



On the Home Front

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Education Incentive Program

Any NLHC 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. NLHC starts accepting requests for payment at the end of the normal school terms, which would be January and June. For those in post-secondary institutions, NLHC starts accepting requests for payment at the end of each semester. To qualify, NLHC 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. Please note, payments can take eight (8) weeks. ■

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 March 14, 2014. Please submit your photos, consent forms to use photos and stories to Danette at drfox@nlhc.nl.ca



28th Annual Tenant Conference

▲ Newfoundland Labrador Housing hosted its 28th Annual Tenant Conference in Gander from September 13-15, 2013, with 90 tenant representatives from 30 tenant associations in attendance. The Honorable Paul Davis presented plaques to the Neighbourhood Enhancement Association and the Cashin-Froude Avenue neighbourhood in St. John's celebrating their 20th anniversary; Wishingwell/Algerine Tenant Association, St. John's; Pearlgate Tenant Association, Mount Pearl, and Hilltop Tenant Association, Corner Brook, celebrated their 15th anniversary. E & H Tenant Association, Grand Falls-Windsor, celebrated its 10th anniversary. Buckmaster's Circle Community Centre, St. John's, was presented with a plaque to mark its 20th anniversary of providing programs and services to tenants. This year's theme was 'Because You Matter'. It was a fun filled weekend with great presenters and entertainment. Everyone enjoyed the humorous comedy by Newfoundland's funniest dysfunctional family, The Gills, as well as the musical talent by the Spirit of Newfoundland Productions. Two NLHC employees presented this year — Wayne Follett presented *Because You Matter*, *TED Talk*, and Colin Hepditch discussed bed bugs. Saturday included presentations on a number of topics including: *SWAP Program (AIDS NL)* with Fran Keough, *Cervical Screening Presentation* by Valerie Fagan and a two-part session on Character NL, *Community Leadership — It Starts Within You*, with Peggy Matchim. As always it was a great opportunity to meet with other tenants across the province and to continue to enhance positive relationship building among tenants, NLHC and the community.

Buckmaster's Circle

For the first time, the Buckmasters Circle Community Centre (Youth Outreach Group) participated in the St. John's Downtown Santa Claus Parade on November 24th. It was a phenomenal experience for the youth. They dressed as snowflakes and walked as a 'Flurry of Happiness'. They were a bit chilly but were great sports!



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

The W.A.T.C.H. Tenant Association takes pride in providing fun activities for the kids in their community. On August 15th, WATCH organized a Beach Day at Sunshine park, where the kids had a great time playing and swimming. Lunch and transportation was provided for the event. It was a very successful day for the 20 people who attended. Just recently WATCH held their annual Halloween event. Over 15 children arrived dressed in their costumes. They enjoyed cupcakes, had a chance to win prizes and everyone went home with a treat bag. WATCH is now planning their Christmas party, which will be held on December 7th and will include presents, lots of yummy food and a visit from Santa.



Students on Ice

NLHC is seeking nominations/ applications for the 2014 Students on Ice initiative. One high school student will be selected to experience this incredible opportunity. Information, criteria and applications are available at www.studentsonice.com.

Send your application to:

Maureen Murphy
Program Delivery
Newfoundland and Labrador
Housing Corporation
P.O. Box 220
2 Canada Drive
St. John's, NL
A1C 5J2

Or email your application to: mjmurphy@nlhc.nl.ca

Deadline: January 30, 2013

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Community Sector Council

Website:
www.communitysector.nl.ca

Office of the Citizens Representative

Telephone: 1-800 559-0079

Email: citrep@gov.nl.ca

West Heights Tenant Association

The neighborhood center recently held a ladies Bingo night. Susan White with Cervical Cancer Initiative called a few games of Bingo and then offered her expertise and advice on the importance of having regular PAP tests. What's an event without food? Everyone enjoyed pizza, fruit trays and shared a few laughs. Halloween was magical this year for the West Heights tenants. A magician performed for the children and was a big hit! Hopefully he can be a part of future West Height events. The Grim Reaper also made an appearance to take pictures of all the children as well as a few brave adults. West Heights will be holding their annual Volunteer dinner in late November. They enjoy getting together to show their appreciation to all of their hard working and dedicated volunteers. West Heights is currently planning their Christmas events. Lots of shopping and wrapping is in their future!



Perrault Place Tenant Association

The Perrault Place Tenant Association had a fun filled weekend at the Christian Youth Camp this past summer. Over 30 people attended the camp to enjoy activities such as, swimming, canoeing, a scavenger hunt, and hiking. The younger children were eager to look for and catch frogs. Naturally there was a lot of food! They roasted wieners over a campfire and shared a few laughs; sounds like everyone had a fabulous time! In the Fall, the association received a donation of vegetables from the Labrador Correctional Center. Potatoes, turnip, carrots and cabbage were distributed to all tenants in Perrault Place. Over 45 people attended the annual Halloween Party! The children decorated mason jars, enjoyed treat bags and even had a chance to win a prize at the fish pond game. It was Spooktacular!



Smallwood Crescent

Smallwood Crescent Community Centre Inc and the Community Togetherness Tenant Association in Marystown held a Halloween party and dance at the Centre on October 25. Kids were invited to wear their costumes. There were some scary looking monsters, witches and ghouls up on that dance floor! Halloween treats and prizes were given out to everyone who attended.

Holiday Home Safety Tips

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

- * Keep children and pets away from light strings and electrical decorations.
- * Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use.
- * Do not overload extension cords. 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.
- * Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.

Holiday Entertaining

- * Unattended cooking can lead to home fires. When cooking for holiday visitors, remember to keep an eye on the food you are preparing.
- * Keep matches and lighters up high, out of sight and reach of children.
- * Test your smoke alarms and know what your fire escape plan is.