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## Anderegg House Dedicated

It was a sunny day in July when almost 30 people gathered at the house at West Hampton that RPJ Housing and FIT were dedicating to the memory of Jeanne Anderegg. An aging duplex that needed work on the inside and outside, it seemed like an unlikely candidate for such an important event. Yet as the morning wore on, aching backs, sore hands, and paint splattered clothes didn't seem to matter as the progress became apparent. This Rebuilding Together team of enthusiastic volunteers from Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church tore grass out, removed trees, completed edging, planted bushes and a tree, painted walls and hand rails, and performed repairs and other small jobs. Later in the month, a team came back to repaint the entire house and continue cleaning the backyard. The dedication was ready.

September 16, 2006, the day of the dedication, started out dreary. Just an hour before the ceremony itself, the skies were misty and drizzly. The

front yard so lovingly landscaped for this very day was abandoned and everyone took shelter under the tent in backyard. By the 2:00 p.m. start time, the skies had opened up and rain poured down. But the spirit under the tent was bright with remembrances of Jeanne. Amy Smith, Families in Transition (FIT) Manager spoke as did Herb Cooper-Levy from RPJ Housing, Virginia Flanagan, former mentor, Dana Daspit, mentor, Janet Emery-Swann representing Families In Transition families and John Anderegg. Jim Criswell brought several members of the Senior Choir who sang. Jeri Fields did the opening prayer and Dick Neff not only took these pictures but did the benediction. Many people recalled that Jeanne loved rain and perhaps that was the way she would have wanted her special day to be celebrated.

*(Article contributed by Amy Smith, FIT Manager)*



John Anderegg, Jeanne's husband, recalls the incredible gifts his wife shared with families in need worldwide.



A new plaque officially recognizes Jeanne Anderegg's dedicated efforts to helping families achieve stability and self-sufficiency.

## Lacy Court Becomes an RPJ Housing Property

RPJ Housing purchased the Lacy Court property on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 with the help of a \$6.6 million second trust loan from the City of Alexandria's housing funds and federal HOME monies. The loan terms require the property be used as affordable housing in perpetuity.

This acquisition increases RPJ Housing's affordable rental housing portfolio to 311 units in fourteen locations throughout Northern Virginia. "The next step," notes Herb Cooper-Levy, executive director, "is to design renovation plans that, over time, will provide more attractive landscaping, updated appliances and fixtures in the units, efficient utilities, and more secure entry systems."

Despite these changes, the building facades, the unit mix, and the quiet but trendy Del Ray neighborhood atmosphere will remain the same. Current tenants will also be welcome to live at the property for as long as they wish.

## RPJ Housing Gets a Website Makeover

http://www.rpjhousing.com

### RPJ Housing Development Corporation

Preserving and developing decent, affordable housing to address the needs of limited income individuals and families and to strengthen the community.

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**Updated Website**

Welcome to our newly updated website. There are still some links that are not completed, but we hope that you enjoy our new look. If you have comments or suggestions, please let us know at [info@rpjhousing.org](mailto:info@rpjhousing.org).

**ESSI Golf Classic**



Swing a golf club so we can swing a hammer! The ESSI Golf Classic will be held Thursday, September 21, 2006 at the Reston National Golf Course in Reston, Virginia. The driving range will be open before the 8:30 a.m. start time. Proceeds from the Classic will benefit RPJ Housing's home repairs programs Rebuilding

Next time you are surfing the Net, swim over to RPJ Housing's new, improved website located at [www.rpjhousing.org](http://www.rpjhousing.org). The site was created by our Director of Administration, Amy Medrick, and is full of information about our programs, with a special emphasis on how to access our volunteer home repair and affordable rental housing resources. Visitors can download applications to obtain home repairs or to sponsor a volunteer team, look at floor plans at different RPJ Housing properties, watch our video, or make a donation. There are also links to affordable housing programs run by local governments. Feedback is always welcome: just email [amedrick@rpjhousing.org](mailto:amedrick@rpjhousing.org).

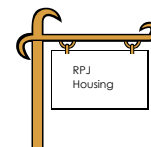
## Goodbye and Hello

RPJ Housing bids a fond farewell to Steve Lund, a member of our maintenance staff for eight years who most recently served as our Director of Maintenance. Steve's uncanny ability to perform "miracle repairs" will be sorely missed. We wish him and his family the best as they move to their new home in Florida.

