

Weatherization upgrades complete at the Glendale Townhomes

Over the past year, 184 families in 28 buildings at Glendale Townhomes received 25,000 cubic feet of insulation, 30 new furnaces (with repairs of all the rest), lots of weather-stripping, and thorough ventilation upgrades. The more than \$1.5 million investment in energy improvements was made possible through a partnership with Sustainable Resources Center and CenterPoint Energy. Along with early support and encouragement from Council Member Cameron Gordon, thanks to these partners for providing better comfort to residents this winter—and generating energy savings we can use to reinvest in our housing for years to come!



MPHA takes an important step toward a major building modernization

MPHA is working toward an unprecedented upgrade to some of our oldest buildings: The Elliot Twins. Prior to the federal government shutdown, HUD approved MPHA's application to use a federal program for the Elliots called the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD). This would allow MPHA to lock in stable, long-term federal funding, and work with partners to raise millions for needed repairs and improvements. MPHA has begun sitting down with residents to hear their ideas about what works, what doesn't, and what we can make better when we begin renovations in 2020—according to the current timeline. Residents also have received information on their rights, including stable rent and a similar replacement unit while the apartments are modernized. MPHA is excited to work with the community and join the 100,000 public housing units nationwide already preserved using the RAD program.

Apartment updates at Snellings pass the halfway mark

A modernization project at a pair of highrises on Snelling Avenue is now more than halfway done. At the end of last month, residents celebrated the completion of all 28 units at one building and a group of residents returned to a finished "stack" of apartments at the other. The renovations—set to finish in May—include new flooring, sinks, refrigerators, countertops, lighting, bathroom tile and fixtures, and more. Property Manager Sahra Omar-Samatar is happy to see the improvements that were very much needed, "It's a fresh look, fresh start for everyone, and the residents deserve it."

