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From our Chairman of the Board: These Difficult Times Require Effective Communication to Support Safe and Affordable Senior Housing

by Christopher M. Shelton, EHDHC Board Chairman



While some older persons are very fortunate to live in safe and affordable senior housing, it has been revealed during these difficult times with coronavirus that a high unemployment rate and homelessness has had a dire impact on the elderly and their families, causing more of a critical shortage of affordable senior housing. It is vital that we effectively communicate with our elected officials and candidates to educate them on the cost-effective health and housing benefits of senior housing; and the critical need to promptly expand the supply, particularly more funding for the Section 202 elderly housing program.

What is effective communication and how do we achieve it? Some of you may recall that last year the Administration had also proposed to cut federal funding for affordable housing, including zero funds for construction under the Section 202 program. Yet, through active participation with others, EHDHC residents, their families, our Board members, partners and others took a number of decisive actions, including letter writing, meetings, social networking, and rallies, that resulted in Congress funding these vital programs, including \$90 million for Section 202 construction of affordable senior housing.

As EHDHC Chair and as President of the Communication Workers of America (CWA), I have a keen interest in how EHDHC effectively communicates our mission and public policy priorities to assist our senior residents and others seeking affordable senior housing and services.

While there are some variations, many of us are familiar with the basic "5 W's" of effective communication and journalism: who, what, where, why and when; as well as the often accompanying how. In Politics, these 5 W's were modified and popularized by Harold Lasswell's book: "Politics: Who Gets What, When, How."

Therefore, how do we apply these basic aspects of effective communication for the Administration's proposed FY2021 federal budget for affordable senior housing?

What's our message? What do we want: to increase federal funding for affordable senior housing, particularly Section 202 Supportive Elderly Housing construction funds. While we are pleased that the Administration is seeking \$100 million for Section 202 construction funds, this vital program should be funded at a minimum of \$600 million, as it was a decade ago (\$582 million in FY2010) and preceding years.

Why do we want this increased funding? Steve's article in this issue (and preceding issues) of *Housing with a Heart* provides background on the critical need for increased funding including: critical shortage of affordable housing, multi-year waiting lists for EHDHC residences; increased homelessness and vulnerability to become homeless; as well as taxpayers benefits with this cost-effective program's impact on health and long-term care costs.

Who do we want to communicate/educate on the need to increase funding? We want to educate our current Congressional members especially where EHDHC has facilities (their constituents), particularly a member of Congressional leadership, including key committees or subcommittees, such as Housing Appropriations (Transportation and Housing and Urban Development). In addition, we want to communicate/educate candidates seeking national (White House, Congress), state (Governor, state legislators), and local offices (Mayors and city council).



When do we want to communicate our concerns to increase the supply of affordable senior housing? ASAP. The proposed budget was introduced in early February. The key Congressional committees have already begun hearings and other actions to gather background information prior to voting this Spring. The fiscal year (FY) 2021 budget is supposed to begin October 1st, 2020. It is anticipated that Congressional action will be accelerated this year because of the elections.

Where is the most effective place to communicate with our elected officials (and candidates)? Every opportunity that you have to be with an elected official or candidates, as well as their key staff members who are responsible for affordable housing, services and health care for the elderly. While their national office is an important place to meet with Congressional members (and key staff), it may be easier to meet at their district or state office. However, the most effective place to communicate with elected officials or candidates is to invite them to EHDOC communities so they can learn first-hand about our residents (their constituents) and how an investment of federal funds (including the Section 202 program) benefits older persons, the state and local community, and taxpayers.

How is the remaining question. EHDOC, our residents, and others have many options and can use their best judgement on how to effectively communicate these "who, what, where, when and how" actions. As cited earlier, residents and others supporting affordable senior housing can write letters (text, emails and other written communications), make calls, meet with elected and key public officials, candidates, and their staff; attend or conduct rallies and public forums; write articles, conduct interviews, testify, make videos as well as the use of other media to increase public awareness; run for office, volunteer and contribute to candidates and so forth.

