beets, potatoes, carrots, lettuce and herbs. One lucky volunteer

won a cash prize! The event would not have been possible without the support of the many volunteers who came out for the day. What a great example of community spirit! When the crops are fully grown and ready to be picked, they will be distributed to all residents in the neighborhood.



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

On June 1, 2013, the W.A.T.C.H. Tenant Association held a neighbourhood clean up. "Clean & Beautiful" donated garbage bags and prizes; and over twenty people arrived to show support and help make the neighbourhood tidy! It was a very successful event with over twenty bags of garbage collected which was picked up by the city of St. John's.



We want to hear all about what's happening in your neighborhood! The deadline for submissions for the next *On the Home Front* newsletter is Friday, November 8, 2013. Please submit your stories and photos, as well as consent forms to use the photos, to Danette at drfox@nlhc.nl.ca

NLHC Taps Into Social Media

In addition to a new website, NLHC is now on Facebook and Twitter. Be sure to follow us for up-to-date information on events, office closures, reminders and tips on how you can make your home safer and more comfortable.

Crisis Phone Lines

Mental Health Crisis Line

Telephone:
1-888-737-4668

Toll-Free:
1-877-753-8550

Website:
www.cmhanl.ca/

Financial Information Help Line

Telephone:
855-723-8140

Monday to Thursday
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Island time

Website:
www.creditanddebtsolutions.ca

Community Sector Council

Website:
www.communitysector.nl.ca

West Heights Tenant Association

West Heights Tenant Association have been busy bees this summer. One of their summer activities included a clean up day with St. John's Clean & Beautiful. It was great to see so many people participate in making their neighborhood tidy and clean. Pleasure and pride was felt by everyone after all of their hard work.



The children were super excited to get their hands dirty to make their own flower baskets and afterwards enjoyed yummy watermelon! Great job, the baskets look beautiful. During the summer, West Heights also found the time to spend two weeks at camp with planned activities for everyone to enjoy. Sounds like everyone had an awesome time! Lots of fun was had by all at the NFLD day event, which included delicious food, like fish and brews and hot dogs. The children enjoyed jumping on the bouncy castle, playing with a NFLD dog and making balloon twisters! West Heights is planning to partner up with Bridges to Hope to prepare and provide school bags full of back to school supplies for the kiddies. Wow, West Heights certainly had a busy summer!



Canada day was celebrated with fun-filled festivities, which included singing our national anthem. The group used their funds from the Tidy Neighborhood to create beautiful flower baskets for each household.



What to do if you find guns or drug paraphernalia

Maureen Murphy, Manager Community Development with NLHC, met with Karen Hemmens, RNC officer, who offered some tips:

Q: What do you do if you find a gun?

A: Once you see it—call police immediately. Do not touch, do not remove—wait for police to arrive. Take Control—this means to stay in the area, call for help, keep in view if possible, identify where it is.

Q: Will the police have to question me?

A: Yes, they will take a statement to set up a file, to try and find out where this came from. The police need to learn as much information as possible to clarify.

Q: What about needles and drugs, what if I find those?

A: Same answer, call the police immediately. Do not touch, do not remove—Take Control.

Q: What about bits and pieces of what looks like a gun or needle?

A: Always err on the side of caution—Do Not Touch, keep in view and call the police.

Q: What about if I find it while I am out walking? What then?

A: Note the spot where you found it and contact the police as soon as possible, with the specifics around where you saw it. The officer may need you to meet them at that site, or pick you up to go there.

Be careful, be safe. If you know it's a gun or drugs, don't touch and make contact with the police immediately. If you don't know what it is, DON'T TOUCH.