



October is
Housing America Month

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Hello Autumn

September 2021 Edition



ILNAHRO—Housing Focus

FROM THE ILNAHRO CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Hello October!!!



It's hard to believe that we are saying goodbye to September and hello to October!! Just as seasons change – so too must we! We all have to make adjustments and modifications. Have you ever noticed how the trees do not cling to their leaves? This symbolizes how exciting it can be to let things go. Fall is about releasing the old to make way for the new!! And would you agree with me that new is exciting!! In every change, in every falling leaf, sometimes there is some pain, most times there is beauty. However, that's the way new leaves grow.

As a result of increased COVID-19 numbers and the new Delta Variant, ILNAHRO had to change, we had to make adjustments, we had to make modifications to our annual meeting plans. We were looking forward to seeing everyone in East Peoria this week. . . however, out of an abundance of caution for everyone, the ILNAHRO Board unanimously decided to press 'pause' on the annual conference until 2022. Please stay tuned for details as we recalibrate. When we all gather together next year. . .there will be beauty!! Each of us will have learned many lessons that helped us grow.

Also, please don't forget that October is Housing America month!! What is the importance of Housing America month? Housing America was established in 2007 by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) in response to requests from its members that we work together to raise national awareness of the work of local housing authorities. One of the goals of Housing America month, to recognize the critical role that safe, decent and affordable housing plays in communities across this country.



FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT



We hope that each Housing Authority will highlight special events happening within your community that promotes affordable housing and its importance. Below are a few ideas in which your Housing Authority can participate during Housing America month:

- ♦ *Write letters to your Congressional leaders explaining why having access to affordable housing is important.*
- ♦ *Host a ground-breakings on new developments or substantial mod-rehab work during the month of October.*
- ♦ *Use local advertising to promote services provided by the local PHA, etc.*

We want you to take care of your health. It's flu season ya'll!! As we transition to flu season, we encourage everyone to consider getting a flu shot for your health and the well-being of our families in which we serve. Additionally, with an increase in COVID-19 rates around our State, we are continuing to encourage you, our Housing leaders, to consider receiving the COVID-19 vaccination, if there is not a health or medical reason that prohibits. We also hope that you will encourage your families, to consider receiving the COVID-19 vaccination, by hosting vaccination clinics. COVID-19 vaccines are effective at helping protect against severe diseases and death from variants. We can all support each other's health. Know the facts about the vaccine by going to the CDC website at www.cdc.gov.

Please stay safe!

*Jackie L. Newman
ILNAHRO President
#HousingAmerica*



In the Spotlight



Housing America Month



In 2007, NAHRO created the Housing America campaign and designated October as Housing America Month: a time for the organization and its members to collectively raise awareness of the need for, and the importance of, safe, decent and affordable housing in quality communities.

Each year, housing and redevelopment agencies hold events to celebrate affordable housing in their communities and raise awareness regarding the vital need for safe, decent, affordable housing nationwide.

Compete, Take Action, or Show Support for Housing America Month!

How to Compete

Get involved in [Housing America Month](#)! Post on social media, send advocacy letters, promote Housing America Month in your email signatures, on your websites, in your newsletters, and more! Events don't have to be new or specific to Housing America Month. We want to celebrate affordable housing, which includes lifting up the work that you do every day – maintaining units, providing services for your residents, and more.

To earn points for the Housing America Month competition, please either [submit your entries online](#), or email us at comms@nahro.org.

National NAHRO will take all these entries and amplify them on our social media accounts (check out our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#)), on our website, in the NAHRO Monitor, and more.

Take Action

- ♦ [Send a letter](#) to your local congressional representative or government elected official
- ♦ Write an op-ed explaining why having access to affordable housing in your community is important

Show Support

- ♦ Print out a [Housing America Month window poster](#) and send us your photos of it on display
- ♦ Update your social media with one of our [Housing America Month graphics](#)
- ♦ Share how you celebrate Housing America Month on social media



Bolster Your Cyber Defenses With Data Backup

Author: Jeff Nielsen, HAI Group account executive

Cybercriminals would like nothing more than to hold your housing organization's system and sensitive data hostage. Their goal is to force you to pay a ransom to regain access and prevent data leaks. Even if you train employees on the signs of common cybersecurity attacks, keep your systems patched, manage access to vital assets, and use the most sophisticated antivirus detection system, the risk of a cybersecurity breach remains.

