



Monthly Performance Report

Minneapolis Public Housing Authority
Board of Commissioners
For the month ending July 31, 2018

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Highlights



The **HCV Impact Award Winner** for July is **Caitlin Hunstock-Jansson**, for positive and productive engagement with all participants. Caitlin has extensive knowledge of housing issues and she is committed to helping mobility participants and others find housing that will be a good fit for them. She also is a valued team member in HCV who helps organize positive staff activities.

MPHA held two meetings with residents of the **Elliot Twins** highrises to inform them of MPHA's intent to apply for HUD's **Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD)** program in August. Both meetings were well-attended. MPHA staff received comments and answered questions from residents and other community members.

Rachel Almburg recently joined MPHA as a Research Fellow. Rachel is a graduate student in Sociology at Illinois State University. MPHA was selected to host her Fellowship through the Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development. Rachel will be working with our Research and Analytics team for the next 11 months.

This week, MPHA held our annual **Moving To Work (MTW) Informational Meetings**. These two meetings serve to inform public housing residents and community members what MPHA plans to do for the next year, and introduces our draft 2019 MTW plan.

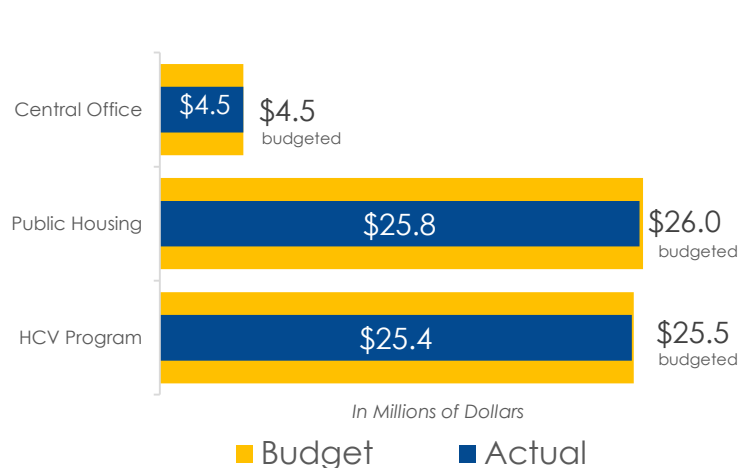
MPHA was named the **2018 Step Up Employer of the Year**. Step Up is a City of Minneapolis program which provides internship experiences for high school students. This year, MPHA hosted 13 young people who made great contributions to our work. Since MPHA started participating in Step Up, we have hosted 173 student interns.

Operating Sources and Uses MTW Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program

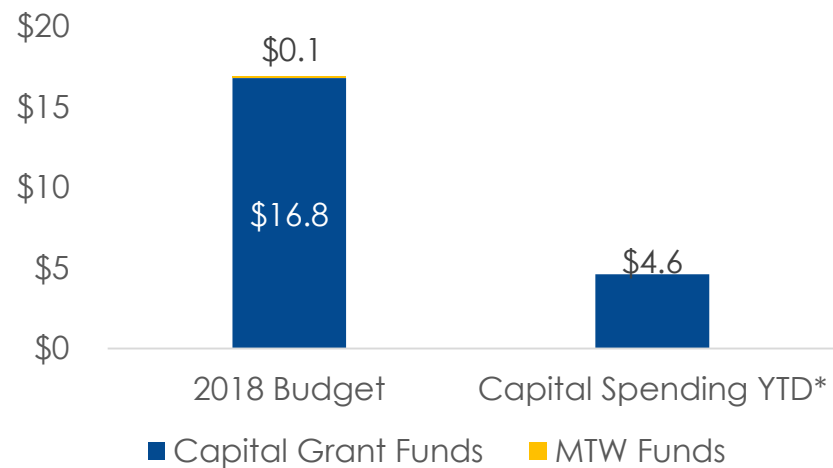
Sources	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance	Variance %
Tenant Revenue -Rents & Other	\$ 12,188,225	\$ 12,170,732	\$ (17,493)	0%
Public Housing Operating Subsidy	\$ 11,761,337	\$ 11,720,043	\$ (41,294)	0%
HCV HAP Subsidy & Admin Fees	\$ 25,236,366	\$ 25,021,943	\$ (214,423)	-1%
Other Revenues, Fees, & Grants	\$ 1,381,810	\$ 1,333,099	\$ (48,711)	-4%
Transfers-In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
Total Sources	\$ 50,567,738	\$ 50,245,817	\$ (321,921)	-1%
Uses				
Public Housing Operations	\$ 25,952,634	\$ 25,773,988	\$ 178,646	1%
Housing Choice Vouchers	\$ 25,514,613	\$ 25,421,313	\$ 93,300	0%
MTW Initiatives	\$ 216,825	\$ 105,073	\$ 111,752	52%
Total Uses	\$ 51,684,072	\$ 51,300,374	\$ 383,698	1%
Net Sources/(Uses)	\$ (1,116,334)	\$ (1,054,557)	\$ 61,777	6%

*Some costs planned to be charged to MTW activities are being charged to the Central Office based on asset management guidance.