Each of you reading this article can be an effective advocate for EHDOC's mission and with collective actions to increase federal funding (particularly the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program). In closing, I'd like to reference two motivational speakers regarding effective communications: Jim Rohn - *"Effective communication is 20% what you know and 80% how you feel about what you know."* and Zig Ziglar - *"You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life"....particularly a vulnerable older person seeking affordable housing with services.* ■

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SENIOR LIVING SENIOR DIGNITY

by Steve Protulis, EHD OC President and CEO

Harsh Impact of Coronavirus Exposes the Critical Shortage of Safe and Affordable Housing and Services for the Elderly

These past few months have been particularly hard with the high rate of infections amongst seniors. Please read the article, “Living Safely in the Age of Coronavirus” (Pg. 9) and stay safe. COVID-19 has also crippled our economy, spiked homelessness, and exposed the critical shortage of safe and affordable housing. While Congress passed in March the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), its funds are rapidly running out. As our Chairman Christopher Shelton urges in his accompanying article, we need to educate Congress to expand the supply of affordable senior housing. So what is the Administration proposing in its FY2021 budget to develop affordable senior housing?

When the Administration released its proposed FY2021 budget in early February, I had very mixed feelings. While I was pleasantly surprised that the Administration had requested, for the first time in many years, a slight increase in funding for the construction of Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly, I was also very disappointed and concerned that simultaneously the Administration was proposing very harsh cuts for other affordable housing, health care, and services for the elderly.

This is good news and a step in the right direction since it is the first time since FY2013 that any funds have been requested by the Administration for the Section 202 Capital Advance construction program that EHD OC and other non-profit organizations have long relied upon to develop affordable senior housing. However, despite the increase, it is also woefully inadequate compared to the \$825 million that had been funded for Section 202 affordable senior housing in FY2010, including \$582 million for new construction.

During recent years when zero funds were neither requested nor funded, the elderly population has significantly increased by several millions (AARP documents that 10,000 baby boomers turn 65 every day); as a result the costs for housing has skyrocketed; and the number of homeless has tragically increased throughout America (over a half million homeless people nightly).



It is difficult to understand and accept these funding cuts when the Administration clearly recognizes the critical shortage of affordable senior housing as documented in their Congressional justification statement that accompanied their FY2021 budget request. Key points cited in the Administration’s proposed FY2021 budget justification for HUD included:

- The Section 202 program is the only federally funded program that expressly addresses the need for affordable elderly housing (and) its impact is amplified through the leverage of other housing.
- The average annual household income for Section 202 PRAC (accompanying Project Rental Assistance Contract) households is approximately \$12,000.
- HUD is only able to provide assisted housing to one in three seniors who qualify. The demand for such programs is likely to increase as the Baby Boomer generation continues to age into retirement.
- In addition to demand outpacing investments in elderly housing, there is a growing increase in the number of older Americans with worst-case housing needs. HUD’s Worst-Case Housing Needs: 2017 Report to Congress found that 1.85 million households headed by an elderly person had worst-case housing needs in 2015.

- The proportion of elderly, very low-income renters with worst-case needs was 39.8 percent in 2015, representing a 2.6 percentage point increase since 2013. Low-income elderly households that rely on fixed incomes may be less likely than households with wage income to benefit from positive economic trends, but elderly households are affected by rising market rents, nonetheless.
- The Section 202 program helps to reduce the number of vulnerable seniors experiencing worst-case housing needs or homelessness.
- With the assistance of service coordinators, many of these residents can access community-based services that are designed to help them stay longer in their housing, age in the community, and avoid more expensive institutional settings.

Unfortunately, despite slight increases in the Section 202 elderly housing program, the overall proposed FY2021 budget for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would be drastically cut by 15% to \$47.9 billion compared to \$56.5 billion in FY2020. This harsh cut of \$8.6 billion for HUD is much higher than the average 5 to 6 percent proposed cuts for other federal non-defense programs (although proposed increase of over \$800 million for defense budget).

As stated in EHDOD Board Chairman Chris Shelton's article, "What is the commitment for Affordable Senior Housing in communities nationwide?" (see Summer, 2019 *Housing with a Heart*), with recent year funding cuts for the Section 202 program, EHDOD and others have needed to seek alternative funding for the development of affordable senior housing, including HOME, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and other funding through state and local governments.