If cybercriminals breach your system, all isn't necessarily lost, as long as you have the right backup system in place. Jonathan Hochman, founder of Hochman Consultants, a firm specializing in website development and internet security, sat down with HAI Group to explain how backups work and how housing organizations should approach backing up data.

Three 'big risks' neutralized by backups

A backup service provides the ability to recover data you need in the state you need it in. Backups are essential to your organization for more reasons than you might think.

"You have at least three big risks that you can take out by having a good backup for each computer," Hochman said.

1. **Ransomware/Cyber Breach:** If you get ransomware or malware in your system, you can wipe the system and restore everything from backup. While you should never rely on backups alone for cybersecurity, they're a must-have.

2. **User Error:** An employee might delete an important file by accident or forget to save a file before closing it. If your organization has a backup process in place, the file can be quickly restored. While this scenario isn't as devastating as a cybersecurity breach, it can save valuable time and effort.

3. **Failure Point:** If your hardware experiences any failure, you can rest assured that your files are safe in the cloud and can be restored to new hardware.

In addition to the above, backups can also be helpful during litigation. If you need to prove what data you did or didn't have at any given time, you can use your backup to recreate your system as of that date.



"It could actually be evidence that's useful to you,"
Hochman said.

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Choosing the best backup service for your organization

There's no shortage of backup vendors available to your organization, but not all services are created equal.

There are several attributes housing organizations should be on the lookout for, Hochman said.

- ♦ **Automatic**
- ♦ **Cloud-based**
- ♦ **Version history**
- ♦ **Restore time**
- ♦ **Testing**
- ♦ **Self-service**

"There are many times you'll use it just to grab a handful of files," Hochman said.

Your IT team should be able to manage this process for your organization.

Backups: Not the only answer to ransomware

Given the growth in cybercrime, there's a sense of peace of mind in having a backed-up system.

"When you get attacked by some malware scumbags, and they send you the ransom demand, you can say 'go to hell, I've got backups—I'm going to restore everything, and I don't need you,'" Hochman said.

But it's not that simple, unfortunately.

"You don't want to rely on backups as your only defense against ransomware," Hochman said. "You should be doing everything you can to stop that because not only will cybercriminals lock up your data; they will also leak your data. The backup is half the problem solved. It still doesn't stop them from leaking your data. Just because you have backups doesn't mean you don't have to worry about other types of network security."

Often, attacks occur when software isn't patched or updated to protect against the latest vulnerabilities.

"If you pair your backing up with one other process that will keep you safe, it is automatic application of patches and updates," Hochman said. "You want to be aggressive about applying updates and patches as soon as they come out. Backing up allows you to do that. If the patch somehow goes wrong and causes problems with your data, you have your backup. A backup allows you to be very aggressive with updating. Being aggressive with updates keeps you safe."

Regular penetration tests should be conducted on your website, especially if the website is public-facing, accepts login and payment info, and stores any sensitive information. Your in-house IT team or consultant should facilitate these tests.

"As a general rule, if a website hasn't been tested before, and it's the first test, the website has vulnerabilities," Hochman said.

Organizations should be proactive in their approach to cybersecurity. There are costs to hiring vendors and funding security enhancements, but those costs should be considered an investment.

"If you're not proactive in doing this type of security, inevitably you will be hit, and you will have major expenses responding to a data breach," Hochman said. "You have a loss of reputation. You have all kinds of problems. It saves money to do this. This is part of the cost of having data systems. You have to pay for good security because it's the cheapest way to get along."



HUD Announces Cross-Agency Efforts to Increase Affordable Housing Supply

On Wednesday, September 01, 2021, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced a series of actions it is taking as part of the [Biden-Harris Administration's plan](#) to create, preserve, and sell nearly 100,000 additional affordable homes for homeowners and renters across the country over the next three years. As Congress and President Biden work toward the historic housing investment in the Build Back Better agenda, HUD is acting in its administrative capacity to unlock and create affordable housing supply for lower income segments of the market.

↑ HUD ANNOUNCEMENTS ↓

HUD Announces Disaster Assistance for Louisiana Disaster Survivors

On Wednesday, September 01, 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the implementation of federal disaster assistance for areas in the State of Louisiana affected by Hurricane Ida.

On August 29, 2021 President Biden [issued](#) a major disaster declaration for the following parishes: Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana.



Housing Authority of Savannah



The Housing Authority of Savannah is partnering with several organizations to bring recreation, wellness, and educational opportunities to residents.