Year to Date (YTD) Expenses



Capital Improvement

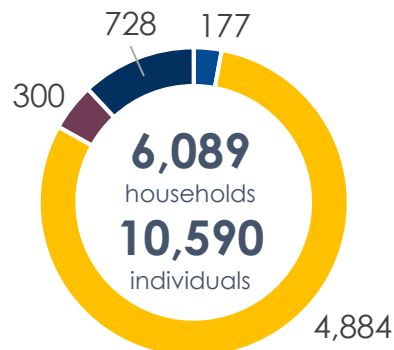


*An additional \$10.3 million is under obligation for capital projects YTD

Public Housing Programs



Occupied Units

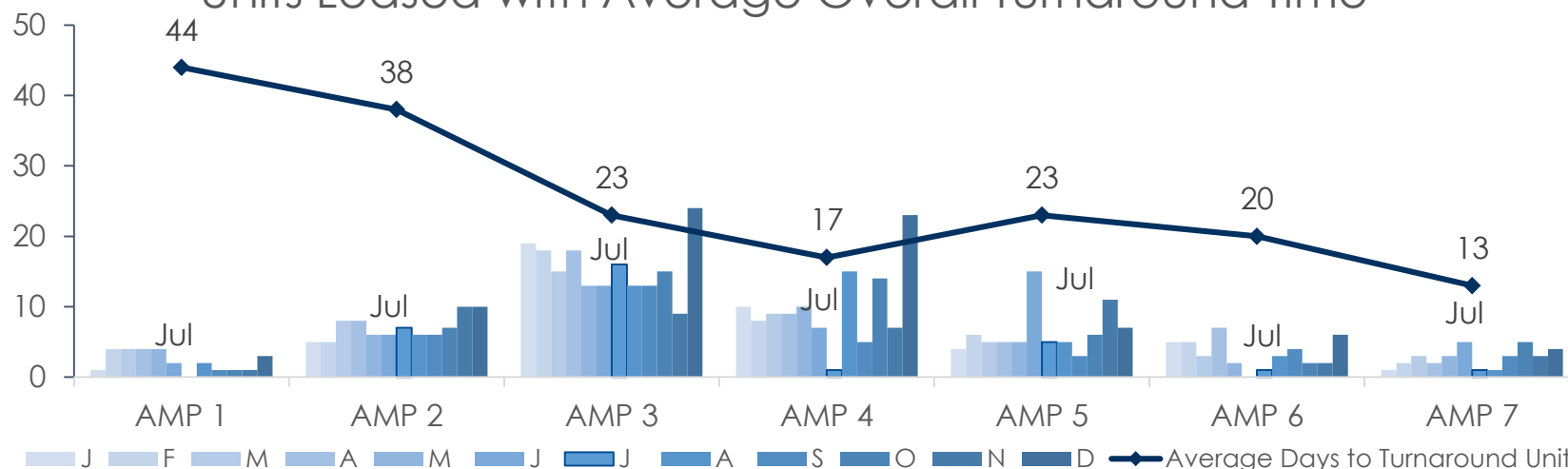


31
new units leased during month

99.6%
occupancy

■ Glendale ■ Highrise ■ MHOP* ■ Scattered Sites
*Metropolitan Housing Opportunities Program
(Hollman consent decree units owned and operated by third-parties)

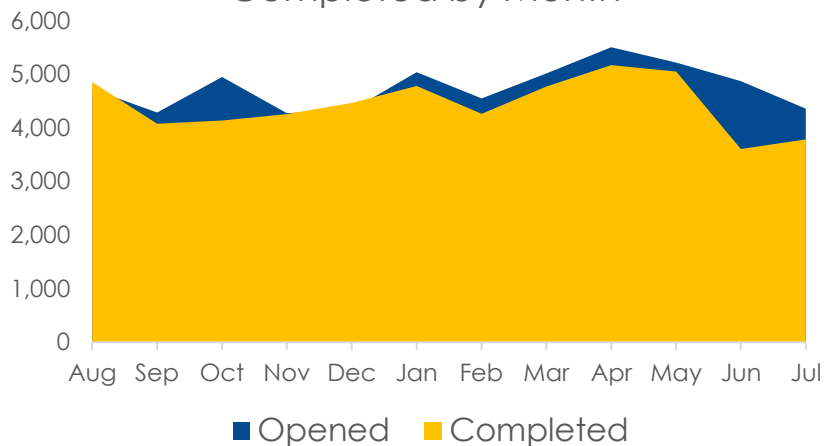
Units Leased with Average Overall Turnaround Time*



