

## CONFERENCE & NETWORKING

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### Tropicana CONFERENCE HOTEL REGISTRATION

Hotel reservations, at the conference room rate, (\$120.00 + tax & fees). The registration phone number is 1-800-345-8767, Group number: ST11HR1



## NJNAHRO TO HOLD FALL CONFERENCE & NETWORKING IN ATLANTIC CITY-11/15-11/17/21

The New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials will be holding its annual fall conference at the Tropicana Atlantic City during the month of November. NJNAHRO started holding this annual event several years ago in order to provide an opportunity for its members to be able to attend important workshops at the same time as the NJ League of Municipalities Conference. Attendees have the ability to focus on specific Housing Authority issues during the conference sessions and attend the League sessions, at their convenience, via shuttles from the hotel. Most New Jersey local and state elected officials are in at



tendance at the New Jersey League of Municipalities conference. As such, it is an excellent opportunity for Housing Authority staff and Commissioners to network with their elected officials. It provides a unique opportunity to discuss local issues with the people that have the ability to effectuate change. Don't miss this opportunity to network with other Housing Authority staff/Commissioners and local officials. This conference is held during the annual

League of Municipalities Conference for this specific purpose. Leadership workshops are being held during our conference. The agenda and registration are attached. Many New Jersey Housing Authorities have indicated that they needed sessions geared towards Commissioners, Executive Directors & staff. NJNAHRO responded by offering a diversified agenda at a greatly reduced fee. We anticipate a large demand for this first in-person conference in two years. It is recommended that you register early to ensure a place in the workshop. We have expanded our agenda due to the outstanding response we received at our last conference.

## TRENTON HOUSING AUTHORITY IN THE NEWS!

In September 2019, the Trenton Housing Authority (THA) and the City of Trenton received a Choice Neighborhood Planning and Action Grant from HUD in the amount of \$1,300,000. The grant supports a 2-year planning process followed by 1.5 years to implement Action

Activities. The Action Activities entail innovative community and economic development activities that help communities build momentum and accelerate change in the neighborhood. Though the COVID-19 pandemic changed

our normal way of life, it didn't hinder us from making progress on the North Trenton-Bottle Monument Choice Neighborhood Plan! We figured out how to get things done while meeting virtually. We completed over 200 household surveys. (Cont. on Pg. 15)

## HQM Develops New Affordable Housing



Louis A. Riccio, Chief Executive Officer of HQM Properties, Inc. announced that occupancy for its latest project, 7 Elm Street will be available on September 1, 2021.

This latest development was designed by William Charleroy, AIA from Pennington, New Jersey and is being constructed by Straightedge Construction from Manasquan, New Jersey.

The building will have two 2-bedroom apartments. One will be rented to a very low-income family and one will be rented to a moderate-income family. These apartments will assist the Borough of Madison meet its Fair Share obligation. Both apartments have a forced hot air heating and air conditioning system with hook-ups for washers and dryers. The apartments meet the State's Energy Star requirements.

Sarah Craig, President of HQM Properties, Inc. said, "This was a very difficult development because of the triangular shape of the property and its size only being 40' wide by 90' deep. The architect and the contractor did a fantastic job fitting this building onto this site." Even the municipal building official commented on the workmanship of the contractor."



Lakeland Bank supported this development with a \$300,000 construction loan and the Borough of Madison contributed \$150,000 from their Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

For more information visit [WWW.HQMPROP.COM](http://WWW.HQMPROP.COM)

## PASSAIC COUNTY PUBLIC HOUSING DELIVERS MEALS TO SENIOR RESIDENTS

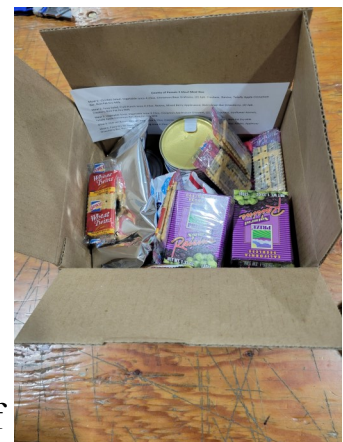


Luke Slott, Clarissa Manjarres & Robert Pagan of the Passaic County Housing Agency helping administer the food program for the Agency's senior residents.