Likewise, we welcome Terry Newton as our new Director of Maintenance. Terry has eight years of experience in maintenance management and supervision and has NAPE certifications in heat pumps, VA master mechanic, environmental impact, air conditioning, boilers, and electrical maintenance. He has hit the ground running, and we are delighted to have him aboard!

## Sign Us Up!

RPJ Housing's apartment properties in Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax will get some well deserved "name recognition" with the addition of newly installed signs advertising our property names and management office phone number. This small step will dramatically help our marketing efforts and improve our ability to serve households in need of affordable rental housing.



## Announcements

**THE SEPTEMBER 29 LEGISLATIVE FORUM HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED** due to a special legislative session of the General Assembly called by Governor Kaine from September 27-30. **The new date for the Forum is Thursday, October 12, 8:30-11:30 AM**, at the Holiday Inn Tysons Corner. Delegates and Senators from Northern Virginia will be invited to listen to the concerns of Northern Virginia non-profits, businesses, citizen groups and affordable housing advocates regarding the need for state policies that promote the preservation and production of affordable housing in our area. To register, send an email to [info@nvaha.org](mailto:info@nvaha.org) with your name, company affiliation and email address.

**The 2nd Annual AHOME Awards and Appreciation Breakfast** will be held on Wednesday, October 18 at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Registration will start at 7:30 AM and breakfast and the awards program will follow from 8:00 to 9:30. The guest speaker will be Bill Shelton, Director of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. To purchase a ticket, reserve a table, or sponsor the event, please contact Jennifer Guerra at [jguerra@habitatnova.org](mailto:jguerra@habitatnova.org) or (703) 521-9890 ext. 105.

**The Alliance for Housing Solutions** will sponsor the Fourth Annual Leckey Forum on Saturday, October 21 from 8:30-3:30 PM at George Mason University, Arlington campus. **Increasing Resources for Affordable Housing** will present four panel discussions on options for increasing public and private sector resources for affordable housing in our region. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served for a \$10 registration fee. To review the agenda and register for this popular annual housing forum, go to [www.nvaha.org/pdfs/LeckeyInvit06.pdf](http://www.nvaha.org/pdfs/LeckeyInvit06.pdf).

## Did You Know?

According to a 2000 AARP Survey on Housing & Home Modifications, 82% of mid-life and older people want to remain living independently in their own homes for as long as possible. Yet one-third of elderly individuals who live in the community fall each year, usually inside their home. Falls account for 70% of accidental deaths in persons 75 years of age and older. Clearly, taking steps to reduce the risk of falls in the home can significantly improve the quality of life for individuals who want to "age in place."

Rebuilding Together publishes a Home Safety Checklist that will help you identify fall hazards in an elder's home and offers practical suggestions for reducing or removing these hazards. Some tips that are easy to implement include improving the lighting in dark areas, removing clutter, and installing non-slip rug pads or rug tape. For a comprehensive list of ideas, go to [http://www.rebuildingtogether.org/downloads/home\\_safety\\_checklist.pdf](http://www.rebuildingtogether.org/downloads/home_safety_checklist.pdf).

## Classifieds

**FOR RENT:** Fort Myer I & II Apartments in Arlington have several 1BR/1BA units available for \$1024/month plus gas and electric. For more information, contact Sonya or Rayshone at (703) 765-1361.

**WANTED:** Individuals who like to wrap presents! RPJ Housing is exploring a gift wrapping at a local bookstore during the holiday season. If you would be willing to volunteer for a three hour shift, contact Amy Medrick at 703-528-5606 x10 or [amedrick@rpjhousing.org](mailto:amedrick@rpjhousing.org).

**WANTED:** Volunteers to help plan our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Monte Carlo Night on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at Top of the Town in Arlington. Remember, three's a charm! Contact Jeannie for info on how to help at 703-528-5606 x13 or [jcummins@rpjhousing.org](mailto:jcummins@rpjhousing.org).



**Count me in!** I want to help RPJ Housing continue Jeanne Anderegg's good works. 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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