



A-NPDC NEWSLETTER

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A-NPDC NEWS SUMMARY: At the February 25, 2002 A-NPDC meeting, the Commission learned that:

- In the Makemie Park Community, septic tanks and pump tanks were installed at 17 houses over the past month.
- In the Locust Mount Community, the two new houses on new lots are complete. One rehab is complete and a second rehab is 50% complete. Also, the Rehab Review Board has selected the next rehab group.
- In the Savage Town/Cats Bridge Community, housing construction is 85% complete on the unit that was contracted in November. Bids were received this month for four units targeted for rehabilitation.
- In the Bayview Community, the subdivision water and sewer system has been bid, with six contractor representatives attending the pre-bid conference.
- In the New Road Community, three new houses were completed earlier this month and two new houses are now underway.
- In the Fairview Community, three rehabs are complete and one is at 45% completion. All property donations required for the construction of Honeysuckle Lane have been made.

WEB SITE OF THE MONTH:

Legislative Information Server: Follow bills and resolutions through the 2002 General Assembly session, search the Code of Virginia, or find your government representative's email address online at <http://leg1.state.va.us/000/src.htm>

2002-2003 OFFICERS BEGIN TERMS

The A-NPDC has elected and installed new officers for the 2002-2003 term. Oliver H. Bennett (Northampton County) was elected Chairman and Thomas J. Matthews (Accomack County) will serve as Vice-Chairman. Former Chairman Donald L. Hart, Jr. and Vice-Chairman Oliver H. Bennett were praised by the Commissioners for their service during 2001-2002.

A-NPDC STAFF SERVICE AWARDS

A-NPDC staff members Darlene Burton and Tabbi Walker were presented Certificates of Appreciation at the February 27, 2002 Commission meeting. Darlene Burton, Director of Housing Development, has completed ten years of continuous service to the A-NPDC. Tabbi Walker, Administrative Assistant, has served the A-NPDC for five continuous years. Outgoing Chairman Donald L. Hart, Jr., congratulated Darlene and Tabbi and acknowledged their hard work and dedication over the years.

NEW A-NPDC TOLL-FREE PHONE NUMBER

The A-NPDC has initiated a **new toll-free telephone number** for use outside the "787" calling area. The new number, **1-866-787-3001**, will replace the old "824" and "678" phone numbers used for northern Accomack County and southern Northampton County. Callers can still call the A-NPDC's "787" numbers from the normal "787" calling area.

NEXT A-NPDC MEETING

Monday, March 18, 2002

7:30 PM

THE ENTERPRISE BUILDING

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HOUSING CONFERENCE ATTRACTS MANY PARTICIPANTS

The Eastern Shore Housing Conference was held on February 2, 2002 at Northampton Middle School in Machipongo. The conference attracted 128 participants, 24 speakers, and 12 exhibitors. The Virginia Housing and Redevelopment Authority (VHDA) was the primary sponsor, with numerous local sponsors that included the Accomack-Northampton Housing and Redevelopment Corporation (A-NHRC). Following VHDA Executive Director Susan Dewey's keynote address, conference participants attended two workshop sessions. Each session offered information for existing and potential homeowners, including such topics as buying versus renting, securing financial planning, maintenance issues, and budgeting. After the workshop sessions, Mullin & Lonergan Associates, the project consultants, gave a summary presentation of the A-NHRC's Regional Strategic Housing Assessment before seeking feedback. STAR Transit provided transportation to the event for those in need.

CHINCOTEAGUE APPLIES FOR TROLLEY FUNDING

The Chincoteague Town Council has applied for an \$85,000 Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation Demonstration Grant to operate a seasonal Chincoteague Island Trolley service in 2003. The service is needed from late May to early September to enhance access to local businesses and reduce seasonal traffic congestion on Chincoteague's roads. The proposed service would run 7 days per week from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM on a 6-mile loop consisting of Maddox Boulevard, Main Street, Bunting Road, Eastside Road, and Chicken City Road.

***BUILD FOR THE FUTURE* INITIATIVE MOVES FORWARD WITH NEW PROJECT**

Following a very successful start to the *Build For the Future* program, a new round of training and building will soon begin. The *Build For the Future* program began at the A-NPDC in 2001 as part of the Locust Mount Community Revitalization Project, with funding support through the Department of Housing and Community Development. Under the program, five trainees from the Locust Mount Community learned basic building skills and constructed three new homes for residents whose existing homes could not be rehabilitated. The trainees also constructed a community picnic area during the project.

During this cycle, trainees will build three new homes in the Fairview Community, in Northampton County, as part of its comprehensive community development project. Five new trainees have been selected to complete the training program, which will begin on March 11, 2002. Applications from potential trainees, however, are still being accepted throughout the program. **For more information on *Build For the Future*, contact Kat Edwards, Community Development Coordinator, at 787-2936 or toll-free at 1-866-787-3001.**

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