



Legislative Session begins Tomorrow

Annapolis is about to get much busier as the 2022
Legislative Session begins at noon tomorrow and runs
through April 11, 2022. Much like last year, Committee
meetings and bill hearings will be virtual (at least for
now), and bill testimony will be accepted via email,
making it much easier for advocates to participate in the
Legislative process. The House and Senate Buildings
are open to the public and you can visit legislators in
person in small groups. MAHC is busy preparing for

UPCOMING EVENTS

LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW

January 14, 2022 12 - 1:30 p.m. Register <u>here</u>.

HOUSING DAY

February 17, 2022 Registration link to come!

ONGOING MEETINGS:

Property Management Committee

Monthly meetings 2nd Wednesdays session and will be seeking a one-time increase in capital budget funding for the Rental Housing Programs as projects continue to get more expensive to build and additional subsidy is needed to continue the current pace of development and keep up with demand for the programs. Join us for our Legislative Preview Event with CDN on Friday at noon to learn more!

Housing Day will be held virtually on February 17, 2022, and registration will open soon, so hold the date. If you want to join the MAHC Legislative Committee and assist in reviewing and taking action on bills that could impact our industry, please contact Miranda. The Committee meets bi-weekly on Mondays at 1pm throughout session.

Renew Your MAHC Membership

MAHC members should have recently received invoices for your membership renewal. Renewing your membership shows your support for the organization and members receive a full year of benefits for unlimited staff in your organization, including attendance at all MAHC networking and educational events. It is vital that we continue to work as a Coalition to advocate as a collective voice for affordable rental housing in Maryland and to ensure that State rental housing funds are protected - and increased- in the upcoming capital budget.

If you aren't a MAHC member yet, it's also a great time to join. If you did not receive an invoice, or have any questions about membership, please contact Miranda.

Thanks to everyone who has already renewed your membership for 2022, we appreciate your support!

DEI Corner

Member Spotlight: Architecture by Design

Next meeting 1/12 @ 12:30 p.m.

Development Committee

Monthly meeting 1st Fridays
Next meeting 2/4 @11:00 a.m.

Construction & Design Committee

Quarterly meetings @10am Next meeting 1/12

Resident Services Committee

Monthly meeting 3rd Thursdays Next meeting 1/20 @10:00 a.m.

Legislative Committee

Meeting biweekly on Mondays Next meeting 1/24 @ 1 p.m.

Contact <u>Miranda</u> to sign up for any Committee call.

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Architecture by Design (ABD) was founded by Judi Miller in September of 2000. Their office is located in Historic Ellicott City. Judi's intent when she founded ABD was to provide practical, cost effective yet aesthetically pleasing residential architecture. That mission has extended to include sustainable and accessible affordable housing throughout the Maryland, Virginia and Delaware areas. The firm prides itself in working alongside its partners in the construction industry to provide the best solutions in an ever-changing world and environment. ABD is certified by MDOT, Howard County, and Baltimore City as a Women Business Enterprise (WBE).

ABD is looking forward to 2022 in the hopes that they can share their vision for the built environment with others, and provide more affordable housing to offset the huge need in and around Maryland.

DEI News

- Smart Growth America's 2022 Equity Summit will be held virtually from Tuesday, Jan. 11 through Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022. Over three days, participants will hear keynotes on equitable development. The full agenda for the summit and registration can be found here.
- Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation recently announced application details for their third Inclusive Ventures Program cohort. The application period is Monday, Jan. 24 through Monday, Jan. 31, 2022, with a start date of Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Learn more here.
- Pronouns are an important part of a person's
 identity, especially for people who are transgender
 or nonbinary. Using someone's correct pronouns
 demonstrates respect and inclusion. You can read
 about best practices around pronouns, such as
 including them in your work email signature, here.
 You can also read this guide to gender identity





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A recent study from the Federal Home Loan
 Mortgage Corporation found that racism in the
 appraisal industry is undervaluing the homes of
 Black and Latino Americans compared to white owned homes. You can learn more here.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

Community Safety Funding Available

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is administering two separate Community Safety Works grant opportunities with a total funding of \$10 million. One application is for community-wide business district improvements and the other is for facility improvements. The deadline for the Business District Improvements application is **Wednesday**, **Feb.**9, 2022, at 5 p.m. The deadline for the Facility Improvement application is **Monday**, Jan. 31, 2022, at 5 p.m. The portal may be closed earlier if and when applications exceed the total funding available.

Learn more <u>here</u>.

MEMBER NEWS

Harkins Announces New President

Harkins has announced the promotion of Ben Nichols, who has been with the company since 2016, to President. Congratulations, Ben!

You can read more about this announcement <u>here</u>.

INDUSTRYNEWS

AHTCC 2022 Annual Meeting

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PNC Bank

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Victory Housing

Wells Fargo

Join AHTCC members and affordable housing stakeholders in Austin, Texas, for the AHTCC's 2022 Annual Meeting from **Wednesday**, **Jan. 26**, through **Thursday**, **Jan. 27**, **2022**. Attendees will benefit from educational sessions on the most pressing issues facing Housing Credit, remarks from special guess, and networking opportunities.

Learn more and register here.

Nominations Open for Maryland Preservation

Awards The Maryland Historical Trust has begun accepting nominations for the 2022 Maryland Preservation Awards, the highest level of recognition for historic preservation, heritage education, and community development projects in Maryland. Submission deadline is Friday, Feb. 4, 2022.

Read the nomination guidelines <u>here</u>, and submit a nomination <u>here</u>.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT MARYLAND DHCD

Governor Hogan Announces Awardees for State Revitalization Program

Governor Hogan recently announced new awardees for six state revitalization programs administered by DHCD. Nearly \$63 million was awarded to 214 projects. The six programs are the Strategic Demolition Fund, Project C.O.R.E., Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative, National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund, Community Legacy, and Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund.

You can read more about the awards here.

More Than \$7 Million in Community Development Block Grant Awards Announced

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> Dakota Partners PIRHL

DHCD has announced that \$7 million will be awarded through the Community Development Block Grant program. The funding will support 17 projects in 11 counties, including improvements to infrastructure and community facilities and programs serving seniors, persons with disabilities, and low- to moderate-income individuals.

Find out more here.

Maryland Launches \$248 Million Homeowner Assistance Fund

Governor Hogan recently announced the launch of the Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund. Through this initiative, DHCD will receive \$248 million in federal funding over three years to support mortgage relief, home repairs, housing counseling, and legal services.

Learn more here.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Towne Courts, Annapolis, MD

PIRHL and Housing Initiative Partnership partnered to develop Towne Courts, a 42-unit stacked townhome development, which just opened. The project is located three miles east of historic downtown Annapolis and within close proximity to transportation and many amenities and employment opportunities. The mixed-income workforce housing development will offer a mix of one-, two-, and three-bedroom units. Amenities include in-unit washers and dryers, on-site management, and a community building, which will feature a large community room, fitness room, business center, resident services office, and on-site leasing offices. The property is managed by Habitat America.



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