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## New Outlook for Lacy Court Residents



Lacy Court Windows Before



Lacy Court Windows After

The future is brighter for residents of Lacy Court who no longer have to endure the trials of dealing with old, single pane windows that wasted energy and were difficult to operate. With a \$105,000 Community Development Block Grant from the City of Alexandria and \$50,000 of our own funds, RPJ Housing replaced all of the windows in our Lacy Court apartments. RPJ Housing brought in Vinyl Lite Window Factory to do the installation. This local, family-run business keeps its costs down by manufacturing the windows themselves.

Thanks to these new windows, Lacy Court residents will enjoy lower utility bills this winter. All 563 windows were replaced with special double pane Energy Advantage Low-E windows. These windows are designed to conserve energy and reduce home heating and cooling costs. The combination of vinyl's insulation properties and the insulating air chambers makes vinyl frames a formidable barrier to heat transfer. In the winter, Low-E coating on the glass reflects heat back into the room, blocking as much as 71% of the heat that can escape through conventional double pane glass units. In the summer, the same coating blocks 65% of the radiated solar heat from entering the home which reduces the total heat gain, making it easier to cool the home in the summer which helps reduce summer cooling costs. In addition to lowering utility costs, these wonderful new windows truly enhance the property's appearance.

Lacy Court was also the site of a special project of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes of Mount Vernon Community School. These wonderful children donated their time and energy building a new flower bed, planting mums and pansies as well as bulbs for the spring, and removing the English Ivy that had invaded a courtyard.

## Wish Upon A Star for Affordable Housing

Isn't it great to give ... and to receive? That's why RPJ Housing is extending an invitation to you, your friends and your family an invitation to join in on the fun! Shop for yourself or do some of your holiday shopping while helping to provide affordable rental housing in Northern Virginia. Our catalog includes celebrity memorabilia, travel packages, electronics accessories and much more. Bidding will be open from November 6<sup>th</sup> through November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Browse to:

<http://rpjhousing.cmarket.com>

to: place your bid, refer your friends, make a donation or window-shop our catalog. You never know what you may find...

## Mark your calendars!



### WHAT:

Gift Wrapping and Photos with Santa at the Ballston Common Mall

### WHO:

RPJ Housing volunteers will staff the Gift Wrapping Kiosk while the Arlington Jaycees will staff the photos with Santa booth.

### WHEN:

Beginning on Friday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November (the day after Thanksgiving) and operating every weekend until Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, as well as weekdays during the entire week before Christmas

### WHERE:

Ballston Common Mall  
4238 Wilson Blvd  
Arlington, VA 22203

### WHY:

Proceeds from these projects will support the community service projects sponsored by the Arlington Jaycees and RPJ Housing's affordable rental housing and volunteer home repair programs. They will also benefit several additional community organizations such as the Pilot Club, the Northern Virginia Aids Ministry (NOVAM) and the Arlington Animal Welfare League.

### HOW MUCH:

Gift Wrapping will be provided for donations.

"Photos with Santa" offers quality digital 4" x 6" photos with two choices of holiday frames at affordable prices.

To learn more about volunteering to gift wrap, contact Amy Medrick at [amym@rpjhousing.org](mailto:amym@rpjhousing.org) or call her at (703) 528-5606 ext 10.

## Relaxing for Repairs

Golfers from around the area took time off from work on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> to enjoy a relaxing round of golf at the Reston National Golf Course and raised, according to early estimates, \$32,000 to support our Rebuilding Together and Hearts and Hammers programs. Congratulations to the **ESSI Team** of Charlie Copeland, Rex Dexter and Mickey Fitzmaurice who captured first place. The **United Security & Communications, Inc. Team** of Mark Emory, Jim Farrell, Rob Westbrook and Rich Weaver took second place. In addition to the overall competition, participants had opportunities to compete in individual contests. Steve Halt putted Closest to the Pin, and Al Lugo hit the Straightest Drive.

We would like to thank all of the golfers and the Golf Committee for all their hard work and dedication. An event such as this is no small endeavor and we appreciate their willingness to step up to the tee.

