

THE DAHG QUARTERLY

Official Newsletter of Delaware Affordable Housing Group



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WELCOME TO THE DELAWARE AFFORDABLE HOUSING GROUP

OVERVIEW

Welcome to the Delaware Affordable Housing Group's (DAHG) Quarterly Newsletter. DAHG's mission is to support activities and create policies that advance and increase affordable housing opportunities for vulnerable populations.

As the non-profit partner to the Wilmington Housing Authority, DAHG provides resources and builds community partnerships to support people in attaining stable long-term housing and achieving their financial goals.

In our Quarterly Newsletter, we'll share updates on projects, resources, and other activities DAHG is implementing to support our mission. We are excited to share all the new opportunities we have to support our community in achieving their goals. Please read further for more updates.

DAHG VICE PRESIDENT, VINCENT WHITE, WALKS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Vincent White, Vice President of the Delaware Affordable Housing Group and Wilmington City Council's 1st District Council Member, successfully walked from Wilmington to Dover to bring awareness to the lack of affordable housing in Delaware. Councilman White's walk began on May 16, 2023 at New Castle County Board of Realtors Headquarters in Wilmington and walked over 50 miles to the Legislative Hall in Dover, DE. He arrived at Legislative Hall the following afternoon on May 17, 2023.

"I'm walking to Dover to bring attention to the need to create more affordable and permanent supportive housing in our state," said White. "I believe that everyone should have access to safe, decent, and affordable housing, and I'm committed to doing my part to make that a reality."

During this walk, Councilman White had an opportunity to stop in several communities to discuss the importance of affordable housing. Once he arrived in Dover, he was given the opportunity to address the State House of Representatives where he was warmly greeted with a standing ovation. During his speech, Councilman White shared his story of camping overnight in Smyrna and his gratefulness to Governor Carney's additional \$30-million-dollar housing infusion in the 2023 State Budget. However, the main focus of his speech was the continued concern statewide of many residents unable to acquire safe, decent, affordable housing.

Councilman White sees the need for more to be done at all levels of Government to reduce the regulatory and financial barriers to homeownership in Delaware. Councilman White also shared that his idea to make this walk began prior to COVID-19 and is still necessary. The walk represents how many Delawareans spend days and nights walking to find decent shelter for their families.

It is his belief that all Delawareans deserve access to affordable housing and that by working together, we can help ensure they all have a place to call home.



Pictured Above: Vincent White, Vice President of DAHG and Wilmington City Council Member 1st District and Ray Fitzgerald, Wilmington Housing Authority Executive Director



Pictured Above and Below: Vincent White, Vice President of DAHG and Wilmington City Council Member 1st District Manager.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING RENOVATIONS

RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE



Delaware Affordable Housing Group's (DAHG) has 12 properties being renovated throughout the city of Wilmington. Rental of these properties will be available through the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Housing Choice Voucher Program is federally funded for low-income families. Families use vouchers to help pay for housing that they find in the private market.

For more information, contact Andrew Johnson at ajohnson@whadelaware.org.



RENTAL PROPERTY RENOVATION

11th STREET BRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD

Renovations of this affordable housing property is near completion at 1332 N. Claymont Street in Wilmington, DE. A low-income family will have access to the house by this summer. This DAHG rental property was acquired through State American Plan Rescue Act (ARPA) funding.

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ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES ACQUIRED

PROPERTY ACQUISITION UPDATE

Delaware Affordable Housing Group (DAHG) has acquired 26 additional properties to provide affordable rental housing throughout the City of Wilmington. Construction has begun on 12 of the 26 properties. For more information, contact Andrew Johnson at ajohnson@whadelaware.org.



Pictured Above: Rendering for 801 to 809 Bennett Street in Wilmington.

AFFORDABLE RENTAL PROPERTY

801 TO 809 BENNETT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

Delaware Affordable Housing Group (DAHG) construction project continues to progress toward the goal of building three one-family homes on Wilmington's Eastside community. The bidding process has begun for this 12-month construction project.

Families participating in the Section 32 Homeownership Program will be eligible for purchasing one of these homes. This project for 801 to 809 Bennett will provide Wilmington residents with affordable rental homes on their path to homeownership.

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