

SALEM H.O.P.E.

Human Organization Partnership Effort

Networking Breakfast Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2008

9:00 A.M. Sharp

Hosted by:

**The House of the Seven Gables
Visitor Center – 115 Derby Street
*Free parking in lot***

All social service agency representatives serving Salem residents are welcome.

PLEASE RSVP ATTENDANCE TO KAREN PELLETIER AT 978-744-0991, Ext. 118

AGENDA

- 9:00 I. Welcome & Group Introductions – Salem H.O.P.E. Chair Jennifer Buchanan
- 9:05 II. Agency Welcome – Anita Blackaby, Executive Director
- 9:20 III. Information Exchange - All attendees present - 1 minute per agency please
Bring any new brochures!
- 9:55 V. 56th Salem H.O.P.E. Newsletter (to be issued in November)
*Bring in your announcements, job postings, event notices, articles etc.
for November, December, January and February
or e-mail them to jguy@salem.com - Deadline 10/30/08*
- VI. Next meeting dates (tentative):
*Thursday, December 11, 2008 – Enterprise Center at Salem State College
Thursday, March 12, 2009 – Seeking host agency
Thursday, June 11, 2008 – Seeking host agency
Please email jguy@salem.com if you are interested in hosting an upcoming meeting!*
- 10:00 Tour of the Gables Settlement

*Networking & Refreshments
Walk around the Gables garden!*

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August, 2008

Summer Meeting Hosted By Salem Harbor CDC

Salem Harbor CDC hosted the June, 2008 meeting at their newly constructed housing units at 50 Palmer Street, Salem. Representing the agency was Executive Director Michael Whelan. Present were Jane Guy of the City of Salem DPCD, Lee Hartmann of NSCAP, Robin LoConte of HealthQuarters, Kathy O'Brien of Independent Living Center, Pamela Foye of Anchor to Windward, Karen Pelletier of the House of 7 Gables, Teury mart and Jane Williamson of MA Rehabilitation Commission, Jodi LaPointe of the Wellness Community, Meg Gleason and Bridget Delaney-Messana of North Shore Infant & Toddler Early Intervention, Maria Simpson of Catholic Charities, Laura Swanson of the Enterprise Center and Anne-Marie D'Angelo-Florent of MassHealth.

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Mr. Whelan welcomed the group and stated that Salem Harbor CDC was established in 1979 to undertake community development activities in Salem, with activities mostly in the Point Neighborhood. They provide housing programs, as well as programs that advance economic development. They provide an ESOL program that is currently recruiting volunteers. They own and manage 150 units of rental housing and recently completed construction of 15 units of housing at 50 Palmer Street. The 50 Palmer site was the former Keefe's Restaurant that they purchased in 2004. At the time, it was an environmental hazard. The goal was to create 15 units of housing for homeownership. However, construction was finished in what is now a negative market and it will now be changing to rental. They are about 1 in 15 affordable housing developments in the Boston area that is in the same situation. 50 Palmer offers 3 unit types with 1 unit being an accessible unit.

Ms. D'Angelo-Florent stated that she provides presentations on MassHealth programs. They are in the process of setting up payment plans for those in arreages.

Ms. O'Brien stated that the Independent Living Center's biggest focus is getting people out of institutions and into accessible apartments. Their programs are run by and for people with disabilities.

Ms. Swanson stated that the Salem State College Enterprise Center has started a non-profit initiative that offers free business programs for capacity building skills. They will be providing workshops in September on fundraising, board development and volunteer recruitment and management.

Ms. Simpson stated that Catholic Charities GED Youthworks is recruiting for GED students, ages 16-21. Students must be low income or disabled and test at an 8th grade level. The service is free.

Ms. Hartman stated that NSCAP has four sites – 2 in Peabody, a homeless shelter in Beverly and Salem Cyberspace in Salem. They offer ESOL, Adult Basic Education, an advocacy program, and fuel assistance. They are currently helping people who haven't filed for the incentive payment from the government.

Ms. Pelletier stated that the House of Seven Gables Museum supports the Gables Settlement House. They have a new Executive Director who has opened up the gardens to the public at no charge. The Settlement House offers child care, pre-school and after school and summer camp. They are starting a pre-school summer camp this summer. Services are sliding scale.

Ms. Marte stated MA Rehabilitation Commission works with people with all kinds of disabilities to locate employment. They provide assessment, referrals and job training.

Ms. LaPointe stated that the Wellness Community provides support for people with cancer. They recently opened at 76 Lafayette Street and their services are free. They have support groups for people in treatment, as well as support groups for caregivers. They also offer Reiki and yoga. They are currently open on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Ms. Williamson stated that she is a vocational counselor at MA Rehabilitation Commission.

Ms. Foye stated that Anchor to Windward is a private, non-profit agency for adults and adolescents with developmental disabilities. They provide recreational and social programs. They are on the bus route at 600 Loring Avenue. They also have limited scholarships.

Ms. Delaney-Messana stated that North Shore Infant and Toddler Early Intervention is out of Cerebral Palsy Association. They have offices in Salem and Lynn and serve 1000 children under the age of 3.

Ms. LoConte stated that HealthQuarters is a reproductive health association. She is the Teen DSS Pregnancy Prevention Coordinator and runs groups on birth control, healthy relationships and foster parent training.

Ms. Guy stated that the City of Salem website has several [resources for families who may be threatened with foreclosure](#).

