2019 Legislative Session & Housing Day

Join us in Annapolis for Housing Day on February 14, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. to help build support for the Rental Housing Works (RHW) Program. We need to fill the room and show our legislators that this is an important program that needs their support. Every year RHW brings jobs and affordable housing to Maryland, but it can’t work effectively without adequate funding. That’s why we will be urging

UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 Market Outlook
23 January 2019, 2 - 4 PM
Bozzuto Group Headquarters, 6406 Ivy Lane, Greenbelt, MD, 20770
Register here.

2019 Housing Day
14 February 2019, 8 AM - 12 PM
legislators to devote $25 million to the program and fully fund other key rental housing programs in 2020, so plan to join us for Housing Day!

The 2019 Legislative Session kicked off on January 9, 2019 and there are a lot of new faces in Annapolis this year! Learn about the freshman class of the Maryland General Assembly and key legislators before Housing Day, and join us to meet some of our new elected officials at our delegation meetings after the program.

Housing Day is open to all housing advocates and free registration is available here.

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Governor Hogan Announces Opportunity Zone Initiatives

On January 3, 2019, Governor Larry Hogan announced an expansion of the Maryland Opportunity Zone program. $56.5 million will be dedicated to the program with the hopes of attracting new businesses, development and investment in the state’s workforce.

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will make several funding sources available to support projects in Opportunity Zones, including $20 million for the RHW Program for the construction and renovation of affordable housing, $8 million for small business lending through the Neighborhood BusinessWorks program and $3.5 million for the statewide Strategic Demolition Fund to support site acquisition, demolition of derelict buildings and redevelopment to spur economic and community revitalization.

DHCD has also developed a new online resource, the Maryland Opportunity Zone Information Exchange, designed to attract capital to projects and businesses. The Exchange will serve as a virtual meeting place for investors, fund managers, property developers, new or expanding businesses and local stakeholders.

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Join Us: 2019 Market Outlook

On January 23, 2019, join us at Bozzuto Headquarters in Greenbelt, MD from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. to discuss what Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) investment trends mean for you in the new year! Our panel will discuss development...
and investment trends and expectations for 2019 as well as how developers can take advantage of opportunity zones and the new income averaging provisions. Panelists include:

- Kimmel Cameron, Hudson Capital
- Brian Lopez, Osprey Property Company
- Kristen Musallam, MD CDA Bond Finance
- Corine Sheridan, Boston Capital
- Steve Smith, Sun Trust

More information and registration is available here.

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Renew Your MAHC Membership

MAHC members should have received invoices for your 2019 membership renewal by email in December. 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. 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 2019, we appreciate your support!

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MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Pat Sylvester on her Retirement!

Pat Sylvester recently retired after 32 years of service to the State where she worked at both the Maryland Department of Disabilities and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. Thank you for your service Pat!

Opportunity 360 Training Coming Soon

Join Enterprise Community Partners on January 31, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. for a training on Opportunity 360, a website hosted by Enterprise that offers a 360-degree view and opportunity measurements of any neighborhood, including options for affordable housing and education; access to jobs; transportation and healthy food; safe, green spaces for kids to play – even the quality of the air you breathe. The training will provide an overview of the website from 9:30 to 10:30...
a.m. and a deep dive into the newly revised community engagement portion of the site from 10:30 to 11:30 p.m. The training will be held at the Enterprise Homes office at 875 Hollins Street, Suite 202, Baltimore, MD 21201.

For more information, please email Tina Hike-Hubbard.

Community Development Day in Annapolis on February 7, 2019

Join the Community Development Network of Maryland (CDN) on February 7, 2019, for Community Development Day in Annapolis. CDN is urging legislators to provide resources to the Community Development Fund and pass their full legislative agenda.

More information and registration is available here.

INDUSTRY NEWS

New Report on Healthy Building Materials

The National Resource Defense Council recently released a report on healthy building materials, which provides useful research and recommendations to low-income housing practitioners. This ground-breaking report, Making Affordable Multifamily Housing More Energy Efficient: A Guide to Healthier Upgrade Materials, is designed for those deciding what products to use in the energy-efficient upgrade process.

Read the full report here.

WHAT’S GOING ON AT MARYLAND DHCD

DHCD welcomed Patrick Gill as a new member of the Multifamily Team, where he will oversee compliance of properties in the LIHTC portfolio. Pat has a background in the legal and real estate development industries, and joined DHCD earlier this month. Pat will be visiting all of the MAHC Property Management members as part of his introduction to working at DHCD. He can be reached by email at patrick.gill@maryland.gov or by phone at 301-429-7601.
Heritage Overlook Apartments, Glen Burnie, MD

The redevelopment of Heritage Overlook, the second and final phase of the redevelopment of the former Burwood Gardens public housing project, was recently completed, adding an additional 100 affordable apartments to the Woodcrest neighborhood in Glen Burnie. Heritage Overlook is made up of garden apartments, “stacked” flats and townhouses with 15 percent of the units accessible for persons with disabilities. The community also has a 5,000 square foot community building with a multi-purpose room, fitness room, computer room, mail room, management and leasing offices and maintenance space, as well as a Boys & Girls Club. All apartments are certified under the National Green Building Standard and Energy Star for New Homes.

Heritage Overlook was developed by the Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County and Pennrose Properties, LLC; the architect was MarksThomas/Moseley Architects; the contractor was Harkins Builders; and the sustainability consultant was Pando Alliance.