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Valley View Terrace Rehabilitation Begins Phase II

Comprehensive Overhaul of Site Continues with Buildings 13 and 14



The Scranton Housing Authority has begun Phase II of the comprehensive rehabilitation of its Valley View Terrace site.

With work underway on buildings #13 and #14, the current construction moves the overall project past the halfway point of completion.

In all, the Valley View Terrace project calls for the rehabilitation and modernization of all sixteen family buildings at the site. To date, eight buildings have been successfully completed since the project began.

In keeping with the overall rehabilitation, the current construction plan will strip the building interiors and retrofit with a new geothermal heating and cooling system, electric, kitchen and bath furnishings as well as windows, doors and porches.

Above, interior demolition underway at SHA's Valley View Terrace buildings #'s 13 and 14, pictured is building #13

SHA Welcomes New Executive Director

Karl Lynott Brings Experience and a Focus on Tenants

The Scranton Housing Authority appointed Karl Lynott, Esq., as the Authority's new Executive Director in September.

Mr. Lynott brings many years of experience with the SHA to his new position. His career with the Authority began when he was assigned as an assistant District Attorney to the Scranton Housing Authority in 1996. Mr. Lynott worked in that capacity until his appointment as SHA Deputy Executive Director in 2011 and held that post prior to his new position.

A graduate of Scranton Preparatory H.S., University of Scranton and University of Dayton Law School, Mr. Lynott is a resident of Scranton with his family, wife Sarellen and daughters Tara and Kathleen.

In taking on the new position, Mr. Lynott expresses that his "focus will be on tenants first, striving to improve their quality of life." He also says that he "looks forward to continue to work with our excellent staff of over 75 employees at the Authority."



Above, SHA's new Executive Director, Karl Lynott, Esq.

Thanksgiving with Friends

Friends of the Poor Delivers Thanksgiving Dinner to SHA Residents

The community came together this year to provide delicious, festive meals to SHA residents. The holiday spirit was in the air at SHA locations thanks to the generosity of local agencies.

Students from the University of Scranton's Center for Service and Social Justice volunteered to prepare 150 food baskets at the Friends of the Poor warehouse in Scranton. The baskets were delivered to families at Bangor Heights, Hilltop Manor and Valley View Terrace.

In conjunction with the Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging, and the Junior League of Scranton, the Friends of the Poor delivered a cooked Thanksgiving meal to residents in the Scranton Housing Authority high-rise locations. The meals included roasted turkey, mashed potatoes and vegetables. Residents always look forward to the meal delivery to help kick off the holiday season.

Pictured at right, Thanksgiving dinner deliveries make the spirits bright for residents at Adams High-Rise. The high-rise received 151 dinners for residents delivered by a FOTP volunteer. At far right, the community room Thanksgiving Tree is a center point for the holiday



Heralding In the Season

A little extra cheer came to the residents at Jackson Heights High Rise this holiday season. Two towering, trumpeting Christmas soldiers adorn the entrance to the community room welcoming all with a festive atmosphere.

The soldier decorations were loaned from the collection of Blake Powell, SHA maintenance employee at Jackson Heights. With the help of the Jackson Heights High Rise staff, the soldiers were put in place and now stand guard in the building lobby.



Pictured above, some of the residents and staff at Jackson Heights High Rise gather under the Christmas soldiers

Salute to Service

The SHA would like to recognize two members of our staff retiring this year. It is because of dedicated employees like Ann and Marsha that we are able to provide such a high level of quality-of-life for our tenants and community.



Ann Frye

— 1999 TO 2023 —

Ann began her career with the SHA in 1999 and served in the capacity of Executive Assistant to the Executive Director as well as Board Secretary

throughout her many years of devoted service. She looks forward to spending time with family, husband Michael and dog Gunner in retirement.

Marsha Beck

— 2008 TO 2023 —

Marsha has been a versatile employee in her career with the SHA. She has served in many positions from clerk to manager to Asst. Section 8 coordinator. Her valuable knowledge has helped operations run smoothly at SHA throughout her tenure.