## RPJ Housing Extends a Heartfelt Thank You to our ESSI Golf Classic 2007 Sponsors & Contributors

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## Hearts and Hammers Joins Forces With United Way



As part of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Caring, the United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley provided the Winchester branch of Hearts and Hammers volunteer teams from the **City of Winchester, Fisher Thermal, Kraft Foods, and Southeastern Container**. In addition to volunteers, the City of Winchester provided backhoes and cherry pickers to enable Hearts and Hammers to tackle projects they otherwise would have been unable to handle such as safely getting access to second story gutters. This generous outpouring of assistance enabled Hearts and Hammers Winchester to complete repairs on five houses over the course of Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Hearts and Hammers is now in its second year of operation in Winchester thanks to a grant from the City of Winchester Office of Neighborhood Development. During our time in Winchester, Hearts and Hammers has provided needed repairs such as: interior and exterior caulking, patching walls, painting, landscaping, rebuilding steps and porches, performing concrete work, repairing gutters, rebuilding privacy fences, rehanging and replacing doors, installing handrails, repairing or replacing toilets and repairing outlets as well as many other tasks. A number of organizations have stepped forward to provide volunteers for these projects, including:

Agape Christian Church  
Grace Community Church  
Shenandoah University

City of Winchester Employees  
Harrison and Johnston, PLC  
Southeastern Container  
White Properties

Fisher Thermal  
Kraft Foods  
The Jeremiah Project

## Goodbyes and Hellos

RPJ Housing would like to welcome back Rayshone Baskerville to the property management office. It has not been the same without her and we are very glad she returned. We would also like to introduce our new maintenance technician, Derrick Dixon. We are sure his knowledge and experience will be a great asset to the maintenance team. Sadly, we must bid a fond farewell to Kisha Williams and Leland Taylor. Property Management, however, is not the only department with a new face. We would all like to welcome Joshua Clark to the Volunteer Home Repairs Program. He will be serving as the Volunteer Home Repair Coordinator for Arlington.

Regrettably, RPJ Housing must also say goodbye to two of our outstanding board members -- Lisa Langebrake and Robert Rein. Ms. Langebrake is a noted local architect and has served on the board since 2001. She has also spearheaded numerous Rebuilding Together projects along the way. Mr. Rein had been a past board member who had returned to the board after returning from living on the west coast for many years. His knowledge and experience in mechanical and industrial engineering as well as project management, systems engineering, risk management and quality assurance planning will be sorely missed.

### Did You Know?

According to the 2005 American Community Survey, an estimated 962,000 people in Virginia have a disability – that is 14.1% of the population age 5 and over. Of those people, an estimated 172,000 have difficulty performing self-care activities such as dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home. These figures only reflect those people living in households and do not include anyone who lives in institutions such as nursing homes. The ACS also shows that 27.3% of those with a disability are living in poverty. It is difficult enough to find an affordable place to live. It is even harder when you are looking for someplace that is accessible and has the necessary modifications to meet your needs.

For more information, visit the Center for Personal Assistance Services at <http://www.pascenter.org>

### Classifieds

**WANTED:** Sponsors and donors for the Wish Upon A Star Online Auction. We are still accepting new sponsors and donated items for this event. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, donating an item, or you know someone who would be, please contact Amy Medrick at (703) 528-5606 x10 or [amym@rpjhousing.org](mailto:amym@rpjhousing.org).

**WANTED:** Gift Wrappers. Do you enjoy wrapping gifts? RPJ Housing will be staffing the gift wrapping kiosk at the Ballston Common Mall in Arlington this holiday season. We'll be wrapping gifts in exchange for donations for RPJ Housing's Affordable Rental Program. If you are interested in staffing a shift or more, please contact Amy Medrick at (703) 528-5606 x10 or [amym@rpjhousing.org](mailto:amym@rpjhousing.org).

**WANTED:** Arbelo, Lacy Court and Longview Terrace Apartments in Alexandria have several 1 and 2 BR units available. For more information contact Terry or Rayshone at (703) 765-1361.

**WANTED:** Fairfield & Lynn D Apartments in Front Royal have several 1 and 2 BR units available. For more information contact Paul at (540) 635-3043.

**Count me in!** I want to help RPJ Housing continue serving families like the residents of Lacy Court. Here is my tax-deductible contribution to support *RPJ Housing's* efforts to develop and preserve affordable housing in the Washington metropolitan area.

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