Public Housing Programs

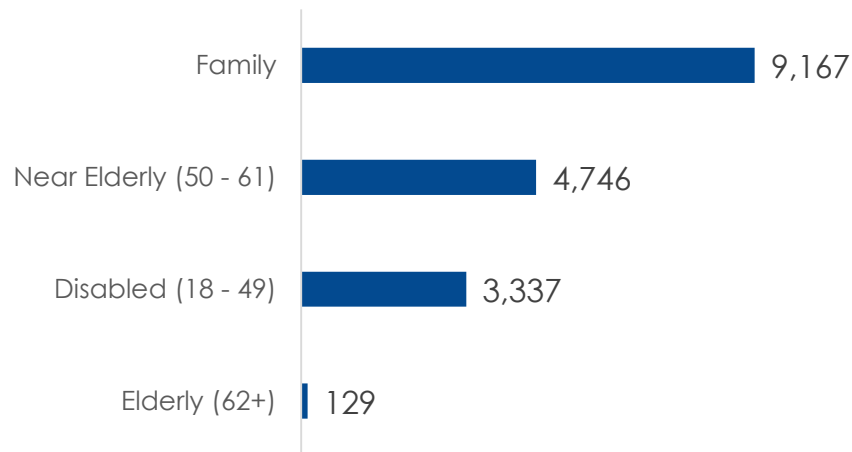


Work Orders Opened and Completed by Month



Open Work Orders going into July 2018	Work Orders Opened during July 2018	Work Orders Completed during July 2018	Net Open Work Orders
5,925	4,356	3,786	6,495

Applicants on Waiting List

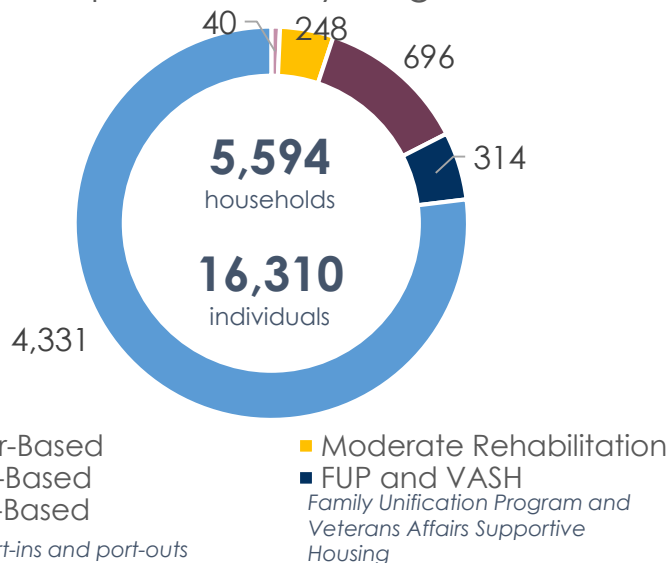


Goal	Total Completed May 2018	% Completed within Goal	Average Days Open
Emergency: 24 Hours	44	100%	0
Urgent: 1 Day	796	85%	7
After Hours Non-Emergency: 2 Days	4	100%	0
Important: 3 Days	961	72%	15
Routine: 10 Days	1921	73%	20
Non-Routine: 20 Days	60	63%	37