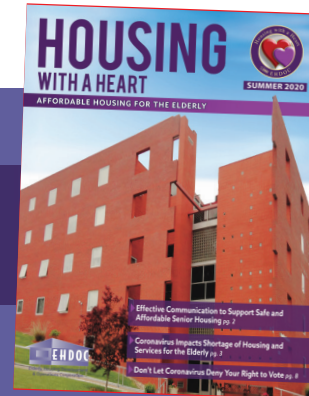
Unfortunately, the Administration's proposed FY2021 budget would eliminate funding for many of these federal programs that have been used to develop affordable housing that assists low-income older persons.

Compounding the proposed funding cuts for affordable housing, the Administration is also seeking harsh cuts to other health and services that assist EHDOD residents and other older persons, including Older Americans Act programs, food stamps (now called Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-SNAP); fuel assistance, caregiver programs, Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security, etc. with indications that additional cuts could be forthcoming (most likely after the election).

Overall, the Administration seeks \$4.4 trillion in spending cuts over 10 years, including \$2 trillion in non-defense discretionary programs (Congressional annual appropriations, including HUD) and \$2 trillion from mandatory programs (Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid). The Administration imposes a cap of \$590 billion for non-defense programs despite the bi-partisan budget agreement last year of \$626.5 billion for FY2021.

Once again, it is vital that each of us who support affordable senior housing must educate our members of Congress; candidates for elected offices at federal, state, and local offices; as well as other key Administration officials, on the critical need and benefits (to older persons, communities and taxpayers) of the cost-effectiveness of the Section 202 and other affordable housing programs that assist low-income seniors. Our earlier efforts with letter writing, meetings, media, rallies, and other communications have been helpful, but we have a long and tough fight ahead. See EHDOD Board Chairman Christopher Shelton's accompanying article on effective communication needed for affordable senior housing. ■

ABOUT THE COVER



Lynn Williams Apartments

In 1997, with construction complete, Lynn Williams Apartments was dedicated in honor of Lynn Williams, a former International President of the United Steelworkers union (USW). The new construction consisted of 42 units for senior citizens 62 years of age and older. Residents began moving into their new apartments in April of that same year and one of those original residents is in her 24th year of residency at the property.

Lynn Williams Apartments is located in the Brighton Heights neighborhood of Pittsburgh, PA and offers suburban living with city life just minutes away. Brighton Heights is recognized for its stately architecture, with many early 20th century homes and churches. Because of the high quality and variety of the architecture of the neighborhood, Brighton Heights is one of the regularly featured neighborhoods of Pittsburgh's annual house tours.

A favorite spot of the residents is the roof top patio where they plant their vegetable and flower gardens and enjoy a sweeping view of the neighborhood and downtown Pittsburgh. The front patio is a popular social spot on warm days and boasts beautiful flowerpots tended to by the residents.

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HUGH CARCELLA APARTMENTS Reading, PA

Pennsylvania Senator Judy Schwank was at Hugh Carcella Apartments to discuss the new voting machines that will be used for Pennsylvania's April primary election. Senator Schwank also emphasized how important it is that all residents complete the 2020 US Census because the results are used to determine how much funding local communities receive for key public services.



EDWARD ROMERO TERRACE Albuquerque, NM

EHDOC & Silver Horizons utilize space in Ed Romero Terrace to distribute up to 300 pounds of groceries each month. EHDOC provides commodity food items in the form of non-perishable stored goods, which residents have come to rely on each month. Silver Horizons offers specialized grocery shopping experiences, allowing each resident to hand select food items that best serve his or her needs.

Ed Romero Terrace provides ongoing administrative support, set-up and staffing, shopping space, volunteers and support for unloading, as well as advertising to enhance community participation. Each program agency has a long-standing history of consistent material provision that leads to high resident participation rates (average 85%).

Each program provides residents with an opportunity to volunteer and stay engaged with peers while contributing talent and time to their community. Both programs have been in place for more than seven years and are secure in helping residents for the foreseeable future. Each program offers additional food support outreach to various sites throughout the Albuquerque area.



