

# Notes from Home



Your Quarterly Newsletter from the Evansville Housing Authority

**We've Moved!** The Evansville Housing Authority Administrative Office is now located at **402 Court Street, Suite B, Evansville, IN 47708**. Our new office is in the gray Kitch & Schreiber building, located next to the old administrative building.



## YOUR LATEST RAD UPDATE

We noted in the first issue of the newsletter that everything seems to take longer than expected, and that's still true of the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. EHA is still working on the "due diligence" process with the multiple funding partners involved in the process.

We're pleased to announce that we anticipate reaching financial closure, with all t's crossed and all i's dotted, within 60-90 days; however, EHA has requested approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to begin construction earlier, if possible. We're currently waiting for that approval, and we'll keep you posted. Just to sum it up, we're making excellent progress in a very complicated process, and we're excited to get things underway.

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## For Your **FYI** Information

### Clarifying the Moving Process

It's both our desire and our obligation to make the moving process during renovations as easy and uncomplicated as possible for residents. That's why we'll have relocation coordinators working with tenants and the moving companies. All tenants to be relocated will receive 30 days advance notice, and informational meetings will be held.

The relocations are a "no injury" process, meaning that EHA and its partners are responsible for moving tenants at no cost to them. Packing materials will be provided; for those tenants who are physically unable to pack their belongings, packing assistance will be provided.

Once belongings are packed, tenants will be moved to fully renovated units within the same property. It's important to note that the renovated units will be comparable—in other words, tenants who currently have a one-bedroom unit will be moved to a one-bedroom unit, and two-bedroom to two-bedroom. We will do everything possible to make this a "painless" experience for everyone.



## 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, October 12**

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

### **Tuesday, October 13**

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

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

### **Monday, October 19**

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

### **Wednesday, October 28**

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

### **Monday, November 9**

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

### **Tuesday, November 10**

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

### **Monday, November 16**

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

### **Tuesday, November 17**

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

### **Friday, November 20**

City Wide Resident Council Meeting - 2:30pm  
Buckner - 717 Cherry Street

### **Wednesday, November 25**

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

### **Tuesday, December 8**

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

### **Monday, December 14**

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

### **Tuesday, December 15**

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

### **Monday, December 21**

Buckner Resident Council Meeting - 2:00pm  
717 Cherry Street

### **Wednesday, December 23**

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

## RAD QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Q: If we are moved to another apartment, do we have to stay in that apartment or will we be moved back to our old apartment?**

A: Vacant apartments will be renovated first. Residents will then be moved directly into the newly refurbished apartment and will not have the option to move back to their old apartment. This will minimize the number of times a resident has to pack and move, and will also reduce the cost associated with relocating residents within the building. The RAD rule states that a resident has the right to return to their development in a comparable unit. This means same building and same type of unit only. (i.e. 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, etc.)

**Q: Will the rent go up?**

A: Resident rents are set at 30% of the household's adjusted gross income, therefore most residents will not have a rent increase. However, if you are paying a flat rent in public housing, you will most likely have to gradually pay slightly more in rent over time. If the amount a person pays in flat rent increases more than 10% and requires you to pay more than \$25 more per month in additional rent, the new rent will be phased in over the next 3-5 years.

**Q: Will the staff stay the same?**

A: EHA staff will initially be given the opportunity for employment with the new management company if the employee chooses to accept the offer. The intent is to preserve the current employees that are willing to stay for what the management company is able to offer in compensation.

## DURING CONSTRUCTION

Renovation work is noisy, messy, and intrusive—a lot like road construction. And while we may not like the orange barrels and slow traffic, we know we're going to love the new road once it's finished. During our renovation process, we'll do everything possible to minimize the intrusion into the lives of our residents. We encourage everyone to bring their questions and concerns forward to the relocation coordinator, to EHA management or to the RAD Hotline.

## STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

*Ask your Resident Council Officers.*

**NEW! Call the RAD Hotline at 812-428-8500 (Ext 6) and leave a voicemail. Questions will be answered in the next resident newsletter. (No return phone calls.)**  
**Or use the Contact Us feature on our website to email your questions. Questions will be answered in the next resident newsletter. (No return emails.)**

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