Boulder Housing Partners would like to thank you for your continued tenancy and for choosing us to meet your housing needs. We hope you have a happy, healthy holiday season!

**RESOURCES**

**SIGN UP FOR PAPERLESS E-NEWSLETTERS!**
Over 350 of our residents have already signed up for this free, convenient service. Send us an email with your name, email address, property name, and mailing address to bhpinfo@boulderhousingpartners.org. Include the email addresses of all members of your household interested in receiving our newsletter by email. BHP will keep email addresses private.

**LAST CHANCE: SIGN-UP FOR A FREE THANKSGIVING MEAL**
A volunteer group in Lakewood delivers free Thanksgiving meals to your home on Thanksgiving Day. Only BHP residents who are home on Thanksgiving Day are eligible to receive the meals. Applications must be received by 5 P.M. November 14th. Applications are available from your property manager or at BHP’s main office, 4800 Broadway. A meal for each person in the household will be provided.

**LEAP ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**
Boulder County is again offering its Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) to assist low income families and individuals with heating costs beginning November 1, 2013 and going through April 30, 2014. To receive LEAP assistance, your household must contain at least one U.S. Citizen (or Legal Permanent Resident) and meet income guidelines. Applications are available in both English and Spanish at Boulder County offices, or online at www.colorado.gov. If you would like an application mailed to you, call the Colorado Department of Human Services Customer Hotline at 866-441-1622 or visit www.bouldercounty.org.

**MEALS ON WHEELS**
Give Meals on Wheels (MOW) a chance to help you. MOW delivers nutritious meals at least once a day to residents of our community, regardless of age or income, who are unable to provide a nutritious meal for themselves. Each meal provides at least one-third of the recommended daily nutrients for many adults. Call 303-441-3908 or email info@mowboulder.org for more information.

**HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**
During the Holidays, area agencies coordinate giving programs like the Volunteers of America Holiday Fruit Baskets, EFAA Holiday Food Baskets, Angel Trees, and gifts from the Boulder Fire Department for children served by the Youth Services Initiative (YSI). Some of these programs are only for seniors or children. BHP staff will be informing you of specific program details and events throughout the coming weeks. Additional information is available through Boulder County, call 303-441-1622 or visit www.bouldercounty.org.

**FAMILY LITERACY CLASSES**
Boulder Valley Family Literacy Program provides free English classes and GED preparation taught by experienced instructors. Classes are interactive, fun, and in Boulder! Free childcare is provided for most classes. New classes start every six weeks, but you must register in advance. To register, call 720-561-5826 or e-mail Missy at alice.cowan@bvsd.org.

**WISHING FOR A BETTER BUS ROUTE?**
The City of Boulder has asked for your feedback! The transportation master plan is being redesigned this year, and they want to hear from you. Please visit BoulderTransitDesign.com and Inspireboulder.com to tell the city about your transportation needs. All suggestions are welcomed and encouraged.
**BHP News**

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**
Beginning July 1, 2013, you will no longer be able to dispose of most consumer electronics in your garbage, according to the Electronic Recycling Jobs Act. Instead consumers must deliver their electronic equipment to collection facilities or collection events for recycling. To find out how this change affects you, how to protect your data, and where to find an electronics recycler, visit [www.bouldercountyrecycles.org](http://www.bouldercountyrecycles.org) or call 720 564 2220.

**BHP Construction Updates**

**HIGH MAR:** Construction continues on High Mar, the newest affordable 59-unit senior community located in south Boulder. Over the last three months, significant progress has been made on the western portion of the building. Most notably, the windows and doors are being installed, and roofing completed on the westerly portion. Framing of the eastern portion of the building should be done before Thanksgiving. Site work is also well underway including progress on the curb and gutters, and the city sidewalks are being poured. The parking lot will be paved the last week of October. Completion of construction is projected for April, 2014.

For more information on the project, please visit our [High Mar](http://www.highmar.com) webpage. Questions or comments about the project may be directed to Lauren Schervets, Project Manager at SchervetsL@BoulderHousingPartners.org or 720-473-4464.

**1175 LEE HILL:** BHP has started construction of 1175 Lee Hill, a two-story, 31-unit apartment building on the corner of Lee Hill and Broadway in north Boulder. The one-bedroom rental units aim to support the chronically homeless, one of Boulder County’s most vulnerable populations. Over the past two weeks the general contractor, Deneuve, has placed their construction trailer on site and rough graded the site for building elevations. Currently, they are working on formwork and rebar to install the elevator pit wall. The project is currently 2% completed and is on schedule. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact BHP by phone at (720) 564-4610 or by email at vachond@boulderhousingpartners.org.

**Maintenance**

**SNOW REMOVAL**
When a snowfall accumulates to 1 or more inches on the sidewalks, BHP will provide snow removal. If there is less than one inch of snow, BHP will determine the need for snow removal. Snow removal will start at either the beginning of the day, or when the snow stops falling. Sites are prioritized by need, beginning with the senior sites. Orange or green buckets containing ice melt will be available for residents to use on the sidewalks and steps around the exterior of apartments and/or buildings. If there are any problem areas or ice patches after snow removal is complete, please notify maintenance at (720)564-4620.

