Housing News and Updates

AEROTERRA GRAND OPENING

On December, 12, the Housing Department celebrated the grand opening of the redeveloped Aeroterra Phases II and III mixed-income housing community, formerly known as Frank Luke Addition. A total of 130 energy-efficient units ranging from one to five bedrooms were recently constructed utilizing HUD grant funds and Low Income Housing Tax Credits. Thirty-three units are set as permanent supportive housing for homeless families. A Community Resource Center is set to break ground by January 2017 to serve Aeroterra residents and the surrounding community.

COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

Thanks to a $1.5 million HUD Planning and Action Grant, the Choice Neighborhood Action Teams have started the planning process for revitalization of the Edison Eastlake Community. Planning charrettes and community events will start in the Spring of 2017 and are open to the public.

SECTION 8

More than 27,000 applications were received during the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Wait List opening in August 2016. A computer-generated lottery has since been completed to select 10,000 applicants for pre-screening eligibility.

JOBS FOR RESIDENTS

In January, 2017, the Housing Department will launch its iWORK (Improving Work Opportunities and Resident Knowledge) Center at the City’s Marcos de Niza housing site. A $2 million HUD Jobs Plus Initiative Program grant will help low-income public housing residents secure higher paying jobs.

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

Additionally, a successful pilot project was launched this past summer for landlords wishing to receive housing assistance payments (HAP) through direct deposit rather than by mail. This new system allows more efficient processing of checks for approximately 2,500 Section 8 landlords. A full scale deployment is planned for 2017. Interested? Email Sharron Sauls at sharron.sauls@phoenix.gov.

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Good Things Are Happening In The Phoenix Housing Department!
ANNUAL PLAN UPDATES

It’s that time of year. We’re seeking resident and public input for the City’s 2017/18 Annual Agency Plan and the 2017/18 Capital Fund Plan. Copies of the draft Annual Agency Plan are available for review online or at the Housing Department’s administrative offices, 251 W. Washington St., 4th Floor, and at www.phoenix.gov/housing. The Plans describe the Housing Department’s implementation of its Public Housing and Section 8 Programs, and the plans for capital improvement in Public Housing.

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<td>Emmett McLaughlin Community Training and Education Center</td>
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COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

The Phoenix Housing Department is one of nine housing authorities to be awarded a HUD Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency (ROSS) grant. This $452,000 grant will help low-income public housing youth and their families complete student aid forms so they can attend college or other post-secondary educational institutions.

Contact the Housing Department

MAIN OFFICE
251 W Washington St
Phoenix, AZ 85003
602-262-6794

SECTION 8
830 E Jefferson St
Phoenix, AZ 85034
602-534-1974

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY (FSS)
810 S 7th Avenue #16
Phoenix, AZ 85007
602-495-0781

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)
251 W Washington St
Phoenix, AZ 85003
602-262-6794

Our Customer Service Commitment
Customer service is important to us. Our goal is to always serve our customers in a courteous and professional manner. Participants of our programs who have not received exceptional customer service may complete a form to let us know.

Download the fillable Complaint Form

The City of Phoenix Housing Authority does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or familial status in admission or access to its programs. If you need to request a reasonable accommodation or free language translation services, please call 602-262-6794.

For TTY or other such accommodations please use 7-1-1 Friendly.
Housing Discrimination is against the law

Federal, state and local Fair Housing Laws prohibit discrimination based on Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Sex, Disability (Physical and/or Mental), and Familial Status

If you or someone you know, were denied the opportunity:
✓ To Rent an Apartment, Home or Condo
✓ To Purchase a Home or Mobile Home
✓ Refused a Mortgage Loan or Homeowner’s Insurance
✓ Steered to a Specific Area to Seek Housing

You may be a victim of Housing Discrimination!

The Arizona Fair Housing Center receives and investigates complaints of Housing Discrimination
For further details or information contact us at 602-548-1599 or afhcstaff@gmail.com
Fair Housing is a Right not a Privilege

The Arizona Fair Housing Center works to eradicate discrimination and protects against possible abuses by landlords and property owners.

It is against the law to discriminate against someone because of their color, accent, race, national origin, but in many places cultural diversity is not valued and segregation exists. In the area of housing, especially when renting or acquiring a house, is when most abuses are reported.

Persons who have been victims of racism have a place to look for protection: The Arizona Fair Housing Center. This organization provides resources to fight discrimination, including such which is based on religion differences, sexual preference, disability and familial status.

In Arizona and the City of Phoenix, people have been living in fear after the approval of Arizona law 1070 and the illegal actions of Sheriff Arpaio and hispana Personnel. Now, after the election of a presidential candidate who has promised to deport people who do not have proper documentation for residence in this country, that fear has intensified. We want to make it perfectly clear that discrimination will never be legal! Explained Enrique Medina Ochoa, Executive Director of the Arizona Fair Housing Center.

When a person has been discriminated, he/she has to report such abuse. At the Arizona Fair Housing Center which is located at 1402 S. Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, we have trained personnel to attend to your complaint and insure its proper processing. Victims can call 602-548-1599 to report and incident in English, Spanish and other languages.

We also do a lot of field work. We send persons under cover to try and rent or purchase an apartment or home and we document how they are treated, explained the Executive Director. Many times we see minority members, many who are Latinos/as, are discriminated against and they receive different treatment compared to that of and Anglo-Saxon person, and that should not occur, the Executive Director.

If you need more information regarding fair housing you can visit the web-page at www.azfairhousing.net or call the Arizona Fair Housing Center. Do not let fear paralyze you and make sure you report abuses and any type of discrimination.