

Notes from Home



Your Quarterly Newsletter from the Evansville Housing Authority



YOUR LATEST RAD UPDATE

It seems like almost everything takes longer than expected, and that's true for our Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. There's an enormous amount of preparation, research, verification, and execution of legal documents that needs to happen before we can proceed. Originally, we were hoping to have everything signed, sealed, and delivered no later than last January. Right now, however, we're looking at September of this year before we can begin the first phase.

The positive side of the delay is that it gives our residents more time to prepare for the rehabilitation process. For some helpful tips on how to do just that, check out the article in this issue on de-cluttering your home.

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Housekeeping: Clearing the Clutter

Let's face it: "Stuff" has a way of piling up. The RAD program can serve as a springboard to get you up and decluttering. Less clutter means more room and more useable space, and that's good for your mental and emotional well-being, according to physician and author Roberta Lee. In her book, *The Superstress Solution*, she writes that a clutter-filled home is a source of stress for many people. Reduce the clutter, reduce the stress—and that's something we can all use.



The decluttering process doesn't have to be complicated. Take a look around. Start by identifying the things that are truly important to you, that you want to keep no matter what. Once you've done that, everything else is fair game. Pick one to three items a day to give away, donate, sell, throw away—or keep. You're likely to find a few treasures.

Do that between now and the beginning of RAD's first phase, and you can declutter your home by hundreds of unneeded items. Or, pick one room and spend ten, fifteen, or twenty minutes a day sorting through and disposing of "stuff." That way, you'll see clear progress without exhausting yourself or feeling overwhelmed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Do you have questions, concerns, or ideas? The Resident Council Meetings are where you can make your voice heard and get firsthand answers, so make it a point to attend and participate.

Monday, June 8

Kennedy Resident Council Meeting - 4:00pm
315 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Tuesday, June 9

Schnute Resident Meeting - 10:00am
New Management Company will meet with Residents
1030 W. Franklin St.

White Oak Resident Meeting - 2:00pm
New Management Company will meet with Residents
509 N. St. Joseph Ave.

White Oak Resident Council Meeting - 4:00pm
509 N. St. Joseph Ave.

Caldwell Resident Meeting - 4:00pm
New Management Company will meet with Residents
736 Cross St.

Wednesday, June 10

Buckner Resident Meeting - 10:00am
New Management Company will meet with Residents
717 Cherry Street

Kennedy Resident Meeting - 1:00pm
New Management Company will meet with Residents
315 SE MLK Jr. Blvd

Monday, June 15

Buckner Resident Council Meeting - 1:00pm
717 Cherry Street

Tuesday, June 16

EHA Board of Commissioners Meeting - 4:00pm
Jerome C. Kissel Center - 413 S.E. 8th St.

Thursday, June 18

Caldwell Resident Council Recruitment Meeting - 2:00pm
736 Cross St.

Wednesday, June 24

Schnute Resident Council Meeting - 2:00pm
1030 W. Franklin St.

Monday, July 13

Kennedy Resident Council Meeting - 4:00pm
315 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Tuesday, July 14

White Oak Resident Council Meeting - 4:00pm
509 N. St. Joseph Ave.

Thursday, July 16

Caldwell Resident Meeting - 2:00pm
RAD Update - 736 Cross St.

Monday, July 20

Buckner Resident Council Meeting - 1:00pm
717 Cherry Street

RAD QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: What does RAD mean for our residents, for Evansville, and for EHA?

A: It means transformation. It means we can repair and improve our facilities and sustain them into the future. It means increased energy efficiency, safer places to live, and a better quality of life for our residents. And it means that, in these new, more stable environments, low-income people will have a better chance to reach self-sufficiency.

Q: So, how is RAD going to work?

A: Most needed repairs and upgrades are likely to be small, and we expect that many, if not most of our current residents will remain in their current homes. For those units requiring more extensive work, we will handle the entire relocation process for the residents — packing, moving, and unpacking — as they are housed in other units. We want this process to be as easy and enjoyable for our residents as possible, and your well-being is our number one priority.

Q: Do I get to go back to my current home?

A: All residents who are relocated have the right to return to their original facility once renovations are complete. That's both an EHA promise and your right under the Uniform Relocation Act. The only exception will occur when a structure cannot be rehabilitated and must be demolished. In those cases, which we expect to be rare, residents have the right of return to the housing that replaces the demolished structure.

DURING CONSTRUCTION

Here are some of the improvements that will be made to Buckner, Kennedy, White Oak, and Schnute: new kitchen cabinets and countertops; new energy-efficient refrigerators; new metal entry doors; new light fixtures; new ceiling tile; new paint; new toilets, and much more. Not all units will receive every improvement.

Visit www.evansvillehousing.org for more details.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Ask your Resident Council, call the Central Office at 812.428.8500 or use the Contact Us feature on our website to email your question.

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