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A Message from the Mayor



Greetings!

Community development is very important as it directly impacts our most precious resource: the citizens of Atlantic City.

During these challenging economic

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“Live Where You Work” Comes to AC

Low interest mortgages along with down-payment and closing cost assistance to entice those working in Atlantic City to also live here are now available under a state program.



Jerome Keelen, NJHMFA Director of Single Family Programs.

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CDBG Purchases Truck for Collapsed Building Rescues and Police Cruisers

Heavy Duty Vehicle to Handle Collapsed Building Rescues

Victims of impaling, industrial accidents, in need of confined space rescue, vehicular extrication, rope or trench rescue will have a much better chance of survival thanks to CDBG’s recent purchase of a new heavy duty rescue vehicle for the Fire Department.



(above) Heavy duty rescue truck bought by CDBG.

According to Paul Shropshire, a Fire Dept. Battalion Chief of Special Operations, the new vehicle which cost \$409,326 can also

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New Black & White Cruisers Make Their Debut

Ten new black and white police cruisers purchased by



(above) Four CDBG purchased police cruisers, (below) an interior photo.

CDBG for \$274,000 recently made their debut on city streets, according to Police Chief John J. Mooney.

The 2008 Dodge Chargers, targeted to low-moder-



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Rescue Vehicle

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handle crane accidents and any accidents associated with area windmills.



Photos by Gary Baker

(top) Tool trays at truck side slide out. (bottom) High intensity flood light tower.

The rescue vehicle to be housed at Station 2 at Indiana and Baltic avenues can deliver six firefighters to an emergency in a vehicle fully equipped with generators, a telescoping flood light tower, pre-mounted jaws for vehicular extrication along with all kinds of specialized equipment needed to respond to the aforementioned emergencies.

Shropshire said CDBG was able to avoid the long turnaround times usually associated with such purchases. Instead of the normal 18 months required to buy such a vehicle and get it into service, the CDBG route cut that down to two months.

Police Cruisers

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ate income areas as well as high-crime areas, are equipped with the latest LED lighting technology including overhead, grill, side and cage lights.

The purchase enabled the Police Department to retire some of its older cars. Eventually the entire fleet will be comprised of black and white vehicles replacing the older blue and white cars.

Mooney expressed his appreciation to the Community and Economic Development Division, also called CDBG, for its support and funding of the new patrol cars.

Mayor's Message

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times the City is moving forward to support programs and initiatives which help the entire community, encourage homeownership, promote development, strengthen neighborhoods and improve the quality of life throughout Atlantic City.

It is my goal to enhance existing community development programs offered by the City of Atlantic City and place great emphasis on empowering residents.

Please enjoy this issue of "Community Development and You", which includes information on the State of New Jersey's "Live Where You Work" program and learn how community development block grant funding has been used to increase public safety.

By working together to develop a partnership between government and the public and private sectors we will increase community development and provide much needed support for the citizens of Atlantic City.

May the new year bring you much health and happiness!

Sincerely,

Lorenzo T. Langford
Mayor



Photo by Gary Baker

SENIOR TRIP TO BLACK ISSUES CONVENTION - In October, the City sponsored 37 local seniors attending the New Jersey Black Issues Convention's 22nd Annual Senior Symposium on Black Aging in Parsippany, NJ. Governor Corzine was among those who addressed the assembly. Several local seniors from the trip recently posed for the photo above. (l-r) Doretha Moore, Betty Howze-Lee, Eva Garrison, Rev. Rose Hayes, Connie Glasgow, Barbara Hudgins (event coordinator), Joyce Mollineaux (event hostess), Delores Earley, Dr. Davine Reid, Helene Wilder and Pauline Benjamin.

Hummock Avenue Home Demolished and Replaced



The photo above shows the demolition of the dilapidated Hummock Ave. home.



(above) New modular home is placed where demolished home once stood.



The end result (above and below) new house with new exterior, living room and kitchen.



The Hummock Avenue project, shown in photos on the left, was part of a City-wide rehabilitation project using HOME Investment Partnership funds. The old home's condition, however, was too deteriorated for rehab so it was demolished and replaced by a modular home.

The work was done by John Tepley, owner of Coastline Builders, who added extras, such as a deck, at no cost. The project took 18 months to complete including time needed to obtain certain variances and permits.

The City spent \$203,000 on this project which is owned and occupied by a long-time Atlantic City resident. Tepley bought the vacant lot next door and plans to place another modular on this lot with an estimated \$250,000 price. This will allow a prospective buyer

to take advantage of the city's \$20,000 first-time homebuyer assistance program.

516-18 Grammercy Place Twins, Another CHDO Success Story

Home Team Inc., one of the City's successful Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), placed two Atlantic City families into a twin modular home in recent months.

Using an \$80,000 grant provided from HOME Investment Partnership funds provided by the City's Community and Economic Development Division in combination with funds Home Team received from sales of previous projects, Home Team

placed the modular twin units on vacant land at 516-18 Grammercy Place.

Each of the two housing units has three bedrooms, and multiple bathrooms.

The successful applicants who bought the homes

completed a six-week course that dealt with mortgages, title searches, how to be a good neighbor and other aspects of homeownership, according to Dr. John Cosby, Home Team's Executive Director.

Cosby said Home Team, a non-profit as are all CHDOs, always puts its proceeds from home sales back into the development of more housing.



Twin homes on Grammercy Place.

“Live Where You Work”

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The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA) detailed its program at a recent press conference held in a new housing development of the Procida Realty & Development Co. whose sales could benefit from the program.

Encouraging people to live in the community where they work has a number of benefits including reduced commuting time which also conserves energy and reduces transportation costs while increasing community involvement, according to Jerome Keelen, NJHMFA Director of Single Family Programs

The program is a key component of Gov. Jon Corzine’s efforts to provide work force housing to NJ residents, according to NJ Dept. of Community Affairs Commissioner Joseph Doria.

4 Atlantic City is the 5th municipality to partner with NJHMFA. The program offers buyers low-interest 30 or 40-year fixed rate mortgages along with down payment and/or clos-

ing cost assistance equal to 5% of the first mortgage loan.

The agency also allows people to buy homes 3% above underwriting limits in consideration of commuting cost savings.

For more details call 1-800-NJHOUSE. You can also visit the “Live Where You Work” website at www.livewhereyouwork.nj.gov.



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This Procida home at 724 Baltic Ave. was the site of the recent “Live Where You Work” press conference.

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