CFS LAKEVIEW APARTMENTS Bath, NY

Residents held a "dress up your dog" parade. Two cute little doggies and their mamas paraded throughout the building and passed the meal site to let everyone see how adorable their sweet little girls are.

STEEL PLAZA APARTMENTS Los Angeles, CA

The Steel Plaza Resident Association President hosted a Technology Workshop for residents. This workshop focused on teaching residents how to use their smartphones. Due to popular demand, this class will be an established in-home resource that residents can participate in every first and third Tuesday of each month. Participants learn how to make calls, use apps, take pictures and stream videos.



...EVERY DAY AT EHDOC RESIDENCES



SENATE APARTMENTS

Chicago, IL

JAVA Music Club meets every Friday morning at Senate Apartments. Members gather to have coffee, treats and music. Residents are encouraged to share their thoughts and 'leave everything on the table' as all discussions stay within the walls of the meeting.



ROBERT A. GEORGINE TOWERS

Boston, MA

Asian residents hosted their annual Chinese New Year Celebration in the Community Room. Residents provided music, pizza, salad, refreshments, ice cream sundaes, Chinese candies and baseball peanuts, as well as Asian decorations. The residents had raffles and Chinese lucky red envelopes. They also had a large Piñata to hit and try and break open so the candy would fall out.



JACKSONVILLE TOWERS

Jacksonville, AR

Hubert & Earlene Smith celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on January 27th, 2020. The Jacksonville Towers Resident Association provided a party, including food, cake and musical entertainment for friends, family and residents who wanted to participate. One of our residents serenaded the couple by playing the piano and singing.

ROBERT SHARP TOWERS

Miami, FL

Service Coordinators of Robert Sharp Towers coordinated with Miami Dade-County Homeless Trust to promote homeless awareness. A group of residents from Robert Sharp Towers got together to host a Cardboard Brigade at the local Publix Supermarket. Residents and Service Coordinators held signs, wore t-shirts, and handed out Helpline cards provided by the Miami Dade-County Homeless Trust.



Activities held prior to masks being required for COVID-19.

EHDOC Wins Award for \$2M+

HUD Section 202 Funds

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Congratulations to all of the recipients:

- Connecticut: New Samaritan Corporation
- Georgia: National Church Residences
- Georgia: Community Housing and Development Corporation
- Maryland: Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc.
- Maryland: CSI Support & Development Services
- Massachusetts: Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly III, Inc.
- Minnesota: Volunteers of America National Services
- **New Mexico: Elderly Housing Development and Operations Corporation (EHDOC)**
- Ohio: Vesta Longfellow, LLC
- Ohio: The McGregor Foundation
- Ohio: National Church Residences
- Ohio: Neighborhood Development Services, Inc.
- Pennsylvania: Catholic Housing and Community Services
- South Carolina: Tapestry Development Group, Inc.
- Texas: Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation
- Virginia: Wesley Housing Development Corporation of Northern Virginia
- Washington: HumanGood Affordable Housing
- Washington: Mercy Housing Northwest

In April 2019 HUD released a Notice of Funds Available (“NOFA”) encouraging 501(c)3 non-profit organizations across the country to apply for \$50M of Section 202 Funds out of the total \$251M appropriated by Congress in recent years. EHDOC submitted its application in late August 2019 for 40 additional units in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Edward Romero Terrace Phase II. On Friday, February 7, 2020, HUD announced \$51.5 million in awards to 18 organizations to build and operate affordable housing for very low income older adults. Of the 18, EHDOC was one of them!

Congratulations to Roland Broussard, Vice President of Development, for his outstanding efforts and to the EHDOC team in celebrating this victory as we continue to work tirelessly for more affordable housing. Thankfully, programs like HUD’s Section 202 program exist to provide affordable, quality housing with on-site Service Coordinators to help residents age in their community. Since the program’s revival in the fiscal year 2017 HUD appropriations bill, Congress has provided a total of \$251 million for new Section 202 homes (FY17, \$5 million; FY18, \$105 million; FY19, \$51 million; FY20, \$90 million). This first \$51.5 million released is expected to result in 575 new homes with Project Rental Assistance Contracts (PRAC) as their operating subsidy. Because the communities also use other funding sources, these 575 Section 202 homes will be in developments that comprise a total of 1,100 homes. HUD expects to announce the competition for the remaining Section 202 dollars this year.