Salem Harbor CDC Programs & Services



Founded in 1979 to create affordable housing for the Point neighborhood of Salem, Massachusetts, the [Salem Harbor CDC](#) activities and key achievements include:

Affordable Rental Housing

Salem Harbor CDC has developed 148 units of affordable housing since 1979, including 61 rental units, 77 in a limited-equity cooperative, and 10 of enhanced single-room-occupancy housing. The units are managed and maintained by Salem Property Managers, Inc. which is Salem Harbor CDC's property management subsidiary.

Affordable Home Ownership

Salem Harbor CDC has developed 16 units of affordable homeownership during the past decade.

First-Time Homebuyer Training

Salem Harbor CDC offers training for first-time homebuyers and people of low- and moderate-income. Certification through this program entitles participants to financial benefits, such as reduced interest rates or lower downpayments from participating banks for a period of one year.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

The CDC's English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes serve about 100 students each year through an active volunteer instructor program. Classes are taught with a life skills and job readiness focus. The curriculum focuses on: 1) basic reading, writing, math and oral communication as they relate to the world of work; 2) the life skills language necessary to access services such as public transportation, childcare, and medical care; and 3) the achievement of personal goals such as becoming a US citizen, or obtaining a driver's license. Instruction levels include beginners, advanced beginners, low intermediate levels and a conversation class to build fluency. We also offer an intermediate-level "English for Employment" class.

50 Palmer Street

Salem Harbor CDC's new affordable housing at 50 Palmer Street in Salem, Massachusetts, offers 15 new units. Each home is heated with forced hot air, gas fired hot water and cooking with Energy Star rated appliances. The kitchen cabinets are maple with laminate countertops. Sizeable kitchens feature 21.6 cubic foot refrigerator and freezer, localized air-conditioning and gas range with range hood. Amenities depend on the unit type, and may include in-unit laundry, balconies or decks. All units have off-street parking for one vehicle.

The unit types are:

Type A: Two Bedroom - 747 sq. ft

Type B: Three Bedroom Townhouse - 1,489 sq. ft.

Type C: Two Bedroom (HC Adaptable) - 1,113 sq. ft.

Type D: Two Bedroom - 1,156 sq. ft.

For more information, call 978-745-8071.



www.socialsecurity.gov

Social security has unveiled their new web site. It is a completely new format and should be much easier to navigate. Customers can take care of a lot of their business such as filing for claims, benefit verifications and a lot of other items that they used to have to go to the office for.

Health Quarters Offers Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programming to DSS-Involved Youth

Health Quarters is currently offering multi-week sexuality education curricula specifically tailored to *high-risk youth* and those in foster care. Programming can be geared for audiences that range from teen to young adult. We are flexible in our approach and can adapt the curricula to best meet the needs of each group. Location, dates and times of the groups will vary as we try to accommodate DSS-involved youth where they receive services, as well as at residential or group homes. To learn more about upcoming groups or how to refer a client, please contact Robin LoConte, M.S. at Health Quarters in Beverly at (978) 927-9824 x 2121.

Wellspring House - *MediClerk Program* *Training for Jobs in Healthcare*

MediClerk is a comprehensive 13-week training program designed to provide the skills necessary to succeed in the medical administrative profession. Tuition assistance is readily available on a sliding scale. Up to 100% scholarship may be awarded to eligible low income residents of the North Shore region. Prerequisites: a high school diploma or equivalent, some computer or typing experience, and a clean Criminal Offender Record Investigation (CORI). The next 2008 sessions begin on July 7th and November 3rd. Classes run from 8:45am-3:00pm, Monday through Friday at Highland Hall on the Salem Hospital campus. Graduates are competent in MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook; Medical Terminology; Medical Keyboarding; Medical Office Procedures; Business Communications; and Professional Success and Job Search Skills. Student support services continue through the program and into employment. For further information call 978-354-2499 Sandy Sabo, Program Coordinator.

Meetings & Events, Etc.

- **Tuesday, August 12, 2008 – Congressman Tierney hosts “Making Cents out of Grants”**
[Click here for information.](#)
- **Friday, August 15, 2008 – Independent Living Center Annual Membership BBQ.** [Click here for information.](#)
- **Thursday, September 11, 2008 – Salem HOPE Fall Meeting – House of Seven Gables**
- **Thursday, December 11, 2008 – Salem HOPE Winter Meeting – Enterprise Center at Salem State college**
- **Thursday, March 12, 2009 – Salem HOPE Spring Meeting – Seeking host agency**

www.salem.com has [links to social service agencies](#), as well as information on [housing programs](#) and [foreclosure prevention and legal resources](#).

What is Salem H.O.P.E. ?

Salem H.O.P.E. is a networking group of human service agencies that serve Salem residents. It is a free forum for agencies to learn about the services being provided by other agencies in order to fill in gaps, coordinate efforts and avoid the duplication of services. All human service agency representatives are welcome to attend the quarterly breakfast meetings held at rotating locations.

We need your announcements, notices and articles for this newsletter. Share your resources; advertise a job opening; seek out agencies to collaborate on a grant application; announce new programs; publicize your events, etc. Please e-mail your submissions or requests to be added to the newsletter e-mail distribution list to jguy@salem.com. Newsletter printed four times per year. However, information that needs to be disseminated in a more timely manner will be forwarded to the listserv upon receipt.

The Salem H.O.P.E. Newsletter is prepared and distributed by Jane Guy of the Department of Planning & Community Development of the City of Salem, Kimberley Driscoll, Mayor.