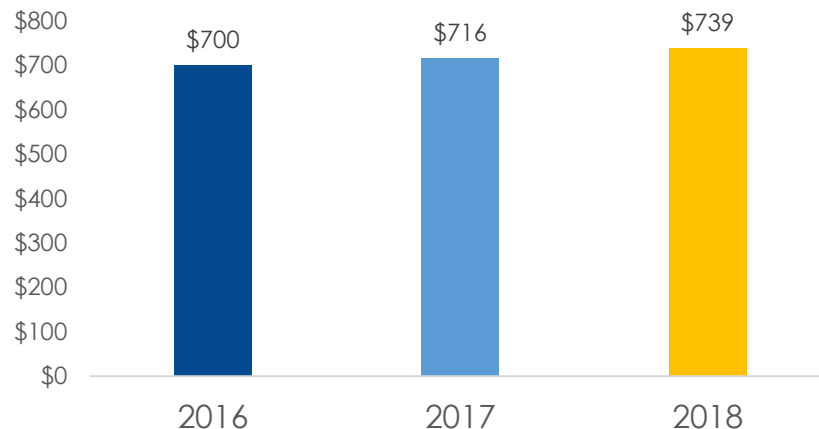
Housing Choice Voucher Programs



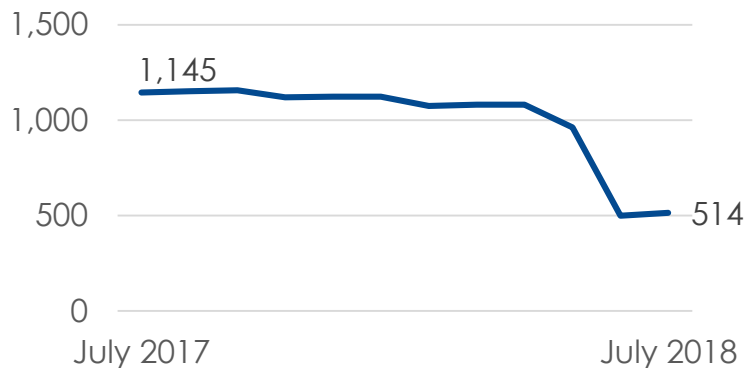
People Served by Program*



Average Housing Assistance Payment per Unit, Year to Date

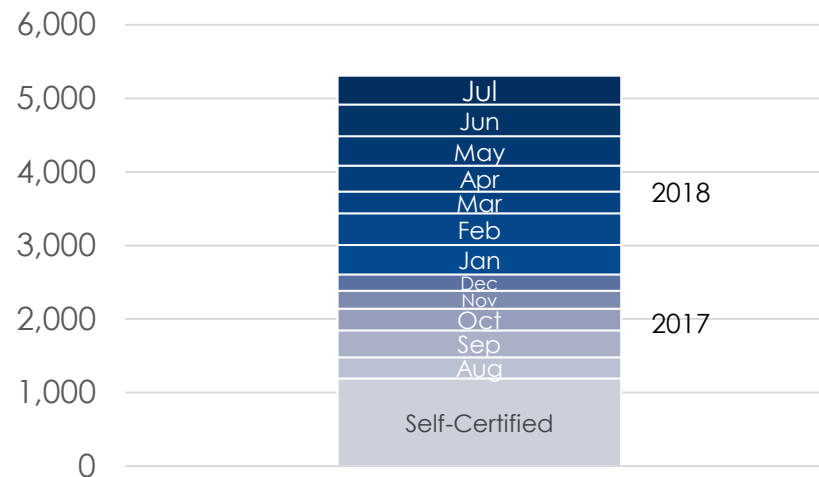


Applicants on Waiting List



HCV staff are currently attempting to contact all waiting list applicants. Those who do not respond are inactivated but will be reactivated if they respond within one year.

Annual Inspections Conducted



Building Improvement Projects - Active

ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	STATUS
2121 Minnehaha Ave	Plumbing & fire alarm system replacement	Planning
1515 Park Ave S	Plumbing & shower replacement	Planning
1001 Washington	First floor lobby/security upgrades	Planning
3755 Snelling Ave	Roof replacement	Materials ordered
Glendale Headstart Facility	Roof replacement	Materials ordered
Horn Towers, 314 Hennepin, 1717 Washington, Hiawatha Towers, Elliot Twins, 630 Cedar	Fire alarm system replacement	Materials ordered
314 Hennepin, 1710 Plymouth, 1206 2 nd St NE	Elevator modernization	Materials ordered
Scattered Sites – various sites	2018 improvements: Roof & garage replacement	In progress
Cedars Community	Site security upgrades	In progress
314 Hennepin Ave	Site security upgrades	In progress
3205 E 37 th St & 3755 Snelling Ave	Plumbing, showers, fire alarm system replacement; HVAC upgrades; apartment improvements	In progress
1314 44 th , 600 18 th , 3116 Oliver, 2415 N 3 rd , 710 2 nd , 616 Washington; 1900 3 rd , 809 Spring, 1710 Plymouth	Fire alarm system replacement	In progress
2728 E Franklin Ave	Plumbing, showers, fire alarm system replacement; HVAC upgrades; apartment improvements	In progress
Urban Gardens	Unit improvements	In progress
1627 S 6 th St	Plumbing, fire alarm system replacement; HVAC upgrades, apartment improvements	In progress

Development Projects - Active

ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	STATUS
Minnehaha Townhomes	16-unit new construction	In progress

Minneapolis Public Housing Authority considers overhaul of 6,000 public housing units

Minneapolis agency looks at private investment.

By [Mukhtar M. Ibrahim](#) Star Tribune

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GLEN STUBBE — STAR TRIBUNE

Greg Russ, the director of the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority, said he hopes to replicate success he experienced leading the agency in Cambridge, Mass.

To save public housing in Minneapolis, city housing leaders say it must go private.

The landlord for more than 10,000 people, the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority wants to transfer its aging high-rises and townhouses to a nonprofit subsidiary. It believes the move will enable it to find alternative ways of paying for overdue repairs.

The executive director of the housing authority, Greg Russ, hopes it will be the biggest overhaul of public housing in the city's history. St. Paul's housing authority is pursuing the same goal.

Public housing managers will have to overcome resistance from residents, many of whom fear that privatization means they will be evicted from their homes. In recent years, the Minneapolis authority backed off its plan to renovate the Glendale housing complex under the program after residents organized to oppose it.

As public housing agencies across the nation face federal funding instability, many of them have turned to private funding for the redevelopment of their housing units. A federal program called Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD), created by Congress in 2012, allows housing authorities to attract private investors, who will qualify for tax credits in exchange for providing the cash needed to build new subsidized housing units.

RAD is not available under traditional public housing systems, which need billions of dollars of maintenance to keep them habitable.

Minneapolis Public Housing

Public Housing: Landlord for more than 6,000 families, or about 10,500 people, in 42 high-rise buildings, 736 single-family homes and duplexes, 184 townhouses.

Section 8: Provides housing vouchers for private rental housing for 5,000 families.

Demographics: 87 percent of residents are people of color, 40 percent are disabled and 37 percent are seniors.

Eligibility for housing assistance: Families qualify as low income if they earn less than 30 percent of the area median income, or about \$28,300 for a family of four. These families contribute 30 percent of their income toward rent.

Waiting list for housing assistance: More than 17,000 people.