Adapting to a Brave New World

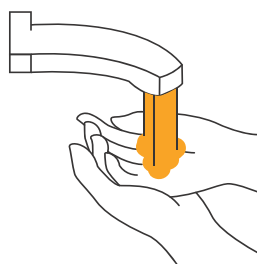
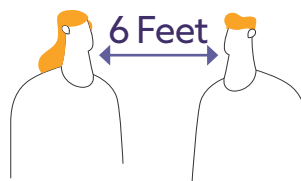
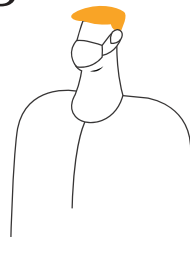
Living Safely in the Age of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

We are all aware of the impact COVID-19 has had on our nation and on us as individuals. EHDOC is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents and staff.

The danger of contracting the virus is still very real, and EHDOC continues to follow the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to help reduce the spread of this virus.

We urge our residents and staff to continue to abide by the following best practices:

- No social events or gatherings of any kind until further notice.
- Stay at least 6 feet from other persons (Social Distancing).
- Wear a mask.
- Ride in the elevators one at a time.
- Wash hands often for at least 20 seconds.



We ask all residents who feel sick to stay in their apartment and to contact their medical professional for further instructions. All staff have also been advised to stay home if feeling ill.

EHDOC and staff will continue to support all efforts to keep our residents safe; some examples are:

- Common areas are sanitized frequently.
- Limiting personnel in each building to essential employees.
- Signs posted at entrances and common areas stating visitors are only allowed in an emergency.

We must all stay vigilant in this trying time and work together to ensure everyone's health and safety.

The latest information about COVID-19 and additional guidance is available at the Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov/COVID19.

Morton Bahr Homeless Awareness Day

To honor the legacy of Morton Bahr, Steve Protulis, EHDOC President and CEO, created Morton Bahr Homeless Awareness Day to be celebrated every year on July 18, Mr. Bahr's birthday. This past July, nearly one year after his passing, EHDOC staff and residents gathered donations of goods and money during Morton Bahr Homeless Awareness Day to give to local homeless shelters and homeless advocate groups. Several communities participated in the events while observing COVID-19 guidelines promoted by the CDC.

Mr. Bahr was Chairman Emeritus of EHDOC, having served with pride, thoughtfulness, and dignity for many years. Mr. Bahr, often called "Morty" by his friends and colleagues, was an advocate for the homeless and a leading voice of the labor movement in the United States and beyond.

"As you all know, 'Morty' was an exceptionally proud CWA (Communications Workers of America) Union leader, a relentless and passionate advocate for seniors, and humbly honored to be a part of the EHDOC Board of Directors," said Steve Protulis, EHDOC President and CEO.

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SPRING ROCK PARK

Leeds, ME

Spring Rock Park had its First Annual Morty Bahr Car Wash and collection for the Homeless on 7/18/2020. The event was organized by Joseph Cabral, CM and Anita Parenteau, RSC. Residents and workers raised \$200 to benefit a local homeless shelter.



STEELWORKERS TOWER

Pittsburgh, PA

In honor of the first annual Morton Bahr Homeless Awareness Day, Steelworkers Tower in conjunction with Gateway Health and Allen's Place Community Center worked together to collect donations of personal hygiene items for homeless Veterans. Shepherd's Heart, an organization that helps homeless Veterans, was the recipient of the donated items.

