

Gardening at BHP Communities

After a successful summer of gardening, many residents are enjoying the results of their labor including tomatoes, zucchini, eggplants, yellow squash, potatoes, broccoli, and hot chilies.

Also, Canyon Pointe, Walnut Place & Northport have resident volunteers that tend to the flower gardens. These gardens are a beautiful burst of color and have been tended for years by the residents with loving care. Walnut Place & Canyon Pointe also boast small plots for residents to grow vegetables and herbs

which they generously share with their neighbors.

In partnership with CU

Going *Master Gardener Workshop at Kalmia Local*, children at Madison planted and cared for a garden with CU students on Saturday mornings and then shared a delicious meal together prepared by the participants' moms. CU Going Local also supported the start-up efforts of residents at Glen Willow who wanted to create a community garden. They provided some plants and seeds as well as workshops conducted by master gardeners for residents at Kalmia. Staff from the City's Youth Services Initiative and Growing Gardens: La Cultiva worked with youth at Kalmia to plant a kids' garden, which has been well-protected from stray balls and well-cared for, thanks to Kalmia kids and parents. Congratulations to all the residents who gardened this summer! And thanks to our community partners for supporting their efforts!



Master Gardener Workshop at Kalmia

Thank You!

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION On June 25th, an 87 member youth group from Midlothian Presbyterian Church in Virginia did grounds clean-up and built a 150 ft. stone wall to designate the parking area at the BHP apartments at 101 Pearl St. The donated time from the volunteers is valued at \$3,946, but the real value is in the fact that the



Volunteers constructing a wall at 101 Pearl

grounds have a clean look, gardens are weeded, the trees are trimmed, & visitors know where to park.

BHP News

Boulder Housing Partners is pleased to announce the opening of certain wait lists for our housing programs. Please note that this does NOT include the wait list for Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. The wait lists that will be open from **October 6 at 8 a.m. to October 15 at 5 p.m.** are:

- Public Housing
- Glen Willow
- Broadway East
- Canyon Pointe

For more information, please visit our website: www.boulderhousing.org or call our office: 720-564-4610.

NO-SMOKING POLICY In our on-going efforts to provide safe, comfortable and energy efficient housing for all of our residents, the Boulder Housing Partners Board of Commissioners recently adopted a no-smoking policy to be implemented over the next year at all BHP properties. Effective **September 30, 2011**, all BHP properties will be entirely no-smoking. The no-smoking policy will be in effect for all **new** residents moving into our properties starting September 1, 2010. Current residents will be asked to sign a no-smoking addendum at their next renewal, beginning September 1, 2010.

We understand that there are some residents who will be more affected by this decision than others. We will work with all residents to make the implementation of this new policy go as smoothly as possible. We hope this new policy will help everyone breathe a bit easier. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your property manager.

BHP E-MAILING LIST If you would be interested in receiving correspondence from BHP by email, please send us a message at BHPInfo@bouldercolorado.gov. We do not share our email list.

Resources

HELP FOR PAYING RENT If you live in Boulder County and are having difficulty paying your rent, you may be eligible for federal assistance to help you through the tough times. Please contact Emergency Family Assistance Association (EFAA) to see if you qualify for rental assistance. EFAA's contact information: **Phone:** (303) 442-3042, **Email:** info@efaa.org
Address: 1575 Yarmouth Avenue Boulder, CO 80304

RECYCLE ELECTRONICS AT BEST BUY FOR FREE Best Buy can help you recycle your old electronics for **FREE** as part of its **Greener Together** program. Regardless of where you bought it, Best Buy stores will take almost anything electronic including tube TVs & computer monitors, plus DVD players, all the extra computer stuff, cell phones, MP3 players, cables, small electrics, fans & vacuums.

FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY The Family Self Sufficiency Program provides support to help highly motivated individuals reach their educational or career goals. We are accepting applications now. You must be in public housing, the head of household and a legal citizen to qualify for this program. Contact Anna Kay Johnson for more information (720-564-4610).