The Passaic County Public Housing Agency, on behalf of the Passaic County Board of Commissioners, utilized a portion of their CARES ACT funding by providing shelf stable meals for its senior voucher residents.

As many are aware, the CARES ACT funds were limited in terms of its acceptable uses. Although the cost of the delivery of food to residents was allowed under HUD guidelines, the actual food was not an eligible expense. The Housing Agency was able to partner with the Passaic County Department of Economic Development and receive a grant from the Department of Community Affairs which provided the funding for the food.

Senior citizens are a high- risk population in relation to contracting coronavirus. Many of these families have little support outside of the household and a limited amount of access to transportation. Some families are physically unable to leave their apartment due to health concerns. With the implementation of this program, as many as three hundred senior households will receive a five day shelf stable meal package once a month delivered right to their door-step. The delivery of these meals will help to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and enable this vulnerable population to enjoy nutritious meals without leaving their homes. This was an especially large endeavor as the residents are spread throughout a large geographical area. The Housing Agency's tenant interviewers have assisted in providing the recipients with any information they may need in this process.



The meals will be sent to the senior families until the end of this year. If HUD extends the deadline for expending the funding, the delivery of the meals may carry into the winter months of next year.

## **NJNAHRO Receives Approval to Provide N.J. State Mandated Training for Executive Directors & Commissioners**



**William F. Snyder-NJNAHRO Service Officer**

In 1992, the New Jersey Legislature revised the Redevelopment & Housing Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:12) to require that every Housing and Redevelopment Authority Executive Director and Commissioner attend a series of training courses to be eligible to hold their position. The program mandates that Commissioners complete their training within 18 months of their appointment and Executive Directors within 24 months.

The initial course curriculum was developed by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) in conjunction with a Task Force comprised of New Jersey Housing Authority Executive Directors. This curriculum was approved by the Commissioner of DCA and has been solely administered through Rutgers University Center for Government Services since inception. Many of the course instructors are current and former Housing Authority Executive Directors who lend their expertise to ensure that the curriculum is fresh, accurate and provides the necessary skills to function as an Executive Director and Commissioner in a professional and efficient manner.

The New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials (NJNAHRO) represents most of the Public Housing Authorities in our state. NJNAHRO has consistently provided professional training to both Executive Directors and Commissioners. This training has taken place at our annual conferences and intermittently during the year. Over the past several years, NJNAHRO has been working on gaining approval to provide the state's mandated training to Executive Directors and Commissioners.

NJNAHRO is proud to announce that it has been approved, by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, to provide the state mandated training. This initiative is being undertaken to enhance the availability of the required training to our members. We anticipate that we will be conducting training at our two annual conferences starting this November. A committee is being established to address the administrative mechanism for our training program. The curriculum will be the same as has been previously approved by DCA.

On behalf of NJNAHRO, we would like to publicly thank Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver and her staff for reviewing and approving our request to institute our mandatory training program for Executive Directors and Commissioners.

More information will be forthcoming on our training program and curriculum.



## L & T Purchases & Develops Affordable Housing



L & T Affordable Housing Urban Renewal Corporation purchased 24 affordable housing apartments, known as the Farm at Harding, from the Township of Harding. This was done through a partnership with Lakeland Bank and HQM Properties, Inc.

Once the purchase was completed, L & T began plans for 4 new apartments on the site. The new apartments were

designed by William Charleroy, AIA from Pennington, New Jersey. He designed the new units to resemble the existing apartments.

