



Upcoming Tenant Conference

The 2017 Tenant Association Conference is taking place:

When:
October 14, 2017

Where:
Columbus Hall,
St. Clare Avenue,
St. John's, NL

We will have travellers coming from Labrador, the West Coast, Central and the Burin Peninsula. They will be staying at Extended Stay on LeMarchant Road – Across the street from Columbus Hall.

Lots of interesting topics on the agenda, and we are now finalizing entertainment – stay tuned, more info to come!

We want to hear all about what's happening in your neighborhood. The deadline for submissions for the next *On The Home Front* newsletter is Monday, August 14, 2017. If you submit photos and stories, please include consent forms as well. Send them to drfox@nlhc.nl.ca.



Scholarships Available

- 1) Are you an adult attending or planning to attend a post-secondary school in September 2017?
- 2) Are you a student who will be graduating high school this year and planning to attend a post-secondary school in September 2017?

If you answer yes to either of these questions, you may be eligible to apply for NLHC's 2017 Adult or Youth Scholarship Program.

Again this year, NLHC is offering six adult and six youth scholarships — two each in Avalon/East, Central and Western/Labrador regions of the province.

Adult scholarships are awarded based on reviews that assess initiative, need and community experience. Youth scholarships are awarded to the applicants in each region with the highest scholarship scores. A scholarship score is derived from a student's performance on the 2017 Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Public Exams.

To print an application or for further information, visit NLHC's website at www.nlhc.nl.ca.

Don't miss out! The deadline for the adult program is September 30, 2017. The deadline for the youth program is August 31, 2017.

What We Heard

A Review of NLHC Programs and Services

In the last edition of *On the Home Front*, we reported that the Provincial Government had released a document entitled *The Way Forward* which contains a vision for sustainability and growth in Newfoundland and Labrador. As part of this vision, the Government committed to conduct a review of the programs and services of Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation (NLHC) in consultation with clients, community stakeholders and employees with an aim to:

- ensure the mandate of NLHC reflects current priorities;
- optimize the use of federal and provincial funding in the delivery of programs and services;
- identify ways to reduce complexity and duplication within the system; and
- realize efficiencies, improve services and streamline NLHC with no negative impact on clients.

In February's newsletter, we highlighted what we heard from tenants. In this newsletter, we are providing you with a link on NLHC's website where you will find NLHC's completed program review entitled *What We Heard*. To view a copy, go to <http://www.nlhc.nl.ca/documents/consultations/survey.pdf>.

REMINDER

City of St. John's Regulation for Garbage Disposal

- ◆ Garbage and recycling are to be placed at the curb on the scheduled day, no earlier than 6 a.m. and no later than 8 a.m.
- ◆ Garbage must be placed in a bin or covered with an approved net or blanket from April 1 to November 30. All garbage must be completely covered.
- ◆ You may place a maximum of 10 garbage bags, as well as an unlimited number of recycling bags, each collection day. Bags must be regular size (66 cm x 82.5 cm).
- ◆ Each bag must weigh less than 50 pounds.
- ◆ Recycling must be put in regular sized see-through blue bags only.
- ◆ Recycling does not need to be covered, but you can cover it, especially on windy days.
- ◆ Garbage must not be in smaller supermarket sized or kitchen catcher bags or in larger industrial or yard waste bags.
- ◆ Rinse your food containers before recycling them.
- ◆ Garbage bins or nets must be removed from the curb by 8 p.m. on the day of collection.
- ◆ Do not use chemicals such as bleach on garbage bags as an animal repellent.
- ◆ Containers of liquid will not be collected.

Hazards of Digging Holes for Fence Posts

When it comes to electrical safety, there is NO crossing the line. Contact with power lines is extremely dangerous and can be fatal. Digging holes for fence posts can be life-threatening if you come in contact with live underground power lines. Newfoundland Power must be contacted to determine if there are any underground wires. For your own safety, please do not dig on NLHC property. Existing fences can be repaired by tenants if no digging is required and NLHC provides approval, subject to a permit to repair from the municipality, provided to NLHC. Please contact your NLHC Housing Officer for further information.



NLHC Facts

Did you know...

- There are around 14,000 individuals who live in NLHC neighbourhoods.
- Everyone who rents with NLHC has a Housing Officer. Housing Officers are like a landlord:
 - They inspect your unit once a year
 - They collect your financial and family information
 - You can speak with them about neighbourhood issues
 - They will help you figure out rental arrears
 - They can make referrals to NLHC Social Workers
 - And they do a lot more
- NLHC has convenient options for paying rent:
 - Online
 - At the bank
 - Telephone banking
 - Pre-authorized payment
 - Regional offices — in person payment
- NLHC is committed to eviction prevention
 - Eviction prevention means keeping you from being asked to leave your home.
 - We want our tenants to have a good rental experience and enjoy your home.
 - We believe that the sooner you contact us, the better we can work with you to avoid eviction.
- When you become a tenant with NLHC, you can get involved in your community:
 - As a volunteer
 - With a Tenant Association
 - As a Community Centre Board Member
 - Sharing your time for special events.



Summer Safety Reminder

For your safety, tenants are not permitted to have or use a swimming pool, hot tub, trampoline or fire pit on NLHC premises.

Kindness Matters ...

"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."

~ Mark Twain