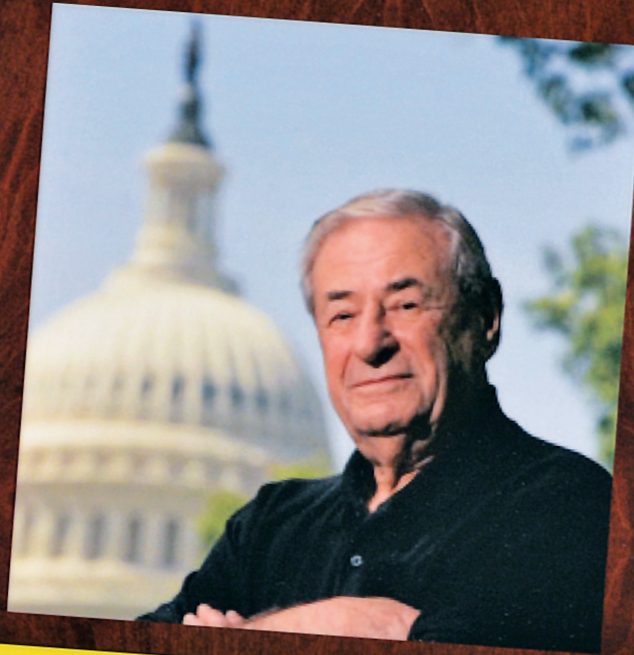


EARL M. BOURDON CENTRE

Claremont, NH

The Earl Bourdon Centre Service Coordinator Linda Schettino organized a collection drive for the first annual Morton Bahr Homeless Awareness Day. Collection boxes were placed on each floor at the Earl Bourdon Centre and residents filled the boxes with needed items.

**EHDOC's Annual
Morton Bahr Homeless Awareness Day**



July 18th

In loving memory of EHDOC's Chairman Emeritus and CWA's President Emeritus, Morton Bahr, we honor him annually on his birthday by heightening awareness to end homelessness across the country.

We Miss You Mr. Bahr
July 18, 1926 - July 30, 2019



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**IN MEMORY OF MORTON BAHR'S COMMITMENT TO EHDOC,
THIS PLAQUE IS PLACED AT ALL OF EHDOC'S PROPERTIES.**



It is Vital That You Don't Let Coronavirus or Others Deny Your Right to Vote

By Larry McNickle, Special Assistant

As EHDHC residents and our country has experienced for much of 2020, the coronavirus has devastated nearly every aspect of our daily lives as we take safety precautions for our health, make adjustments in our social relationships with family and friends, adjust to reduced goods and services, and in this election year – figure out how we can safely vote.

Since being designated a national pandemic in March, the coronavirus or COVID-19 has exponentially grown in the first 100 days to 1 million infections, to 2 million in the next 46 days, to 3 million in the next 26 days, and continuing this accelerated pace, to now being over 5 million, with over 170,000 American deaths who are disproportionately older persons.

In addition to its harsh impact on our health and mortality, COVID-19 has caused a sharp decline in our economy to a level not experienced since the Depression. And in the mist of these traumatic events, there has been much social unrest as well as demonstrations for social justice stemming from the harsh killing by the police of an unarmed black man, George Floyd. Some may characterize these difficult times as a “perfect storm” combining the coronavirus health crisis with an economic crisis and a social unrest crisis that has been polarized by the media and political actions.

One key way to take action to address these intertwining national crises is through our election process. The 2020 election will be significant in determining who at the national, state and local level of governments will be providing the leadership and making public policy decisions for resources and actions that will effectively address the coronavirus pandemic and other pressing issues. Timely and effective actions are needed to restore our health and safety; to restore jobs and a robust economy for essential goods and services; and to restore our national tranquility with unifying and empathic solutions to social injustice concerns.

Older persons have traditionally voted in higher numbers than other age groups. However, as we experienced earlier this year with the primary elections, the coronavirus has resulted in increased challenges with necessary safety concerns, such as the need for masks and social distancing. Voting this year may be a very different experience, whether you will be voting at a polling place or choose to mail in your ballot. Therefore, it is essential that you check with your state and local community for the most up-to-date voting information, including special conditions for older voters.