Recent FSS Graduate, Shani Kuehn



Neighborhood News

We're excited to have a number of upgrade projects scheduled for this year at several BHP properties. We are installing solar collectors, putting up a new stairway, building a garden, giving some buildings a facelift, and replacing kitchen cabinets, to name a few. We would like to thank our residents for your cooperation when a construction project comes to your site. We realize that the workmen and the equipment can be disruptive and we want you to know that we appreciate your tolerance while the work is in progress. We hope you will enjoy the final product!

If you have suggestions for future upgrades at your property, please let your property manager know so we can consider them as we draft the 2011 property improvement budget.

RED OAK PARK UPDATE Red Oak Park officially kicked off construction in July 2010. Currently, the utilities are being installed throughout the site, and construction of the western units is already underway.

Vertical construction of the buildings has started, and the first units will be available for lease early



Red Oak Park Site

next year. The whole community will be completed by summer 2011. We are looking forward to watching the construction progress and see the neighborhood take shape.

SOLAR PANELS COMING TO CANYON POINTE

BHP has received nearly \$1.3 million from HUD to make green upgrades at Canyon Pointe, an affordable housing site for people age 62 and older in the Section 8 Project Based Program. These upgrades will include the installation of 58.8 kW of solar panels which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the City of Boulder and reduce energy bill costs by approximately 30% per year. Additional upgrades will be made to individual apartments to install new Energy Star glass patio doors, windows, ceiling fans, and air conditioning units.



BHP receiving check from HUD

Please Keep In Mind...

AUTOMATIC RENT PAYMENTS (ACH) Did you know you can pay your rent automatically to BHP by the 4th of each month? Electronic authorization forms are available from your leasing manager, on the BHP website or at the BHP main office. This program is for rent payments only. This program is currently not available for residents of Broadway Communities, Holiday & Woodlands. If you are a resident in one of these communities and would be interested in automatic rent payments in the future, please contact Charlotte Lemkee in the finance department at (720) 564-4607 to let her know your interest.

MEETING WITH BHP STAFF Please keep in mind that BHP property management staff are often out at our properties & are not always at the main office. If you need to talk with a specific staff person, please, for your convenience, make an appointment in advance with that person so they can make sure to be at the office when you drop by. The list of all BHP staff with phone & email contact information is available on our website:

<http://www.boulderhousing.org/content/staff>

REVIEW OF PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS

Our staff recently did preventative maintenance inspections & found some common problems:

- Foil on drip pans. Please don't use foil! It's a fire hazard! If you need new drip pans for your stove, call maintenance and we will provide them **FREE!**
- Large propane tanks on BBQ grills are **NOT ALLOWED** by Fire Code. You can buy an adaptor at McGuckins to use a small propane tank.
- Grills are not allowed in 2nd and 3rd floor passage ways.
- Screens bent or with holes. We are guessing that these are perhaps the result of being locked out of your apartment. Please know it costs \$60 to replace screens for a standard bedroom-size screen and more for sliding glass doors.
OPTION: Call maintenance to get into your apartment. It only costs \$20 during business hours and \$40 after hours. This is cheaper than the cost to replace a screen.
- Extra keys: Bring \$5 (check or money order only) to BHP and then the key will be delivered to your home.

PET OWNERS Please help maintain a safe & sanitary living environment for all tenants by cleaning up after your pets & making sure dogs are on a leash and cats are not roaming freely.

TRASH REMINDER In order to keep your community clean, please make sure all trash is placed **inside** the appropriate bins & that the lid is then closed to prevent problems with critters & bugs. BHP strongly supports recycling, but our efforts only work if we can all keep trash out of the recycle bins. The dark brown dumpsters are for trash. Light brown dumpsters are for single-stream recycling— all recyclable paper and plastic together.



Single-Stream Recycling