

Neighborhood UPDATE



JULY 2022

THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF YONKERS

A Letter from Wilson Kimball



It's officially summer...Let's play! In June I attended the Greater Greener national conference in Philadelphia. The conference highlights public open space. This

year we are trying to get the community gardens we heard you wanted. We had a slow start due to COVID and staff retirements, but we think we can get them going in the fall. In the meantime, I would love to start looking at play equipment. Not just any play equipment, fun things for seniors, young people, and kids of all ages. I know that all our sites don't have the room for full play stations, but I think we can be creative and put some fun activity centers for everyone. I was particularly enamored of the xylophone. I can't wait until we get one of those on the properties.

In the meantime, young people from the Groundwork Hudson Valley Green Team will be working on the properties. They will be removing invasive vines and planting ground cover at the Doran townhouses. They will be building an infiltration trench to improve stormwater management at Christopher townhouses. At Reagan they

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MHACY Opens Waiting List for Housing Choice Vouchers

For the first time in more than 10 years, The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers will be opening its waiting list for Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) for affordable housing.

MHACY is seeking to add 3,000 people to its waiting list for affordable housing vouchers. The vouchers are provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and subsidize rental units in market rate buildings for income-qualifying tenants.

The deadline for residents to apply for the list is July 13. A public lottery will be held on August 2 and 3 to draw the names of those who will be eligible to receive vouchers as they become available.

"Housing is key to the vitality of any city. In addition to the thousands of units of new market rate housing that are going up, we have renovated MHACY housing and are now making more affordable housing available through the use of these vouchers in partnership with building owners," said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. "This three-prong approach ensures that we provide a full-spectrum of housing, and renew our commitment to provide safe, affordable housing for working families."

Wilson Kimball, MHACY's President and CEO, said that because the list had been closed for so long, it took years of preparation to update it to make sure that it was current and accurate.

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are not only building an infiltration trench to improve storm water management but also planting a rain garden. At Walsh they will be cleaning the riverbank, replanting the flower berm, and rebuilding the stone raised flower bed.

Walsh has also been the recipient of a beautiful public art installation. MHACY in conjunction with Yonkers Arts commissioned an artist to wrap the windows in a beautiful film that gives the feel of stained glass. It brightens the space and transforms the entrance ways into a warmer, more inviting foyer. We look forward to our ongoing relationship with Yonkers Arts to continue to bring us beautiful art in public spaces.

Stay safe, stay cool and stay engaged.
Happy summer.

Wilson Kimball

President & CEO

Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers



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“Opening the MHACY waiting list has been 10 years in the making. Two years ago, MHACY’s waiting list had an overwhelming number of names. MHACY has spent the last two years updating the list to remove those no longer interested and working with families to find housing. Our partnership with Mayor Spano and the City of Yonkers on several affordable housing issues helped us reach this day. And nothing would have been possible without the support of the Board of Commissioners of MHACY.”

Chairman of the MHACY Board of Commissioners James Landy added, “Opening our waiting list is momentous as it allows people needing rental assistance the chance to find affordable decent housing that has become out of reach for so many. We are very proud to afford Yonkers residents this opportunity.”

Pre-applications for vouchers are being accepted through July 13 at MHACY’s Central Office at 1511 Central Park Avenue and can be mailed there but must be postmarked by July 13th at 11:59 pm. The pre-applications can be found on the MHACY website at mhacy.org. They can also be picked up at the following locations during office hours:

- **MHACY’s Central Office** at 1511 Central Park Avenue
- **Yonkers Riverfront Library** — 1 Larkin Center
- **Yonkers Grinton Will Library** — 1500 Central Park Avenue
- **Westchester Disabled on the Move, Inc.** — 984 North Broadway Suite 400
- **Family Service Society of Yonkers** — 30 South Broadway
- **City of Yonkers Department of Veteran Services** — 120 New Main Street
- **The Office for the Aging** — Peter Chema Center, 435 Riverdale Avenue

Pre applicants must be income eligible. To meet U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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requirements families' incomes must not exceed the following:

Family Size

1 person — \$48,550	5 people — \$74,850
2 people — \$55,450	6 people — \$80,400
3 people — \$62,400	7 people — \$85,950
4 people — \$69,300	8 people — \$91,500

If the applicant has a disability and requires a reasonable accommodation to submit a pre-application, they can call MHACY at **914-517-1184**.

Visit <https://www.mhacy.org/housing-programs/apply-for-housing/> for more information.

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MHACY and Groundwork Hudson Valley Present at CLPHA Conference

MHACY President and CEO Wilson Kimball recently gave a presentation on MHACY's Climate Resiliency Partnership with Groundwork Hudson Valley at the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities' summer conference in Washington D.C.

Kimball and Brigitte Griswold, Executive Director of Groundwork Hudson Valley, attended the conference along with Marsha L. Fudge Secretary of US Department of Housing and Urban Development on June 23 to talk about work that is being done to address flooding and heat islands at MHACY properties. It was part of a larger discussion on redlining and environmental justice.

MHACY recently received a shout out from CLPHA for its work with Groundwork HV. <https://clpha.org/news/2022/earth-day-2022-phases%E2%80%9999-unique-roles-their-communities-drive-environmental-justice-and-racial>

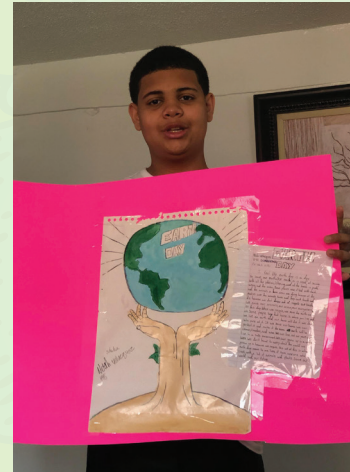


MHACY Raises \$3,000 for Relay for Life

MHACY recently raised \$3,000 for the American Cancer Society at the Relay for Life event June 3rd at Gorton High School in Yonkers. The MHACY team set up a tent and had games for anyone to come play and gave out small prizes for children. Prior to the event, they sold T-Shirts and cookies to raise additional funds. Good job, Team MHACY!



Earth Day Poster Contest Winners



Noah Velazquez, 12-years-old, Palisade Towers



Marcos Portes, 9-years-old, Palisade Towers.

Register Now for the Yonkers Marathon

Register now for the 2022 Yonkers Marathon, Half Marathon, and 5K which take place on Sunday, September 18.



MHACY staff came together to throw MHACY Housing Supervisor Jorge Roman a baby shower this month. We are happy to report the mother and daughter are both happy and healthy. *Congratulations, Jorge!*