In the AARP July/August *Bulletin*, President and CEO Ann Jenkins reminded older persons that: “We’ve been through a lot recently, bringing out some of the worst and best in our country. We’ve seen the American people come together to battle the deadly coronavirus pandemic and exercise their constitutional rights to peaceful protest. We’ve also seen our nation torn apart by social and racial injustice to it. Millions of people have lost their jobs and seen their savings depleted. And a vast number of older people – disproportionately people of color – have died, often in nursing homes, from the coronavirus. It is painful times like these that test the very foundation of our democracy and challenge our American ideals.”

The most basic voting information needed includes: 1) are you correctly registered, 2) where and when you can vote, and 3) what are your state’s requirements for mail-in voting. A very helpful website for up-to-date and state specific information on these basic voting requirement is <https://www.vote.org>. For example, the link for Florida, (<https://www.vote.org/state/florida/>) includes information to ensure that you are properly registered; the location and hours of local polling places; and how to vote absentee or obtain and use mail-in ballots. The website also provides voting information related to COVID-19 impact on voting, including a link to the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with guidance for older persons (<https://www.cdc.gov>). EHDOC staff or others can assist our residents to use these websites and to vote.

In addition to basic voting requirements and safety concerns, voting turnout this year may also be further hindered should some states and others use COVID-19 as a justification or excuse to suppress voting. The Carnegie Corporation of New York identified a number of actions that some states have taken in the past to make it harder for certain segments of the population to vote, including: strict photo ID requirements (many seniors don’t have a driver’s license); reducing voting hours, including early voting; reducing and moving convenient or familiar polling places; requiring a physical street address (COVID has threatened increased evictions and some voters only have P.O. addresses); inappropriate purging of voter lists that have deleted many eligible voters; reduced numbers or poorly trained volunteers or paid workers; and other obstacles and confusions that have resulted in long waiting lines and a slow voting process that can discourage many voters.

Because of safety and other concerns (including transportation) many seniors and other voters may prefer to use mail-in ballots. It is anticipated that there will be a dramatic increase in the use of mail-in ballots for the elections this year. A July, 2020 *Washington Post* study on mail-in ballots estimates that over three-fourths of American voters can cast ballots by mail this election, and identifies requirement differences between states.

As noted in a recent AARP article, “Will Older Voters Decide the 2020 Election”, every state provides for absentee voting, and two-thirds do not require voters to give a reason for requesting. For those states that do require a reason, they believe that states will accept concern over the coronavirus as a legitimate reason to request an absentee ballot. Because of COVID-19, many states have made changes in their voting requirements and are expanding their capacity to handle anticipated increased mail-in ballots. Therefore, the www.vote.org website discussed earlier is among good resources for learning the most up-to-date requirements in your state.

Unfortunately, there are some, including President Trump, who are currently trying to discredit mail-in voting by exaggerating potential fraud and the capacity of our postal services. Yet, as the Brennan Center for Justice and others have documented, incidences of voter fraud are exceedingly rare, and note that the odds of voter fraud are lower than being stuck by lightning. Nonetheless, these negative perceptions may force some to choose between health safety concerns and voting, and can contribute to voter suppression. Therefore, it is vital that you don’t let coronavirus or others deny your rights to vote. Know the rules, double check for accuracy (ballots can be tossed out for inaccurate or missing information), and vote early.

There are many critical issues affecting EHDOC residents and other older persons that will be decided based upon the outcome of the election. Therefore, it is important that you know your state’s voting requirements, know your candidates’ position on critical priority issues (some communication with candidates will also be different this election), and vote safely. It is your right and duty. ■

Stay Active **During COVID**



Learn New Technology

Finding new ways to stay connected with friends and family is easier than ever thanks to advances in technology. Video calls, texts and emails allow people to communicate no matter where they are located.



Keep Moving

Walking and hiking increases your mood and keeps your body healthy and active. Many indoor activities like yoga, weightlifting or dancing will keep you moving even when you can't get outside.



Explore Hobbies

Exploring new hobbies or dusting off old ones is a great way to stay active. Try painting, knitting, scrapbooking, journaling, indoor gardening or exploring your family tree. Many hobbies have clubs or groups you can join for socializing and learning.



Play Some Games

There are many different games you can play that will keep you entertained and your mind sharp. Strategy games like chess, crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles and solitaire will give your mind a workout while challenging your skills.