**COLD WEATHER PRECAUTIONS**
To prevent frozen pipes and damage to your personal belongings and BHP property follow these tips:
1. Leave your thermostat set at, or above 65 °, especially if you will be gone for an extended period of time.
2. Open your kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors on cold nights or if you will be gone, to allow warm air to circulate around the water pipes.
3. Securely close all windows to prevent freezing drafts. Notify maintenance if you feel any cold air drafts from outside.
4. Notify maintenance if you do not have hot or cold water at any of your faucets, this is the first sign of pipes freezing.
Emergency preparedness is everyone’s job because disasters can happen anywhere at any time. Boulder has experienced wild fires in the past few years and just recently, major flooding. In a disaster situation, local responders may not be able to reach you immediately. You should be ready to be self-sufficient for at least 3-5 days. If evacuations are necessary, the amount of time you have to evacuate will depend on the nature of the disaster. Be prepared to leave at a moment’s notice. Prepare enough food, clothing and emergency supplies to last at least 3-5 days.

BHP believes the best way we can assist our residents to respond to emergencies is by providing education and resources on steps to take so you can be prepared. Be Red Cross ready. Get a kit, make a plan and be informed. For more Red Cross information www.redcross.org or call 1-866-GET-INFO.

Emergency preparedness classes are scheduled at many of the BHP sites every year. If your site has not had an emergency preparedness presentation and you would like to schedule one, please contact Shelly at 720 564-4610.

REMEMBER: Please keep your landlord and Section 8 representative updated with changes to your phone number and email address.

INTERESTED IN RECEIVING BOULDER EMERGENCY ALERTS?
Residents can choose to receive text messages, email alerts, or phone calls. To sign up, call 303-651-8550 or go to www.boulderoem.org/

EMERGENCY CONTACTS
In light of Boulder’s recent life-threatening flooding, BHP asks that all residents submit emergency contact information to their property manager. Call (720) 564-4610 or email bhpinfo@boulderhousingpartners.org with the name, address, and phone number of your emergency contact.

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HOLIDAY SAFETY

It’s easy to make safety a part of your holiday with these tips. Tackle one a day and you’ll be on your way to a safe New Year!

Day 1: What’s that noise? Test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Make sure everyone knows what to do if they hear them.

Day 2: What a shocker! Before you use, inspect all electrical lights, decorations, and extension cords for damage.

Day 3: Two’s company, three’s a crowd. Do not overload outlets with too many decorations or devices.

Day 4: Is it working? Test your ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) and arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) to make sure they’re protecting you.

Day 5: Ouch! Prevent trips and falls by keeping carpets safe by along walkways and high traffic areas.

Day 6: Kids eat the darnedest things! Avoid putting lights, metal hooks, breakable ornaments, and other small decorations within reach of young children.

Day 7: Thirsty? Keep your Christmas tree stand full of water. A fresh, green tree poses less of a fire hazard than a dry tree.

Day 8: Make a wish! Blow out the candles before leaving a room or going to bed.

Day 9: Nice and warm. Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn—decorations, trees, gifts, and curtains.

Day 10: Can’t touch this! Consider installing tamper-resistant outlets receptacles to prevent kids from inserting objects into the outlets.

Day 11: Escape Route: Store your family fire escape plan with overnight guests.

Day 12: Hot stuff! Keep children away from cooking areas, use back burners and turn pot handles inward away from little hands.

There’s no greater gift you can give your family than a safe and happy holiday! Learn more at holiday.safety.org.

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OCTOBER PARTNERSHIP AWARDS
Two residents were among the recipients of BHP’s fall partnership award. Kurt Wunnicke for his volunteer work on the beautification of the Walnut Place common gardens. Linda Peth received the award for her volunteer work writing the Walnutter newsletter in addition to her leadership on the Walnut Place Resident Representative Council (RRC).

RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
The new Resident Representative Council (RRC) office is located at 3525 Arthur Court, Boulder CO 80304, phone 303 444-0053. The office hours are Monday 11:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M., and Friday 10:00 A.M. - Noon. During non-office hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible. The goal of the RRC is to address the concerns and needs of BHP residents. The RRC works toward improving residents’ standard of living by helping them gain a positive sense of wellbeing and quality of life. You are welcome to come to the monthly meeting held the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Please call the BHP main office at (720) 564-4610 for more information.

Kurt Wunnicke and Linda Peth
You may qualify for free or lower-cost health insurance.

Because of new health care laws, there are more options for lower and middle-income Coloradans in need of health coverage.

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To find out if you qualify for Medicaid and to sign up, call 1-800-323-3943.

To get financial help buying private health insurance through Connect for Health Colorado, call 1-855-PLANS-4-YOU (1-855-752-6749).

*Under Medicaid, you may have to pay a small part of the cost for some medical services.

**You can reach out to Connect for Health Colorado to be eligible for financial help. Medicaid is a public insurance plan for children, families, and people with limited income. It also covers certain other groups of people. Medicaid may be eligible for financial help to pay for some of the cost of health insurance.