Source: Minneapolis Public Housing Authority

In May, the board of the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority approved a plan to shift its units to project-based Section 8 housing, which sets rents at 30 percent of tenants' annual income and provides a subsidy to pay the landlord the difference. Before it launches any renovation project, the agency is required to hold extensive resident consultations and public hearings, which are scheduled in early August. It also needs approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

"We are trying to raise enough money to reinvest in these units without changing the underlying program structure for the residents," Russ said. "It's exciting to start something, and I'm hoping that we can set in place a good foundation to drive preservation forward for the rest of all this stock."

The St. Paul Public Housing Agency has applied to convert 90 percent of its 4,274 housing units under the program. The agency said it will get more predictable and reliable federal funding over 20 years, with an option to borrow private money in the future. Agency officials said they won't do major rehabilitation to its housing stock.

"Other housing authorities aren't in the same position that we are," said Angela Holm, the agency's assistant controller and RAD coordinator. "Other housing authorities don't have the

reserve that we do. Their properties are in much worse condition than us. We really prided ourselves since inception to take the best care that we can of the property we have.”

Russ said decades of federal underinvestment in public housing is leading to untenable living conditions as housing units deteriorate. In 2018, the agency received \$14 million in capital funding from HUD, just over a tenth of what the housing authority says it needs to maintain its public housing. That maintenance need is expected to exceed \$500 million in the next 20 years, according to data from the agency.

“Over time, without the ability to put capital in these buildings, they will reach a point where it may be difficult for us to continue to occupy them,” Russ said.

Russ, who faced a similar scenario in his previous role as the director of Cambridge (Mass.) Housing Authority, said he knows how to fix the problem: Rebuild the city’s 6,000 public housing units, one at a time.

The first major public housing units to be renovated under the RAD program will be the Elliot Twins, a pair of high-rises near downtown Minneapolis that are among the agency’s oldest buildings. To avoid displacing hundreds of residents at once, the agency will renovate the units in phases, while relocating residents to other public housing units or giving them vouchers to rent in the private market.

In the first phase of the project, which is expected to start in 2019, the agency will also rebuild some of its single-family and duplex homes scattered across the city. In about 15 years, agency officials say they will rehabilitate all housing units.

“There’s fear in town that there are developers waiting in the wings to swoop up public housing,” Russ said. “We are not in the business of selling public housing units to private developers.”

This is not the first time the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority has attempted to overhaul its units. In 2016, the agency retreated from redeveloping the Glendale Townhomes using RAD after it faced a visceral opposition from a group of tenants who call themselves Defend Glendale.

The tenants, who have long opposed demolition in favor of improvements to the 64-year-old townhouses in south Minneapolis, said that the RAD program will give private developers the license to buy or lease public housing.

“We believe that the low-income tax credit will create paths to the destruction of public housing, displace residents, push families out of Minneapolis, and totally gentrify this city,” the group said in a May 2017 e-mail to MPHA.

Eric Hauge, executive director of the tenant advocacy group HOME Line, said the agency has lost some trust among residents when the RAD process started a few years ago.

“It’s understandable for people to be fearful and not trusting of a government agency,” he said. “People should not have to be put in a position where they are fearing their home is going to be privatized and no longer affordable.”

Mary McGovern, president of the residents’ council at the Elliot Twins, said many residents don’t fully understand the Rental Assistance Demonstration program. The scheduled community

meetings in August, she said, will help explain the conversion process, which sometimes “goes over people’s heads.”

“The biggest fear is that they are going to lose their apartments,” said McGovern, who supports Russ’ vision. “Nobody has to worry about losing their homes.”

In the fall, Russ plans to take a group of public housing residents and board members to Cambridge, Mass., to show how the privatization program has worked there.

Michael Johnston, executive director of Cambridge Housing Authority, said the redevelopment of the agency’s housing stock, which began under Russ, has not displaced residents and the rent stayed the same.

But residents were skeptical when the process started. “It’s scary,” Johnston said. “It’s not public housing anymore.”

'Stable Homes, Stable Schools' Would House 650 Homeless Youth Over Next 3 Years

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Endy, a mother staying at People Serving People

As many as 8.5 percent of school-aged children in Minneapolis are homeless, according to the city. The family shelter People Serving People housed more than 100 of those children Monday night.

Endy, a single mother staying at the shelter, has a 15-year-old son named Eric. He is one of the hundreds of Minneapolis children living without a place to call home.

"I moved here in 2011 because of the school system," said Endy. Eric was just 9 years old when their bus from Chicago dropped them off in Minneapolis. "It had gotten pretty rough and I didn't want to lose my son to gun violence in the schools."

Endy and Eric have struggled with homelessness ever since.

She's repeatedly tried affordable housing but says it's never been in an area close enough to transportation or her son's school.

She remembers a time when Eric would miss his two first classes for weeks at a time while waiting on a city bus to get to his school.

"It's not just Eric," said Endy. "It was many families."

"The number one greatest indicator of success in school is housing stability," said Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey.

On Wednesday, Frey will announce a pilot program that would ultimately house 650 pre-K through eighth-grade homeless students.

"What we're going to do is find housing within hopefully about a half-mile radius of their community school and make sure that these families are housed for the long haul," he said.

It's called the "Stable Homes, Stable Schools" initiative.