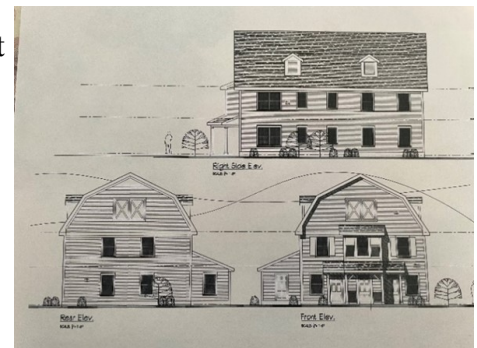
In June 2020 L & T submitted plans to the Harding Township Planning Board and received approval to develop the new units and a new office and began development of the final plans and specifications for bidding.

The Corporation solicited public bids to construct the new units and of the four bidders the lowest most qualified bid was awarded to Straightedge Construction from Manasquan, New Jersey at a cost of \$1,260,000.

The new building will have four units. There will be three 2-bedroom and one 3-bedroom apartments. All four of the apartments will be rented to homeless families through a partnership with Morris County's Homeless Solutions. Each of the apartments will be Energy Star certified. Construction began in late July with the creation of a new refuse area and the demolition of the existing garage.

The Corporation received a \$700,000 grant from the Department of Community Affairs Housing Trust Fund and a donation of \$325,000 from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the new apartments. They are also working with Lakeland Bank on a small mortgage for the development.

Louis A. Riccio, CEO of HQM Properties, Inc. said, "We are very grateful to the State's Housing Trust Fund and especially James Lordi from NJDCA for his cooperation and assistance, and to the Township of Harding for their donation. Without these funds we could not have developed these much-needed units. In addition, Lakeland Bank's dedication to affordable housing should be commended. Once again the Lakeland Bank has shown a true commitment to assisting with the development of affordable housing."



For more information visit [WWW.HQMPROP.COM](http://WWW.HQMPROP.COM)

# NOVEMBER TRAINING REGISTRATION

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly. Complete a separate form for each registrant. Form may be copied as needed.

Mail Registration form to: NJNAHRO, c/o W. Snyder, 20 Marin Lane, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

For Room Reservations – 800-345-8767 – Use Code ST11HR1 - Tropicana Atlantic City  
\$120+ applicable tax & fees, \$27 Resort Fee Credited at checkout (rate only guaranteed until 10/22)

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Only General/Late Registrations includes sessions, reception, meals and Entrance Fees (if registered before September 30th) to the NJ League of Municipalities Conference

General Registration (NJNAHRO Member) \$350 \_\_\_\_\_

General Registration (Non-Member) \$550 \_\_\_\_\_

One Day Registration \$300 \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration (After November 5th) \$450 \_\_\_\_\_

\*ETHICS (State Mandated Training) \$250.00 \_\_\_\_\_

You must be registered to attend this training-. This is part of the state mandated training for Executive Directors & Commissioners. NJNAHRO is an approved trainer for the required training

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sorry No Refunds after October 29th!!!!

Make Checks payable to:

**NJNAHRO**

c/o W. Snyder  
20 Marin Lane  
Manahawkin, NJ 08050

## 2021 NJNAHRO ANNUAL FALL TRAINING CONFERENCE AGENDA

### Monday, November 15, 2021

3:30 PM–4:30 PM Early Registration – Havana Registration Area

### Tuesday, November 16, 2021

8:00 AM–9:00 AM **Registration** -Havana Registration Area

10:00 AM–11:30 AM **Registration**-Havana Registration Area

9:00 AM–4:00 PM \*State Mandated Training-Ethics-Samba (**Separate Registration & Cost**)  
Instructor: John Clarke  
**You must be separately registered for this training to attend.**

12:00 PM–1:00 PM **Lunch** – Mambo

1:00 PM–3:00 PM **Leadership Training-Introduction to Management Skills** - Bongo  
Instructor: Don Ruprecht, Assistant Director Training and Communication;  
J.A. Montgomery Consulting  
This class will discuss current research concerning setting goals, delegating, and scientific method to problem-solving. Students will also discuss soft skills such as establishing trust, building teams, and being self-aware.

1:00 PM–3:00 PM **Project Based Vouchers/RAD Management Issue** - Tango  
(William F. Snyder & William Katchen, CPA)  
Information on management issues to be aware of if you administer Project Based Vouchers will be discussed. Specifically, the requirements for an “Independent Entity” to perform HQS, rent reasonableness, OCAF calculation & penalties for Noncompliance will be addressed.