Housing Authority for the City of Pueblo



Thanks to a partnership with Johnson Controls and GRID the Housing Authority for the City of Pueblo can provide residents with affordable renewable energy with a new solar garden.

McAllen Housing Authority



Thanks to the McAllen Housing Authority for delivering "home libraries" to students at the Vine Terrace development. Books were donated by the South Texas Literacy Coalition to promote literacy.

MORE WAYS TO CELEBRATE!



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CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADVOCACY!

GREAR JOB ILNAHRO MEMBERS!!!

You Did It!

This month, we shattered our goal of **12,501 letters** for a **total of over 43,000 letters** to Congress and the White House! Your commitment to advocacy helped us send a strong, unified message to our elected officials. If you haven't already read it, you can find NAHRO Interim CEO Mike Gerber's August Advocacy statement:

Dear NAHRO Family:

We achieved something extraordinary this August. Thanks to your hard work and leadership, NAHRO members sent more than 43,000 letters to Congress and the White House during our August Advocacy campaign. I can't thank you enough for ensuring that NAHRO's voice is heard loudly and clearly in Washington, D.C. Congratulations to all of you! And congratulations to the Legislative Network Advisory Committee and Chair Jennifer Keogh, who led the charge! When I served as the Chair of the Legislative Network, one of our goals was to increase member engagement. In August of 2019, you sent more than 8,500 letters to Congress, more than double our initial goal. At that time, it was the biggest increase in advocacy participation in NAHRO history. I am so proud that record has been shattered. But 43,000+ letters represent more than just an unprecedented level of engagement by NAHRO members. They also underscore our agencies' urgent need for more programs and resources to help millions of low-income people who need safe housing and critical services. You and I know that our work is vitally important. But too often, policymakers have not understood what we do or have made the decision to focus on different priorities. Your 43,000 letters helped change that. While you may not have received personalized responses to all of your letters, we've learned through conversations with Congressional offices that your messages have triggered many internal conversations about housing and community development programs. And some Members of Congress who have been on the sidelines now seem to be more engaged, and to have a better understanding of what is at stake. But our work is not done. September has the potential to be one of the most consequential months in recent memory for housing and community development programs. This week, Congress is crafting a \$3.5 trillion infrastructure package that could preserve public and affordable housing for future generations and expand an array of critical programs. Major economic decisions are also being made that may impact Transportation-HUD spending in 2022 and beyond. Please continue to use NAHRO's Advocacy Center to engage your Members of Congress. Please continue to let your Senators and Representatives know about the important work you and your agencies are doing to benefit their constituents and communities. Most importantly, please join us for the NAHRO Online National Conference, October 7-8, as we continue to discuss key policies and strategies which have the potential to shape our industry for decades. Thank you again for speaking up on behalf of your residents and our communities. Together, WE ARE NAHRO.

Respectfully,
Mike Gerber
NAHRO Interim CEO

Now that we've wrapped up August Advocacy, let's keep the momentum going!

You can still send letters from the Action Alert Center as Congress works to finalize the infrastructure package and FY 2022 funding levels.

Please also be on the lookout for more Congressional Contacts communications this fall. We want to provide you with more resources and advocacy training to help you stay engaged in this critical moment for housing and community development.



In-The-News

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WASHINGTON, DC 20410-5000

GENERAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING



HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge issued a statement calling on state and local jurisdictions to take every action they can to safeguard their most vulnerable residents – and calling on every landlord, every housing owner, and every partner that receives HUD’s support to do all they can to help protect vulnerable renters in their communities. Secretary Fudge also issued a joint letter with the Departments of Treasury and Justice to governors, mayors, county executives, and chief justices and state court administrators to issue their own moratoria, stay evictions while rental assistance applications process, and use Emergency Rental Assistance and state and local Fiscal Recovery funds to enhance tenant access to legal representation.

In the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision that invalidated the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) eviction moratorium, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is using every tool at our disposal to help safeguard the millions of the nation’s individuals and families now in danger of losing their homes.

Our programs and resources protect HUD-assisted households from eviction and should be sought out by all Americans who are seeking assistance in avoiding eviction, relocating to new homes in the event an eviction moves forward, and fighting unfair evictions. Through our Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, we are ready to protect people of color, families with children, people with disabilities, LGBTQ people, and others who may disproportionately face eviction through discriminatory policies and practices.