The city will partner with the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority and Minneapolis Public Schools to match families in need with apartments.

Families will pay 30 percent of the rent. The city picks up the rest with the \$3.3 million that's currently set aside for the program in the mayor's 2019 budget.

"We wanted to look at the affordable housing and homelessness crisis from a different vantage point," said Frey.

This three-year pilot program shifts the affordable housing focus from buildings to people.

"I want him to be able to go to school and know that he'll be at that school for the next three years," said Endy of her son. "That's what I want. That's what I would love more than anything." Endy's son Eric will enter his sophomore year of high school in the fall but he doesn't yet know where he'll be going to school.

Eric is too old to qualify for this pilot program as right now it only extends to eighth grade.

However, the mayor's office plans to work to extend Stable Homes, Stable Schools all the way through high school if the three-year pilot is a success.

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VOTE! In the August 14 Primary Election



Residents at the July 19 MHRC Board meeting discussed the importance of voting in the August 14 Primary Election. The Primary Election is the way the two major political parties narrow down the list of candidates, leaving just one candidate from each party to face off in the November 7 General Election. This year Minnesota voters will be electing two U.S. senators, U.S representatives, a governor and lieutenant governor, attorney general, state auditor and, in Minneapolis, county commissioners, a sheriff and school board members.

MHRC Board members Tamir Mohamud (photo: top, right) and Mattie Henderson (photo: bottom, right) shared their reasons for voting, stating that elected officials make important funding decisions about housing, transportation, healthcare and more. Henderson said "Many have fought and died for our right to vote." A couple of tips for learning more about the candidates are to attend and listen to candidate debates and to check out their websites. Go to mnvotes.org for more info. Also check out page two for voting information and to see a sample ballot.

MPHA moves forward with first RAD application



MPHA Executive Director Greg Russ (standing) discusses MPHA's RAD conversion plans at the July 19 MHRC board meeting held at 1015 4th Ave. N.

Federal support for maintaining and creating new public housing has been shrinking to the point where, according to HUD, there is now a \$26 Billion backlog in repairs, nationwide (\$140 million in Minneapolis alone, according to MPHA). One way housing authorities are increasing funding for preservation and expansion of their public housing buildings is through a federal program called Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD). RAD allows PHAs to convert a public housing property's HUD funding to either a Section 8 project-based voucher (PBV) or to Section 8 project-based rental assistance (PBRA). The conversion allows PHAs to access money (through increased subsidy and other public and private means) to repair and improve their properties.

MPHA is planning to submit its first RAD application for the Elliot Twins and has sent residents there a notice informing them of two informational meetings to learn about and discuss MPHA plans. With most remodeling projects under RAD conversions (like

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VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 14!

Choose the candidates you want to send on to the November 7 general election! These are the folks running for federal, state and local offices who will decide how much money is spent on housing, transportation, healthcare and more. It is critical that highrise residents show up for the primary election to make their voices heard! The sample ballot, to the right, shows the positions and who's running. On the front of the ballot (the partisan ballot) you will vote in either the Republican party or Democratic-Farmer-Labor party column, picking your choice for each office. On the back of the ballot (the non partisan ballot, not shown) you will vote for county and school board offices. You can vote from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day This is where you will vote August 14:

BUILDING	POLLING PLACE
1314 44 th Ave. N.	1314 44 th Ave. N.
3116 Oliver Ave. N.	N. Regional Library 1315 Lowry
2415 3 rd Street N., 315 Lowry Ave. N	Farview Recreation Center 621 29 th Ave. N
350 Van White Memorial Blvd., 901 4th Ave. N, 800 5th Ave. N	Heritage Commons 350 Van White Memorial Blvd.
1710 Plymouth Ave. N.	North Commons Park 1801 James Ave. N
600 18 th Ave. N.	Franklin Middle School 1501 Aldrich Ave. N
314 Hennepin Ave.	Minneapolis Central Library 300 Nicollet Mall
1815 Central Ave. NE	1815 Central Ave. NE
809 Spring St. NE, 828 Spring St. NE	Spring Manor 828 Spring St. NE
616 Washington St. NE, 710 2nd St. NE, 311 University St. NE	Webster Elementary School 425 5th St NE
1206 2 nd St. NE, 1900 3rd St. NE	East Side Neighborhood Ser- vices, 1700 2 nd Street NE
1717 Washington St. NE	1717 Washington St. NE
2121 Minnehaha Ave.	Heltzer Manor Highrise 2121 Minnehaha Ave. S
3205 E. 37 th St., 3755 Snelling Ave. S.	Longfellow Park 3435 36 th Ave S
620 Cedar Ave. S., 630 Cedar Ave. S., 1611 S. 6th St., 1627 S. 6th St.	Coyle Community Center 420 15 th Ave. S
2728 E. Franklin Ave.	Seward Towers East 2910 Franklin Avenue E
1212 S. 9 th St., 1225 S. 8th St, 1515 Park Ave. S.	Elliot Recreation Center 1000 14 th Street E
1415 E. 22 nd St., 1700 E. 22nd St., 2019 16th Ave. S. 2121 16th Ave. S.	Phillips Community Center 2323 11th Ave. S.
1707 3 rd Ave. S., 1920 4th Ave. S	Minnesota Church Center 122 Franklin Ave. W
2533 1 st Ave. S.	Minneapolis College of Art & Design, 2501 Stevens Ave. S.
2419 / 2433 5 th Ave. S.	Ebenezer Towers 2523 Portland Ave. S.
115 W. 31 st St., 3110 Blaisdell Ave. S, 3121 Pills- bury Ave. S.	Horn Towers Highrise 3121 Pillsbury Ave. S