2:30 PM–4:00 PM **Registration** - Havana Registration Area

3:00 PM–4:00 PM **NJ Public Housing Joint Insurance Fund** - Tambora  
NJPHAJIF Board of Trustees Meeting

5:00 PM–7:00 PM **Reception- (TICKETS REQUIRED!!!)** - Olon  
Come and enjoy some food & drink while networking with your peers.

## 2021 NJNAHRO ANNUAL FALL TRAINING CONFERENCE AGENDA

### Wednesday, November 17, 2021

8:00 AM-9:00 AM Registration - Havana Registration Area

8:00 AM-9:00 AM **Continental Breakfast** - Bossa Nova

9:00 AM-11:00 AM **Leadership Training - Introduction to Communication Skills** -Bongo  
Instructor: Don Ruprecht, Assistant Director Training and Communication;  
J.A. Montgomery Consulting-Bongo Room  
At the heart of being an effective manager and leader is communication. Topics in this class include aligning the mission of the team with the mission of the organization, giving feedback, and acknowledging conflict.

9:00 AM-11:00 AM **Clean Energy/Bedbugs**-Tambora  
This session will be presented by Rutgers University and be in 2 parts. **Part 1** will provide information on Healthy Homes and the health & safety hazards Associated with many of the products we utilize in our renovation work (VOCs, lead, mildew/mold, ventilation). **Part 2** will provide information on pest control by Dr. Changlu Wang (bedbugs, roaches, rodents and other integrated pest control management issues

11:00 AM-12:00 PM **NJNAHRO Meeting** –Samba

12:00 PM-1:30 PM **Buffet Luncheon** - Mambo  
HUD Officials-Invited

2:00 PM-5:00 PM **League of Municipalities**

### Thursday, November 21, 2019

9:00 AM-10:30 AM **Breakfast and Closing Session** - Mambo

11:00 AM-4:00 PM **League of Municipalities**





## Message From Your President



Janice DeJohn  
NJNAHRO-President

WELCOME BACK everyone!! We are so looking forward to the first NJNAHRO Conference that will be held in person in what seems a very long time. I just saw one of my colleagues a few weeks ago for the first time since the pandemic and it was a great feeling. Meeting via the internet is just not the same for me; I believe that we all need that human connection.

A big debt of gratitude is owed to all of you who have kept the Housing Authorities viable throughout the pandemic. Who knew what was in store for all of us on that fateful day last March when everything basically closed down. Not only did we have to reinvent the way we do business, the Housing Authorities also became a true lifeline of support for our residents in many different aspects. Food deliveries were made to the elderly and programs were developed to ensure that tenants were vaccinated. The frontline workers in our industry are heroes just as much as those in health care; we could not have accomplished all that we did without them.

NJNAHRO has kept busy throughout this time bringing you free webinars on topics which we believed would be helpful to our members with the challenges they must face. The housing forum has become such a hot topic in Washington and even more so since this health crisis. Ultimately, we are seeing a bigger investment made into housing programs. On that note, we are lucky to have NAHRO's own Adrienne Todman as HUD Deputy Secretary at this pivotal time. During the course of her career, Ms. Todman has come up the ranks and therefore realizes what it takes to get our jobs done.

The Fall Conference agenda and registration are included in this newsletter. We are also in the process of inviting HUD officials to speak to us at the conference to provide us with some insight as to the latest developing news on the housing front.

I look forward to seeing you all. In the meantime, please stay safe and be well.

