

Minnehaha Townhomes receive Certificate of Occupancy; ready to house families experiencing homelessness

The beautiful Minnehaha Townhomes have received the Certificate of Occupancy and that means it is nearly time for families to start moving in! To fill the 16 units, Hennepin County has referred families from the homeless shelter system to MPHA. The 2- and 3-bedroom apartments are the first public housing built in Minneapolis since 2010. At a cost of approximately \$5 million, the townhomes were completed with financial contributions from the state, county, city, Federal Home Loan Bank, Otto Bremer Trust, and MPHA. Construction began in the summer of 2018 and was completed last month.



Construction underway for renovations at 1515 Park

Residents recently had a chance to view and give feedback on renovation work that has just begun at 1515 Park Avenue. The highrise was built in 1967 and like many of MPHA's buildings from that period, the plumbing is very much in need of replacement. As part of the extensive work in the bathrooms, MPHA is installing new showers and flooring, as well as an overall fresh coat of paint and deep clean to the rest of the apartment. Many residents said they're looking forward to the updates, which are planned for 165 units through October of this year.

City Council unanimously clears the way for Stable Homes, Stable Schools

MPHA is excited to be moving forward on the Stable Homes, Stable Schools initiative after unanimous approval of the program by the City Council. More than eight percent of Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) students experience homelessness. Together with MPS, the mayor's office, the county, and the Pohlada Family Foundation, we're launching a first-in-the-nation initiative to start connecting our students and their families with stable housing, bringing long-term benefits to children and our communities.

MHRC area meetings celebrate cultural heritage

The Minneapolis Highrise Representative Council recently held their annual cultural celebrations at the area meetings. Residents have the opportunity to learn about and from their neighbors through ethnic dance, storytelling, music, poetry, and delicious multi-cultural treats. This year also featured a lively and colorful special performance of Aztec dance by local group Kalpulli KetzalCoatlucue!