The EHDOC Senior Relief Funds assists seniors in paying their security deposit, and provides needed support in order for them to be able to live in a safe and secure EHDOC property.

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EHDOC Communities Nationwide

Working to meet the need for senior housing across the country

Arkansas

Jacksonville Towers

Jacksonville
100 units | 9 story

Worley's Place

Jacksonville
44 units | 3 story

California

Dino Papavero Senior Centre

Fontana
150 units | 11 story

Murray Place

Bell
71 units | 5 story

Steel Plaza

Los Angeles
65 units | 11 story

John Piazza Apartments

Fontana
59 units | 4 story

Minerva Manor

Fontana
63 units | 3 story

Connecticut

Anthony J. DeLorenzo Towers

Bristol
90 units | 5 story

Stonington Arms

Pawcatuck
75 units | 2 story quadruplex

Florida

Council Towers North

Miami Beach
125 units | 12 story

Council Towers South

Miami Beach
125 units | 12 story

EHDOC MC Pepper Towers

Miami
150 units | 12 story

Palermo Lakes Apartments

Miami
109 units | 15 story

Robert Sharp Towers I

Miami Gardens
109 units | 7 story

Robert Sharp Towers II

Miami Gardens
109 units | 7 story

George Humphrey Towers

Miami
272 Units | 17 story

Illinois

North Park Village Apartments

Chicago
180 units | 2 & 3 story

Prete Apartments

Chicago
75 units | 4 story

Senate Apartments

Chicago
240 units | 4 story

Edward M. Marx Apartments

Chicago
31 units | 3 story

J. Michael Fitzgerald Apartments

Chicago
63 units

Louisiana

Chateau des Amis

Ville Platte
49 units | 2 story

Leisure Lane Apartments

Rayne
19 units | garden style

Morse Manor

Morse
19 units | garden style

Oakwood Apartments

Cheneyville
16 units | garden style

Pine Grove Apartments

Pineville
77 units | 2 story

Point Villa Apartments

Church Point
19 units | garden style

Riverbend Apartments

Mermentau
22 units | garden style

Savoy Heights Apartments

Mamou
54 units | 2 story

Sunshine Center Apartments

Leesville
37 units | garden style

Village de Memoire

Ville Platte
115 units | 2 story

Maine

Chateau Cushnoc

Augusta
60 units | 3 story

La Maison Acadienne

Madawaska
62 units | 3 story

Spring Rock Park Leeds

Leeds
20 units | 2 story

John Marvin Tower

Augusta
32 units | 3 story

Montfort Heights

St. Agatha, Maine
21 units | 3 story

Maryland/ Washington, DC

Council House

Marlow Heights
161 units | 9 story

Morton & Florence Bahr Towers

Washington
54 units | 5 story

Massachusetts

Robert A. Georgine Tower

Charlestown
42 units | 6 story

South Boston Elderly

Boston
50 units | 3 story

New Hampshire

Earl M. Bourdon Centre

Claremont
80 units | 3 story

New Mexico

Edward Romero Terrace

Albuquerque
40 units | 4 story

New York

Clyde F. Simon Lakeview I

Bath
150 units | 5 story

Clyde F. Simon Lakeview II

Bath
39 units | 3 story

Jack Kenny Memorial

Rochester
91 units | 6 Bldg - 2 story

Ohio

Mayfield Manor I

Canton
144 units | 6 story

Mayfield Manor II

Canton
66 units | 8 story

Mayfield Manor III

Canton
40 units | 4 story

Teamsters Residence

Maumee
52 units | 1 story quadruplex

William W. Winpisinger

Cleveland
42 units | 7 story

Pennsylvania

Hugh Carcella Apartments

Reading
120 units | 11 story

I.W. Abel Place

Pittsburgh
49 units | 6 story

Lloyd McBride Court

Millvale
58 units | 5 story

Lynn Williams Apartments

Pittsburgh
42 units | 5 story

Steelworkers Tower

Pittsburgh
79 units | 11 story

Puerto Rico

Torre Jesus Sanchez Erazo

Bayamon
100 units | 11 story



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