Sincerely yours,

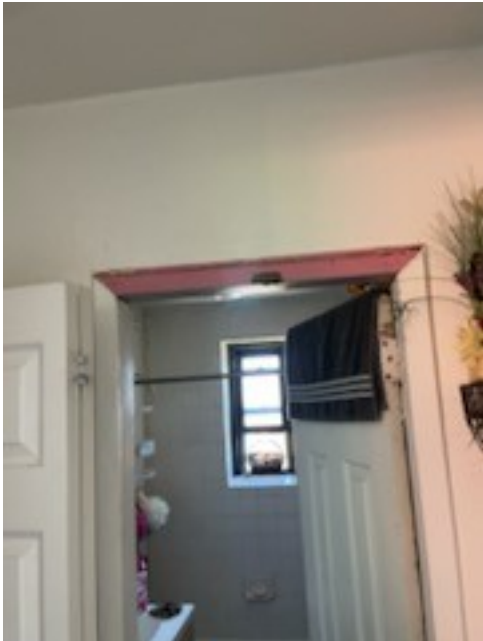
Janice DeJohn  
NJNAHRO President

### **FIRST IN-PERSON CONFERENCE IN 2 YEARS Commissioners, EDs & staff-Don't miss this Conference!**

We have scheduled workshops for Commissioners, Executive Directors & staff. You don't want to miss our session on "Clean Homes" and "Pest Management." Staff will receive important information on the products that we may be using that are damaging to residents and staff. Our pest management workshop will provide information on dealing with infestations and how to best control them before they become a building problem. If you converted to RAD, you will want to know more about the "Independent Entity" requirements to ensure programmatic compliance and avoid serious penalties.

Our leadership training courses are designed for anyone that is in management. Everyone is invited to the New Jersey Public Housing Authority Joint Insurance Fund meeting to hear about the benefits of being in the JIF, including free benefits like addressing the members "Right to Know" requirements. In addition to our workshops, we have set-aside time for our registrants to attend the New Jersey League of Municipalities conference which is being held at the same time as our conference in Atlantic City.

## North Bergen Housing Authority Completes Lead-based Paint Removal at Meadowview Village



In 2017, the North Bergen Housing Authority applied for and received a one million dollar lead-based paint removal grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. NBHA was one of only six Housing Authorities in the country to be selected for this grant during the first round of funding.

“I am thankful to all of our tenants for their patience and understanding while this project took place and I am thankful for the hard work of our employees as well as the workers that helped to complete this important work,” **said NBHA Executive Director Gerald Sanzari.** “Our housing authority is a leading example in the country and that is precisely why we are awarded so many grants from the federal government. I am proud to be able to say that as a result of this grant and the work performed, I am now able to certify we are lead free as confirmed by lab results.”

The lead had been encapsulated since the 1990’s and was of no risk to the health of any tenants; however, new regulations dictated that any lead would need to be removed. Meadowview Village, which was built in 1939 as one of the first public housing projects built by the federal government, was tested thoroughly by Lew Corp., a renowned lead inspector.

Lew Corp. tested every single unit in Meadowview and the results came back mixed, with some lead detected in each unit. Following testing, NBHA hired AB Design to replace window and door frames as well as walls that had lead paint. Certified workers were on hand at all times to ensure the safety of all.

The process began in September of 2020 and was completed in May of 2021. Residents were brought to and from the local Marriott Hotel while their apartments were being worked on. Ravi Varma who was the Modernization Coordinator worked hard to schedule the work to cause as little disruption to tenants as possible.

All of the grant money was used for this project, plus an additional \$250,000 which came out from reserved capital improvement funds.



## Madison Housing Authority utilizes CARES Act COVID funding to benefit senior transportation



Madison Housing Authority Office Administrator Jessica Kirchenbauer gives Rexford S. Tucker resident Grant Scruggs the Tri-Town 55+ Rides for Seniors magnet to display the informational flyer for transportation services paid by the Madison Housing Authority through the CARES Act Funding for COVID related expenses.

After receiving the Moderna vaccine in January and February of this year, the next challenge for Madison Housing Authority's senior residents was a lack of transportation options. Once fully vaccinated, senior residents were ready to reenter society and go about their active daily lives, but the town's senior van was still suspended. Getting to the grocery store and doctors' appointments was a big obstacle for many.

Using CARES Act funding, the Madison Housing Authority (MHA) implemented an innovative idea to partner with a local senior ride program, Tri-Town 55+ to provide 24/7 individual rides for its senior tenants, including seniors living in the community with Section 8 housing choice vouchers. The program, which costs about \$1000 per month, has been a big success.

