



Boulder Housing Partners

Resident Newsletter June 2014

Providing Housing

Creating Community

Changing Lives

RESOURCES



SIGN-UP FOR E-NEWSLETTERS

To sign-up to receive newsletters via email, send an email to bhpinfo@boulderhousing.org with your name and email address.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM

Flatirons Habitat for Humanity offers a Homeownership program for eligible families. Orientation is required for those interested in applying. For a list of requirements or to sign up for the next orientation meeting, call (303) 442-4285 or visit www.flatironshabitat.org.



FINANCIAL STABILITY WORKSHOPS

Learn to create and set financial goals, budget with little to no income, organize your finances, and develop communication tools to reach better outcomes in difficult situations. Classes are 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. To register for classes, visit www.bouldercountyhc.org. For Spanish registration, call (720) 564-2279.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FROM EFAA



EFAA helps those in our community whose immediate needs for short term rental assistance, food, shelter and other basic necessities cannot be adequately met by other means. Call EFAA at (303) 442-3042 to make an appointment.

INTERCAMBIO'S ENGLISH CLASSES

Intercambio offers affordable, flexible group and individual English classes throughout Boulder County. Classes also teach important skills to help you thrive in your community. For more information and class schedules, call (303) 996-0275 or visit www.intercambioweb.org/.



FLOOD AND FIRE AWARENESS

Are you prepared for a natural emergency? As we learned last fall, Boulder is vulnerable to both wild fires and flash flooding.

- Make a kit of basic supplies to have in order to survive for at least three days if an emergency occurs.
- Make another kit that is light-weight and easy to grab in case you need to evacuate.
- Have a plan: where will you go, how will you communicate with family, and what will you need to take with you?



For more information on emergency preparedness contact the [Red Cross](http://www.redcross.org) at (303) 722-7474, or the [Boulder County Office of Emergency Management](http://www.bouldercountyem.com) at (303) 441-3390.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

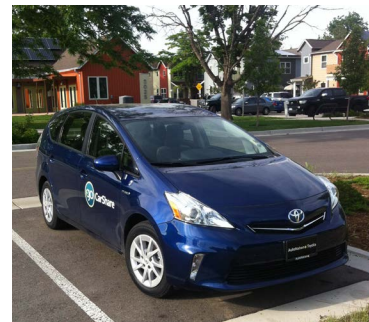
PARTNERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Three times a year Boulder Housing Partners recognizes and shares the important work being done by individuals, businesses, and agencies that support affordable housing and who are engaged in community efforts that exemplify partnerships. This past March we acknowledged the following BHP partners:

- Non-Profit Partner: Margie Rotkin, Director of the Special Needs Organization, for her work with BHP residents experiencing financial emergencies;
- Community Partner: Presbyterian Manor, who housed and cared for our Arapahoe Court residents during the 2013 flood;
- Government Partner: Andrew Moore, Chief Information Officer of Boulder Valley School District for his work on the free WiFi program; and
- Non-Profit Partner: Fran Ryan, Impact on Education, for her work on the summer literacy and free WiFi programs.

ECO PASSES/BOULDER B-CYCLE

This year BHP is partnering with [eGo CarShare](http://www.ego.com) and [Boulder B-cycle](http://www.boulderbicycle.com) to reduce the vehicle miles traveled in Boulder and increase alternate transportation options for our residents. Through eGo's innovative "Transportation Toolkit", the residents of Broadway East, Broadway West, Red Oak Park, and West View have already received EcoPasses. A new eGo CarShare, available for public (and resident!) use, has found a home at Red Oak Park – look for the pretty blue Toyota Prius V. More transportation options and information is coming to residents later this summer. We are excited to see what comes next as we continue this partnership with two great community organizations (Hint: Both two- and four-wheeled).



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS (cont'd)

OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEER

Over the past year, Fernando, an eighth grade student at Centennial Middle School and a BHP resident, has participated in a number of volunteer opportunities that have been offered through the Youth Services Initiative. Last summer, Fernando noticed that the basketball court at his housing site needed some repair work, so he took the initiative to recruit other neighborhood youth to help him fix the situation.

YSI SUMMER PROGRAMING

Youth Services Initiative will be offering summer programs to children at Kalmia, Diagonal Court, Manhattan, Madison, Broadway East, Woodlands, and Glen Willow, starting June 16. For more information, please contact Alex Zinga at (303) 413-7217.

SUMMER FUN: UPCOMING FREE ADMISSION DAYS

| Denver Art Museum | Denver Museum of Nature and Science | Denver Botanic Gardens | Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield | Children's Museum (Free 4-8pm) |
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| (720) 865-5000 | (303) 370-6000 | (720) 865-3500 | (720) 865-4336 | (303) 433-7444 |
| Saturday, July 5 Saturday, August 2 Saturday, September 6 | Monday, June 30 Sunday, July 20 Monday, September 8 Monday, September 28 | Monday, August 4 | Tuesday, August 5 | Tuesday, July 1 Tuesday, August 5 Tuesday, September 2 |

BHP NEWS

FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM GRADUATE AWARDED A BHP PARTNERSHIP RECOGNITION AWARD

Christine Bettel joined the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program in May of 2009 and was recently selected to receive BHP's Partnership Recognition Award in honor of the work she has done with BHP and the FSS Program. During her five years in the program, she lived at BHP's Woodlands property and worked with her case manager to set goals and utilize many Boulder resources. We are very proud of her success during this time, including: receipt of her Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate in 2010; receipt of her High School Diploma in 2011; passing of her Citizenship Exam and getting US passports for herself and her daughter in 2013; and graduation from an intensive Dental Assisting program in 2013. She also utilized the BHP escrow program, which establishes an escrow account to help participants save money as their income increases. Christine received money from the account upon graduation from the program and purchased a residence in Boulder. Her hard work and determination helped her to achieve her education and career goals as well as become a community role model.



Christine Bettel with her family

NEW REGIONAL PROPERTY MANAGERS

BHP's Property Management department is evolving and you may see some new managers around your property. Please join us in welcoming Lisa Trujillo, Regional Property Manager NOBO (North Boulder properties), and Maria Ciano, Regional Property Manager SOBO (South Boulder properties). Feel free to call our main office at (720) 564-4610 if you have questions about your Property Management team.



Lisa Trujillo



Maria Ciano

MAINTENANCE



CALL (720) 564-4620 FOR MAINTENANCE

PREPARING FOR THE UPCOMING PEST SEASON

The warmer temperatures, longer days, moisture from spring rains or melting snows and pest mating cycles all contribute to an increase in pest activity. Being proactive and working with BHP Maintenance staff is essential. Some of the most commonly encountered spring pests that could threaten your residence are ants, birds, flies, and rodents. Should you require assistance, you may call BHP Maintenance at (720) 564-4610 x163. We are happy to do a preventive inspection and talk about measures you can take to avoid an infestation.

WATER CONSERVATION

Now that the hot summer months are here, our irrigation sprinkler systems have been turned on and we want to remind you to consider your water use. To do this we need your help to watch for problems with the systems causing water to be wasted. If you see any vandalism or damage the sprinkler heads, or if you notice any areas that look unsafe, please report it immediately. Call maintenance at (720) 564-4620 to place a work order if you identify water leaks or large puddles at your site, leaky faucets or running toilets. On average, leaks can account for 10,000 gallons of water wasted in the home every year. That's enough water to fill a medium sized swimming pool!