THIS IS WHAT YOUR BALLOT WILL LOOK LIKE

(except the state representative, county and school board positions will vary, depending on where you live)

Official Ballot

Judge _____ Judge _____

State Partisan Primary Ballot

Hennepin County, Minnesota

August 14, 2018

Instructions to Voters:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●

This ballot card contains a partisan ballot and a nonpartisan ballot. On the partisan ballot you are permitted to vote for candidates of one political party only.

Republican Party

Federal Offices

U.S. Senator

For term expiring January 3, 2025

Vote for One

☐ Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente

January 3, 2025

☐ Rae Hart Anderson

January 3, 2025

☐ Jim Newberger

January 3, 2025

☐ Merrill Anderson

January 3, 2025

U.S. Senator

Special Election for term expiring

January 3, 2021

Vote for One

☐ Bob Anderson

January 3, 2021

☐ Karin Housley

January 3, 2021

☐ Nikolay Nikolayevich Bey

January 3, 2021

U.S. Representative

District 5

Vote for One

☐ Christopher Chamberlin

☐ Bob "Again" Carney Jr.

☐ Jennifer Zielinski

State Offices

State Representative

District 62A

Vote for One

☐ Bruce Lundeen

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

Vote for One Team

☐ Jeff Johnson and Donna Bergstrom

☐ Tim Pawlenty and Michelle Fischbach

☐ Mathew (Matt) Kruse and Theresa Loeffler

Attorney General

Vote for One

☐ Robert Lessard

☐ Sharon Anderson

☐ Doug Wardlow

Do not vote for candidates of more than one party.

(County and school district offices on the back of ballot —not shown here.)

Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

Federal Offices

U.S. Senator

For term expiring January 3, 2025

Vote for One

☐ Stephen A. Emery

January 3, 2025

☐ Amy Klobuchar

January 3, 2025

☐ David Robert Groves

January 3, 2025

☐ Leonard J. Richards

January 3, 2025

☐ Steve Carlson

January 3, 2025

U.S. Senator

Special Election for term expiring

January 3, 2021

Vote for One

☐ Ali Chehem Ali

January 3, 2021

☐ Christopher Lovell Seymore Sr.

January 3, 2021

☐ Gregg A. Iverson

January 3, 2021

☐ Tina Smith

January 3, 2021

☐ Nick Leonard

January 3, 2021

☐ Richard W. Painter

January 3, 2021

U.S. Representative

District 5

Vote for One

☐ Ilhan Omar

☐ Jamal Abdi Abdulahi

☐ Bobby Joe Champion

☐ Frank Nelson Drake

☐ Patricia Torres Ray

☐ Margaret Anderson Kelliher

State Offices

State Representative

District 62A

Vote for One

☐ Hodan Hassan

☐ Osman Ahmed

☐ Margarita Ortega

☐ Omar M. Fateh

☐ Jen Kader

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

Vote for One Team

☐ Lori Swanson and Rick Nolan

☐ Tim Walz and Peggy Flanagan

☐ Tim Holden and James P. Mellin II

☐ Olé Savior and Chris Edman

☐ Erin Murphy and Erin Maye-Quade

Attorney General

Vote for One

☐ Debra Hilstrom

☐ Matt Pelikan

☐ Tom Foley

☐ Keith Ellison

☐ Mike Rothman

IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY REGISTERED TO VOTE, DON'T WORRY! YOU CAN REGISTER ON ELECTION DAY! BRING ONE PROOF OF RESIDENCE:

- Valid MN drivers license, learner permit or MN ID (or receipt for any of these) OR
- Photo ID plus current rent statement, phone bill, lease, registered voter to vouch for you. Call Secy. of State office for more info: 1-877-600-VOTE



Active Living Update



Elliot Twins resident council president and community garden coordinator Mary McGovern (photo above, second from left) serves food and beverage samples prepared from food grown by residents in the building's community garden. Assisting with these monthly events are University of Minnesota Extension staff, Hennepin County Master Gardener Leslie McKenzie and Mpls. Health Dept. Green-Corps member Phil Longenecker.



Lynway Manor (2415 N. 3rd St.) treasurer Margaret Cariveau and MHRC community organizer Dorothy Shelby (photo above, L-R) discuss the Minneapolis Public Works Department Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan survey. Over 80 highrise residents have completed these surveys which will help the City set priorities for making city streets and sidewalks more accessible.

The Active Living Initiative is supported by the Minneapolis Health Department with funding from the MN Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

RAD continued...

highrise remodeling projects to date), residents remain in their buildings but temporarily move to a different apartment while their apartment is being remodeled. Under RAD, residents have guaranteed protections such as no rent increase (unless a resident is paying a flat rent in which case the new rent would be phased in over a few years) and right-to-return to a building/apartment. Permanent affordability of properties is also protected under RAD conversions, according to HUD.