According to MHA Executive Director, Tanya Van Order, "Finding a solution to the transportation issue our seniors were facing was MHA's number one priority after making sure our senior tenants were fully vaccinated." Van Order credits Office Administrator Jessica Kirchenbauer with developing the innovative partnership to provide local rides on demand.

"Most of our seniors were looking for normalcy after a year of isolation but found it difficult to get out and about with the town's senior van taken out of service," said Kirchenbauer. She reached out to Tri-Town 55+ to set up a GoGoGrandparent account that utilizes the services of Uber and Lyft without having to use a smart phone to request a ride. MHA Chairperson, Lois Bhatt, commended the efforts of the staff noting that "Accessible transportation services are critical for enabling older adults to live independently."

Rexford Tucker resident Grant Scruggs had glowing remarks about the ride service, "Without this ride I would struggle to get to my doctor's appointment several towns away. These rides are a big help and the drivers have been very professional." Fellow tenant Judy Conroy added, "It was a surprise to get such a gift from the MHA and it has truly helped to make this pandemic ordeal easier. It allows us to get out and get back to a normal life."

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## NJNAHRO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM HITS MILESTONE

### \$200,000.00 Scholarship Milestone

The New Jersey Chapter of NAHRO (NJNAHRO) has been providing scholarship to New Jersey Housing Authority residents for many years. This year we are proud to announce that we have exceeded our expectations in awarding scholarships to our residents. We take great pride in utilizing a large stream of our annual revenue to support this worthwhile cause. Over the years, we have held golf outings and other endeavors to raise money for our scholarships. NJNAHRO was a moving force in organizing and creating the New Jersey Public Housing Authority Joint Insurance Fund. NJNAHRO works closely with the JIF to ensure solid membership, great coverage and excellent training. The revenue derived from the PHA JIF is also utilized to support our scholarship program. Our annual awards go directly to the student to be utilized for any purpose they may need in obtaining their educational goals.

NJNAHRO provides annual scholarships to eligible program participants who are either graduating from high school or are continuing their education in a later stage of life. Recipients of the awards may attend either college or a vocational school. The program also offers an internship program to expand employment opportunities throughout the housing industry. NJNAHRO's Scholarship Program is a major commitment of the organization to make a difference in the life of many students throughout the state. The Scholarship Committee is comprised of Janice DeJohn, Executive Director of the Passaic County Public Housing Agency, Louis Riccio, CEO of HQM Properties, Joseph M. Billy, Executive Director of the Freehold Housing Authority, and Douglas Dzema, Executive Director of the Perth Amboy Housing Authority. Chairperson DeJohn noted, "In the last seven years, the fund has given out in excess of \$200,000.00 in scholarships to deserving students and spent \$18,480.00 for internships. It gives the Board great pleasure to assist with the education and employment of these individuals and enable them to achieve their goals."

*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"*

*Nelson Mandela*

**We Proudly Present  
the  
NJNAHRO 2021 Scholarship Recipients**



**Judy Sagha – Passaic County Public Housing Agency**

Graduating with a 4.17 GPA, Judy is headed for Seton Hall to fulfill her dream of becoming a physician's assistant. She has been co-president of the National Honor Society, and was salutatorian of her class. She earned awards in science and educational council. She also participated in Science Club, soccer, and track. Aside from her school activities, Judy was also a volunteer in her community and tutored younger children.

**Brandon Cartagena – Passaic County Public Housing Agency**

Brandon is extremely thankful to receive the scholarship which will help with his tuition at Lincoln Technical School in Mahwah, NJ. Working on vehicles has been a hobby for him and he is hoping to turn that into a career in the automotive field.



**Christeen Abdelshahied – Bayonne Housing Authority**

In high school, Christeen had many accomplishments which included STEM Science Fair Bronze winner, honor roll, National Honor Society, English Honor Society, and World Language Honor Society. She was also in the Latin Club, Student STEM Advancement Club, Archery Club, and Ice Skating Club. Christeen also found time to teach Sunday School and volunteer at a local hospital. She will attend Rutgers Newark to study biology in order to pursue her dream of becoming a doctor.





