

HOTH News: ...Bringing Families Home

Upcoming Events:

-Homebuyer Workshop Part I
Tuesday March 12th, 2013
5pm-9pm

-Foreclosure Prevention Orientation
Wednesday March 13th, 2013
5pm

-Homebuyer Workshop Part II
Tuesday March 19th, 2013
5pm-9pm

-Foreclosure Prevention Orientation
Tuesday March 26th, 2013
10am

Hilltop Revitalization

Homes on the Hill and the Oberer Companies are partners in Hilltop Homes 2, a proposed 30 unit affordable housing development in Central Hilltop. This scattered site project reflects 10 months of extensive community outreach, mirrored with 7 community housing meetings. Oberer and HOTH staff worked with the Community on the development of the Central Hilltop Revitalization Strategy, approved by the Greater Hilltop Area Commission on Feb 5, 2013. The strategy focuses on reducing blighted properties through rehabilitation and new construction, green space improvement on

post demolished sites, and assistance to current homeowners. On February 21, 2013 HOTH and the Oberer Companies submitted a Low Income Housing Tax Credit application (LIHTC) to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency to support Hilltop Homes 2. The proposed development will transform City of Columbus Land Bank properties into quality, affordable housing for Hilltop families. The award will be announced mid- June. HOTH and Oberer staff will continue to partner with the community on the implementation of the Central Hilltop Re-

vitalization Strategy. Priorities include developing grant funds for Hilltop homeowners to repair the exterior of their home, partnering with the City of Columbus on the implementation of the Green Overlay, transforming newly demo'd lots into community assets. For more information Contact Steve Torsell or Leah Werner at 937-371-1783.



Above: Eman Albash, Program Assistant/ OSU Intern.

New Office Faces

This past winter HOTH has had the pleasure of adding two new faces to our office.

Our AARP Office Assistant Vicki Neumiller began her position with Homes on the Hill in November of last year. She heard about HOTH through the AARP WorkSearch program, which allows participants to work with a 501(c)3 sixteen hours a week, while searching for full time employment. Thus far at HOTH Vicki has learned about various lending institutions, new computer software, such as the Housing Counselor Online (HCO) database, and interacted with our non-English speaking clientele. She has assisted our Financial Manager with data entry and accounting work, as well as our Housing Counselors with client data entry into HCO. She stated that her work here has “kept her skills sharp” and exposed her to learning new skill sets to help in maintaining a competitive edge in the job market.

Our Program Assistant/ OSU Intern, Eman Albash began her work here in December 2012. Eman is currently a junior at The Ohio State University, where she is majoring in social work and minoring in French. She was notified about the position through the OSU work study program and concluded that the position would have a lot of hands-on overlap with her classroom studies in social work. She expressed that “this is a good opportunity to get into an environment that is similar to what I will be doing in a few years.” She has been a big help to our office is assisting our Housing Counselor input client information into the HCO database, organizing power points for homebuyer education presentations, and other small office tasks. She noted that a lot of social

work is case management and office work; “learning these details will help me be more efficient when I get out into the professional world. I also get to observe how the counselors interact with clients, which will give me an edge when I have my own caseload in the future.”

We are very grateful for their incredible assistance and enthusiastic spirit. Foreclosure Counselor, Mark expressed: “Both Eman and Vicki have been a very valuable resource in our foreclosure prevention efforts. Their consistent work helps our organization to continue to meet the housing counseling needs of our clients. It is this kind if dedication and teamwork that allows HOTH to keep going strong.

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**Homes
for sale:**

**Coming Soon!! 248 Sturbridge Rd: \$92,000, 3 bed, 2 bath, 2,421 sq. ft. 639
Evergreen Terrace: \$80,000, 2 bed, 1 bath, handicap accessible, 836 sq. ft.
431 Lawrence Ave: \$92,000, 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,328 sq. ft.**



39 Florence Ave

- 3 Bedrooms, 1 bath
- 1,273 sq. ft. built in 1951
- New modern kitchen and fire-place
- Nice front porch and private garage
- Move-in ready, entire house has been remodeled

\$85,000



5436 Westgrove Dr.

- 3 Bedrooms, 1-1/2 bath
- 1,178 sq. ft., built in 1990
- Fully-finished basement with office and laundry room
- Move-in ready, entire house has been completely remodeled
- South-Western City Schools

\$85,900



179 North Ogden Ave.

- 3 Bedrooms, 1 bath
- 1,382 sq. ft. built in 1926
- Original oak floors and fireplace
- Garage, front porch, and fenced-in back yard
- Move-in ready whole house has been remodeled

\$59,900

Our mission is to provide decent, affordable housing for low and moderate income individuals and families and helping to strengthen their neighborhoods. We envision the Greater Hilltop and Southwestern Franklin County areas to have and sustain a vibrant economic and commercial environment, while increasing the homeownership and financial stability of its residents.

Homes on the Hill (HOTH) began purchasing and rehabbing property in 1996 and has successfully developed over 100 owner occupied and rental housing units. Today, the organization continues to grow and increase capacity to develop new projects in the neighborhood. HOTH also offers a HUD approved homebuyer education program, foreclosure prevention orientations, and individual counseling which are all conducted in English and Spanish.

Stepping into Spring:

Here are a few tips to make sure your home, inside and out, recovers from harsh winter conditions and is ready for the spring rain.

- The rainy season is a prime time to ensure all drainage areas remain unblocked by leaves and/or debris. Trapped moisture can leave a house susceptible to moss and mildew and cause major damage to your roof and walls.
- Get your roof inspected for wear and tear.
- Look for chipped, cracked paint along the exterior of your home; exposed wood can cause rot.
- Rake up the excess leaves you didn't get around to last fall. Too many can suffocate your grass and stop it from growing.
- Investigate all doors and windows for leaks and drafts, particularly near the corners.

- With warm, sticky days ahead, give your air conditioning unit a little love and change air filters monthly,