

Keeping it Cool

With a hotter than normal summer it is important to find ways to beat the heat and avoid potential harmful health effects of the heat and sun.



Pictured above, residents at Jackson Heights beat the heat under some of the shade trees at the property's front gardens.

- Wear loose fitting clothing.
- Stay indoors during the peak hours of heat in the mid-afternoon.
- Try to exercise indoors to avoid the heat.
- Move to a cooler area if you begin to feel dizzy or lightheaded.
- Avoid staying in the sun too long.
- Close curtains and shades to keep the heat out.
- Take a cold shower to cool off.
- Find indoor activities to keep you occupied.
- Wear sunscreen – even on a cloudy day.

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Multi-Site Capital Improvement Projects Progress

Improvements Near Completion at Many SHA Sites

Currently the Scranton Housing Authority (SHA) is in the midst of a multi-site capital improvements project.

Riverside Apartments, Jackson Terrace Apartments and Hilltop Manor Apartments are part of an initiative to address many improvements throughout the properties.



Above, crews scale the roofs at SHA's Hilltop Apartments as part of the multi-site capital improvements projects initiative currently underway.

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If you or someone you know is looking for affordable housing, visit or call the Scranton Housing Authority for details/availability.

SHA Receives Top Grade from HUD

Review of Program Performance Produces Perfect Score

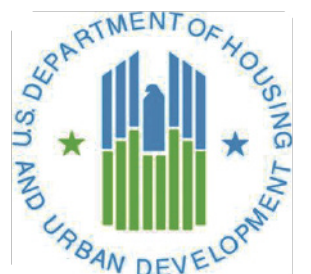


Above, SHA Administration Building in Scranton

The Scranton Housing Authority was recently notified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that the SHA's Section 8 Management Assessment Program score for the last compliance audit was 100%. This places the SHA in the high rating performance category. There were no deficiencies found in this program evaluation.

The housing authority is assessed on 14 key indicators of performance related to federal housing legislation. This program is operated locally throughout the country by public housing agencies. In Scranton, the Scranton Housing Authority (SHA) manages and receives federal funding from HUD to administer this program.

The Scranton Housing Authority, the SHA executive director, and SHA staff are all credited with exemplary compliance in the administration of the Section 8 housing voucher program.



Roof Replacement Project



The roofs on all of the buildings at Hilltop Manor were recently replaced. Crews removed the old roofing materials and installed new underlayment to provide a smooth, even surface. This also protects the roof from wind and ice damage. New shingles were then installed to complete the project. The upgraded shingles will also project the roof construction and cosmetically enhance the look of the buildings.

Pictured above, (top photo) one of the newly completed roofs at Hilltop Manor apartments; and (lower photo) the old roof before replacement project.

High Rise Elevator Project

The SHA began a comprehensive elevator modernization project in the fall of 2022 which included Washington West High Rise, 408, 414 and 420 Adams High Rise Apartments and Jackson Heights.

Work on all of the elevators was done in conjunction with Otis Elevator technicians. Work took place throughout the winter and spring months and came to completion in the summer of 2023.



Pictured above, Jackson Heights resident Mary Ann Gordon utilizing the recently refurbished elevators that were completed in the summer of 2023.

Window and Door Replacement Project



Work has begun, and crews are on-site, for a window and door replacement program at Jackson Terrace Apartments, Hilltop Apartments and Riverside Apartments. These new additions will also increase security at these three sites.



Pictured above, new windows installed at SHA's Riverside Apartments that feature modern trim board frames which replace wood frames without the need for painting. At right, work crews are on-site at Jackson Terrace Apartments installing new doors.

Free Summer Food Programs

Nutritious and Delicious Food Programs Available for Adults and Children

This summer there are several opportunities for children and families to access free meals and food distributions.

Indigo Spoon is hosting a program at Gardens of Cedar that runs every Wednesday and Thursday where they offer free lunches to kids. Lunches are served from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. All the food is donated by CEO Weinberg Food Bank. This program will run through August 17th.

Friends of the Poor operates food pantries throughout the community. Individuals and families can visit to obtain free foods such as canned goods, pasta, rice and fresh fruits or vegetables. Listed at far right are pantries that are located within Scranton Housing Authority facilities.

Food Pantries



Recipients must provide name, address, zip code, household info., and sign a Self-Declaration of Need form annually.

If you plan on using our services and you don't have an online account already, setup your profile at <https://friends.link2feed.com>

To find other area pantries, visit: <https://www.ceopeoplehelpingpeople.org> <https://www.Neighborlypa.org>

Jackson Terrace
148 Meridian Avenue, Scranton
Monday through Friday
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
570-348-4429

Valley View Terrace, Bldg. 9
950 Pear Street, Scranton
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
570-348-3119

Hilltop Manor
Community Room
136 Belvedere Drive, Scranton
3rd Thursday each month
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Bangor Heights
Community Room
Kennedy St. & Kelly Ave., Scranton
3rd Thursday each month
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

The Scranton Housing Authority is Proud to Recognize Mike Morrison

— for 52 years of outstanding service to the SHA community and residents —

Salute to Service

— 1971 TO 2023 —



Michael Morrison

Mike began working as a summer employee with the SHA in 1971 when he graduated from St. Patrick's High School in Scranton. His supervisor at the time saw Mike's potential and recommended him for a full time position in the maintenance department. In February of 1972 Mike was hired full time.

Because of his strong work ethic, and commitment to the SHA, Mike was promoted through the years and continues his career today as the Maintenance Foreman - the highest-level position in the maintenance department.

With 52 years of service (and counting!) he is the most tenured employee on the SHA staff.

Fellow employees say that Mike is always willing to help them using the knowledge he has gained through his career with precise guidance. And even though with his daily schedule he may be "**all over the board**", he remains a true behind-the-scenes type of person, who is humble and doesn't seek praise or recognition.

Through his years with SHA he has helped thousands of residents with issues large and small. In fact Mike was recognized as "Man of the Year" by the Scranton Lackawanna Human Development Agency and received an award to mark this achievement.

Thank you Mike for your remarkable number of years of service, commitment and dedication. Those who know Mike well know that "**he has miles to go**". There's no stopping him now!