## **NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED NJNAHRO EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Every two years, in accordance with the NJNAHRO Bylaws elections must be held in the third quarter of the year.

Nominations will be open from the general membership until October 8, 2021. Anyone wishing to put forth their name or the name of someone else must submit a petition with at least ten (10) signatures plus the nominees. The ten (10) signatures must be from ten (10) Agency members in good standing with NAHRO. As per the Bylaws, “To remain a member in good standing, Chapter dues shall be paid ....” In addition, new members must be active members in good standing for such time but no less than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting in order to have the right to sign any petition to nominate a candidate for office or vote at a general election. All petitions must be received by the deadline date of October 8, 2021 or they will be automatically rejected.

The petition should be sent to NJNAHRO, c/o William F. Snyder, 20 Marin Lane, Manahawkin, New Jersey 08050. They will then be forwarded to the Secretary for certification. On October 15, 2021 the Secretary will forward to the Nominating Committee all certified petitions for their perusal.

The final slate of Officers and Trustees will be forwarded to the Membership 15 days in advance of the Annual Board Meeting in Atlantic City to be held on November 17, 2021, at which time the Agency members will vote on the final slate.

Each active Agency member present shall have one vote and shall cast his/her vote by written ballot. Ballots will be distributed and collected by the Service Officer after a roll call vote to ascertain a quorum. Each Agency member present shall have one vote. This means one vote per agency; the by-laws do not allow multiple members of the same agency to cast individual votes (“One agency-One Vote”).



## Madison Housing Authority

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Even with the long-awaited Madison senior van back up and running with COVID-19 safety protocols, the MHA will continue to cover rides for seniors until funding runs out.

### *The Madison Housing Authority*

*The MHA provides 134 units of senior citizen and family affordable housing, as well as 190 rental assistance vouchers used in private apartments throughout the community. MHA's mission is to provide quality, inclusive, affordable homes to low and moderate-income residents that create and sustain healthy lives and promote self-sufficiency.*

### **Tri-Town 55+**

Tri-Town 55+ launched its “Rides for Seniors” program in April of 2017 to help those 65 and older in Madison, Chatham Borough and Chatham Township get to where they want to go, when they want to go – day or night – without the need of a smartphone. Tri-Town 55+ Coalition, with the assistance of TransOptions and funding from the Grotta Fund for Senior Care, is working with GoGoGrandparent, an on-demand transportation company, to provide this on-demand car service program.

## TRENTON HOUSING AUTHORITY IN THE NEWS

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We hosted multiple socially distanced in-person meetings. We graduated 18 residents from our first ever Choice Neighborhoods Leadership Series. We developed a draft housing vision for the neighborhood. We created an image of the larger neighborhood that leverages its unique assets. We formed a people plan that takes full advantage of the large network of service providers that exists in the Capital City. The planning process was informed by Donnelly Homes residents and community leaders with a strong support by committed local partners. The North Trenton / Battle Monument Choice Neighborhood will be a safe, thriving, family friendly, mixed-income neighborhood.



The City Planning Institute works with the Trenton Housing Authority youth camp to plan a park in the North Trenton / Battle Monument Choice Neighborhood.

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*Providing Affordable Housing to New  
Jersey Residents*



*The New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NJNAHRO) is the premier housing advocacy organization representing New Jersey Housing and Redevelopment Authorities. NJNAHRO represents more than 90 housing agencies in New Jersey. Its membership provides housing assistance to nearly 110,000 low and moderate income families throughout the state. The chapter reinforces its members' goal of ensuring that every New Jerseyite have a decent, safe and sanitary unit. It provides professional development opportunities for its members in an effort to ensure that all members' public dollars are expended in an economical and efficient manner. The Chapter is committed to working with all groups of similar interest in the exchange of knowledge and experience to make New Jersey a better state.*



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