New SHA Website Launches

Site Brings Important Information and Resources

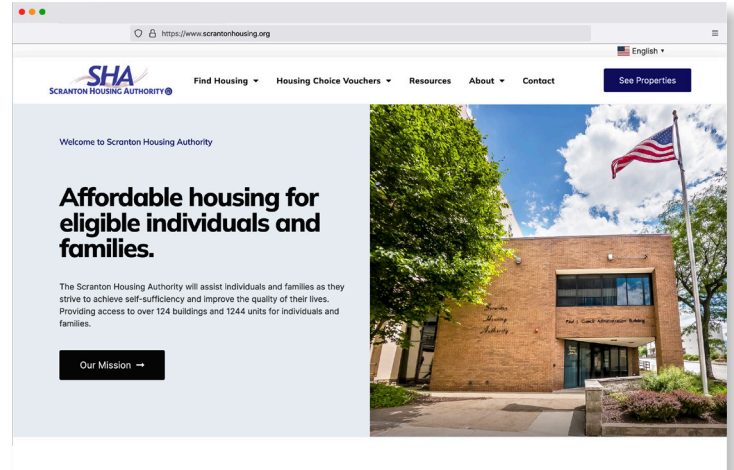
The Scranton Housing Authority recently launched a new website to provide easy access to information on SHA properties for current, and potential, residents.

Eligibility details for public housing, applications and instructions on where to apply, are documented on the website.

A wide variety of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) detail who is eligible for public housing, what documents are needed to apply and income guidelines to determine eligibility.

Specific information listing the addresses and number of apartments at each SHA site is also available.

This new website is user friendly and contains all of the information that individuals, and families, would need to start the application process.



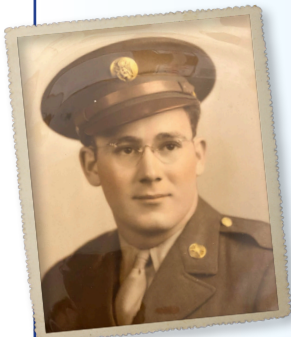
Pictured above, home page of the new SHA website, the URL is: [scrantonhousing.org](https://www.scrantonhousing.org)



SHA Resident Celebrates 99th Birthday

Family members, and friends, recently gathered at Jackson Heights High Rise to help resident William "Bill" James celebrate his 99th birthday. His fellow Jackson Heights High Rise residents came out in full force to honor Bill on this special occasion.

Bill James has been a well-know and congenial resident at Jackson Heights since he moved there in 2015. A Scranton resident, Bill served in the Army during WWII and later worked with the Scranton School District.



Bill served in the US Army during WWII and was stationed in Germany

Those in attendance enjoyed cake and were happy to pose with Bill for photos to mark this incredible birthday milestone. The SHA would like to extend their sincere congratulations to Bill on marking this occasion and are happy to have him as one of our valued residents.



Pictured above, present and past building managers, L to R, Nicole Tallo, Carita Connors and Marci Ciullo celebrate with Bill. At right, Bill arrives for his 99th birthday party in the community room at Jackson Heights



Construction Projects Update

The SHA continues improvement projects at all high rises and family units. Projects focus on modernization, safety and upgrading the properties for residents.

These projects promote efficiency and sustainability to keep the SHA properties updated for the future. The initiatives listed below are a snapshot of the completed and ongoing projects underway at the SHA sites. These projects show the SHA's emphasis on revitalization and

capital improvement. Projects are strategically planned to prolong the life of the buildings and enhance the usefulness for residents.

- **Demolition is ongoing at Valley View Terrace Buildings 13 & 14**
- **Ductwork and PVC installation is continuing at Valley View Terrace Buildings 13 & 14**

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- Door and window improvement project is progressing at Riverside, Jackson Terrace and Hilltop
- Doors have been installed at Riverside and Jackson Terrace



- Window installation is complete at Riverside and near completion at Jackson Terrace and Hilltop
- Hilltop door installation is ongoing
- Work is beginning on water line replacement at 408 Adams Avenue

Pictured at left, a new door being fitted at SHA's Jackson Terrace Apartments as part of a multi-site initiative upgrading doors and windows at the properties

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Scranton Housing
Authority
would like to wish all
a Peaceful and
Happy Holiday Season*



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