MHRC Vice President and MPHA Commissioner Tamir Mohamud (right) and other resident leaders discuss RAD and other affordable housing issues at a recent national housing conference in San Francisco

Resident leaders have been involved in creating a set of "guiding principles" which outline these protections and more. They are included in various MPHA documents which discuss future preservation and redevelopment

plans, including MPHA's Strategic Vision and Capital Planning document which can be found on their website—mphonline.org. Residents are strongly encouraged to attend MPHA's August 15 MTW informational meeting to learn more (see page 4).

MHRC trains council treasurers



Newly-elected resident council treasurers participate in an MHRC training to learn many of the skills needed to manage their resident council's finances and complete the reports necessary to keep the funds coming in.

Resident council treasurers have the important task of keeping track of and reporting on resident council funds. Not as easy as one might think considering there are at least three separate funding sources for resident councils (Laundry Project, HUD Resident Participation funds, and vending machines), not to mention quarterly reporting requirements in order to receive most of these funds. In addition, treasurers are expected to write checks and collect receipts for purchases authorized by votes of the resident council and provide monthly reports at each resident council meeting.



National Night Out is August 7!

Hopefully, your resident council has voted to hold a National Night Out block party on August 7 and your planning committee has been at work! This is a time when neighbors across the country join together to show their support for safe communities. Highrises are encouraged to register their events at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno or by calling 311.



23rd Annual Food Drive Competition starts August 7

Residents invited to support their favorite team

The MHRC-sponsored Annual MPHA Food Drive Competition is set to start. Like last year, the race to see who can collect the most food for local food shelves is between MPHA's Asset Management Projects (AMPs). The 1001 Washington team will also collect food, which will be divided evenly among the AMPs. Residents are invited to support their favorite MPHA team and may drop off non-perishable food items with their property manager. The food drive competition is sponsored annually by the Minneapolis Highrise Representative Council and has resulted in many thousands of pounds of food being collected for the Food Group (formerly the Emergency Food Shelf Network.) The winning MPHA team will be announced at the Annual Highrise Celebration.



"Make a Difference" nominations due August 15

The MHRC is requesting nominations for "Make a Difference Awards." Is there a special volunteer in your building who goes "above and beyond" in service to others and are you proud of a particular program or event sponsored by your resident council? Nominate this individual or program to receive a Make a Difference Award. All nominees will be recognized in the *Lowdown* and one individual and one resident council nominee from each of the four Areas will receive a "Make a Difference Award" at the Annual Highrise Celebration in October. **Send in your nominations today!** Contact MHRC to request a form or write or send an email stating what resident council activity or individual resident you are nominating and why you think your nominee should receive a "Make a Difference" Award. Provide as much detail as possible along with your contact info. Nominations are due August 15, so don't delay! Send nominations to MHRC, 1015 4th Ave. N., Suite 203, Mpls., MN 55405 or email: jstumme@mplshighrise.org.

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Attend MPHA's Moving to Work (MTW) informational meeting August 15

All residents are strongly encouraged to attend MPHA's Annual MTW informational meeting (formerly, called Advance meeting) Wednesday, August 15 at 1815 Central Ave. NE to learn about and respond to MPHA's draft Moving to Work (MTW) Plan. A copy of the draft plan has been distributed to all resident councils for review and is also available on MPHA's website: <http://MPHAOnline.org/MTW>.

There are no proposed new MTW initiatives and the usual proposed changes to MPHA's Statement of Policies is left out of the Plan and will be presented later this fall. MPHA will share plans for maintaining and improving their properties at the informational meetings. Residents can choose to attend one of two MTW informational meetings on August 15 at either 1-3 p.m. or 5-7 p.m. A \$10.00 cash transportation stipend will be provided to all residents (except residents of 1815 Central Ave. NE).

Senior Gala 2018

the ROARING TWENTIES

Join us
Friday, August 17, 2018
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



Tickets are \$10.00 in advance, \$15 at the door.

Entertainment provided by:

Ms. Dorothy & The Sky's the Limit

Band featuring vocalist *Billy Newell*.

Food, music, photography and
more!!!



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August events

Tuesday, August 7: National Night Out

Tuesday, August 14: VOTE!! (see page 2)

Wednesday, August 15, 1:00-3:00 p.m. or 5:00-7:00 p.m.: MPHA MTW Informational Meeting at 1815 Central Ave NE (see above)

Friday, August 17, 5:30-8:30 p.m.: Senior Gala (above)

Tuesday, August 21, 1:30 p.m.: MMM Committee meets at 1015 4th Ave. N.

Wednesday, August 22: Resident Advisory Board meets at 1001 Washington Ave. N. at 12:00 p.m.; MPHA Board meets at 1:30 p.m.

Friday, August 24, 9:30 a.m.: Security Advisory Committee meets at 1015 4th Ave. N.

Monday, August 27, 9:30 a.m.: Active Living Advisory Committee meets at 1015 4th Ave. N.