HUD also has a responsibility to assist public housing authorities, landlords, owners, and all of our stakeholders in weathering this public health crisis.

HUD and our partners are taking a broad range of actions to help prevent evictions. These actions include:

Connecting people with rent and utility relief – HUD is working with the Department of Treasury to help Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) grantees connect tenants behind on rent and utilities with financial assistance. Throughout this year, HUD has brought our expertise on housing programs to Treasury, providing advice and assistance on program design and implementation, and engaged HUD-approved housing counseling agencies. As part of a whole-of-government approach, we call on state and local ERAP grantees to lean into the flexibilities provided in this program and get assistance out quickly to those who need it the most.

Providing Tools to Help Public Housing Authorities, HUD-assisted Landlords/Tenants, and People Experiencing Homelessness – PIH and other HUD program offices have delivered webinars, created documents answering frequently asked questions, granted waivers to ease administrative burdens created by the pandemic, and are distributing relief resources such as Emergency Housing Vouchers and additional assistance to people experiencing homelessness as quickly as possible.

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Keeping people housed – HUD will act to require public housing authorities and owners participating in HUD’s project-based rental assistance program to provide tenants facing eviction for non-payment of rent with additional time and other protections to allow them the opportunity to secure emergency rental assistance that may stave off eviction entirely. For the duration of the presidentially-declared national emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic, HUD will extend the time its programmatic regulations require before a tenant must vacate a unit once a notice of lease termination for non-payment has been issued from 14 days to 30 days, consistent with CARES Act protections and the protections already in place for FHA-insured Multifamily mortgages where the borrower is under a forbearance agreement. Additionally, in order to initiate eviction, HUD may require additional steps of covered landlords. HUD also has instituted an eviction moratorium to protect borrowers with HUD-supported or FHA-insured mortgages. This includes borrowers with HUD Section 184 Indian Home Loans.

Fighting unfair evictions – HUD is making over \$19 million available to fair housing partners to help them respond to possible fair housing violations, many of which relate to the pandemic and evictions. The funds will enable private fair housing enforcement organizations to respond to fair housing inquiries and complaints, conduct fair housing testing, and implement education and outreach activities related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will also be used to address fair housing issues affecting individuals and families experiencing housing instability, including those who may face displacement due to discriminatory evictions and foreclosures. HUD is also ramping up funding and education for HUD-approved housing counseling agencies to work with clients to understand their options if they are facing eviction.

Providing legal assistance – HUD is making \$20 million available to non-profit or governmental entities to improve the availability of legal assistance at no cost to low-income tenants at risk of or subject to eviction. These funds will provide services in areas with high rates of evictions or prospective evictions, including rural areas. This grant program plays an integral role in helping individuals and families—including people of color, people with limited English proficiency, and people with disabilities—avoid eviction or minimize the disruption and damage caused by the eviction process.

HUD is here to help. You can find more information at https://www.hud.gov/rent_relief, and you can also reach out to your local field office.

Thank you for all of your efforts to promote housing stability during these unprecedented times.

Many thanks,

Dominique Blom

LAUGH OF THE MONTH



↓ HUD ANNOUNCEMENTS ↓

FHA Announces Temporary Partial Waivers to Its Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Policy for Borrowers Impacted by COVID-19

On Thursday, September 02, 2021, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) issued the following temporary partial waivers to its Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) policies. These waivers provide mortgagees with expanded flexibility to help senior homeowners with HECMs who are struggling financially due to COVID-19.

Temporary partial [waiver](#) of [Mortgagee Letter 2015-11](#). This waiver allows mortgagees to offer repayment plans to HECM borrowers with unpaid property charges regardless of their total outstanding arrearage and is effective through June 30, 2022.

Temporary partial [waiver](#) of [Mortgagee Letter 2016-07](#). This waiver permits mortgagees to seek assignment of a HECM immediately after using their own funds to pay unpaid property taxes and insurance on or after March 01, 2020. Additionally, it eliminates the three-year waiting period for such assignments. **The waiver is effective through June 30, 2022.**

As the nation continues its COVID-19 recovery, these waivers offer relief to HECM borrowers who were unable to make timely property charge payments due to financial hardships resulting from the pandemic.

Mortgagees are encouraged to thoroughly review both waivers and the policies outlined in Mortgagee Letters [2015-11](#) and [2016-07](#).

HUD certified housing counselors are encouraged to email their HUD Point of Contact (POC) or housing.counseling@hud.gov for any questions on HECM issues.



Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh



The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh hosted the grand opening of Liberty Green, Pittsburgh's newest playground. It's part of a larger redevelopment effort with an ongoing Choice Neighborhoods Initiative and a NAHRO Award of Excellence winner.

Fargo Housing & Redevelopment Authority



The Fargo Housing & Redevelopment Authority partnered with The Medicine Shoppe to give more than 150 senior residents the Covid-19 vaccine.

Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh



Thanks to the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh for launching a new program called Year Up Pittsburgh, which offers residents six months of technical and professional skills training followed by an internship.

MORE WAYS TO CELEBRATE!



Carmel Apple Recipe

All you need is a few simple ingredients for Easy Carmel Apples topped with chopped nuts, sprinkles, chocolate drizzle and more.



Nothing says "Hello, fall!" quite like a caramel apple. Refreshing fruit + sticky caramel + endless toppings = a guaranteed dessert win in my book. And now it's faster than ever to whip up a DIY version of these sweets on-a-stick with this recipe for Easy Carmel Apples.



What's needed:

- 8 Granny Smith apples (or any other variety)
- 4 (4.51-oz.) bags soft caramels (See Kelly's Note)
- 3 Tablespoons heavy cream

Assorted toppings, such as chopped nuts, sprinkles or melted chocolate for drizzling

EQUIPMENT:

- 8 lollipop sticks or popsicle sticks

Instructions

Wash and thoroughly dry the apples then press a lollipop stick firmly into the top of each apple. Line a baking sheet with wax paper.

Unwrap the caramels then place them in a medium saucepan set over medium-low heat. Add the heavy cream and cook the caramels, stirring occasionally, until they melt and the mixture is a smooth consistency. Reduce the heat to low.

Dip each of the apples into the caramel mixture, shaking off any excess and scraping any caramel off the bottoms of the apples. Roll the apples in your preferred toppings then place them on the lined baking sheet. Refrigerate the apples for 15 minutes or until the caramel has firmed up. Serve the apples immediately or store them in the fridge until ready to serve.



The setup on this one couldn't be simpler: Melt down store-bought caramels with a splash of heavy cream then dunk your apple-of-choice and coat it with a range of toppings, from chopped nuts and dried fruit to sprinkles and chocolate driz-

IMPORTANT TIPS:

- Wet = Mess:** It's important that the apples are washed and then thoroughly dried prior to plunging them into the hot caramel. Any trace of moisture on the apples will cause the caramel to slip and slide right off.
- Tiny Toppings:** The smaller, more finely chopped your toppings, the better shot you have at them staying in place as the caramel cools.
- Cool Avoids a Pool ... of caramel,** that is! If you're opting for a second layer of deliciousness in the form of melted chocolate, always allow the first layer of caramel to cool completely before plunging your apple into a hot bath of [chocolate](#).

Remember--We can use your story...please submit to latinaf@sha1.org by mid-week of each month.

PEORIA GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY



Providence Pointe – formerly known as Taft Homes will have a groundbreaking ceremony on October 7, 2021 at 11:30am. This groundbreaking ceremony will celebrate the culmination of the Peoria Housing Authority's efforts over the past two years to redevelop the blighted public housing development. This nearly \$50 million dollar RAD conversion was made possible through HUD-Capital Funds, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, HOME funds and Affordable Housing Program funds. The PHA selected Bear Development of Kenosha Wisconsin to serve as its Development partner on this project.



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10 WAYS TO GET READY FOR FALL

With changing weather comes a change in season. Making sure you have the essentials to last you the whole season can feel overwhelming but, with a careful list, these goals can easily be met. Seasons should be fun and the stress will fade away once you establish the necessities. Here are ten ways to emotionally, mentally and physically prepare for this fall season:

- 10. Decorate**
- 9. Baking**
- 8. Go Apple Picking**
- 7. Shop!**
- 6. Enjoy the outdoors**
- 5. These boots are made for walking**
- 4. take care of your skin**
- 3. Find a really good travel mug**
- 2. Layer up**
- 1. Embrace the “Pumpkin”**



Upcoming NAHRO Training/Conferences

Executive Management Leadership

Oct. 12-14, 1-5 p.m. ET

NAHRO's recently revised Executive Management and Leadership Course:

- Delivers up to date and relevant theories and practices.
- Explores discussion areas that support executives and senior staff to meet today's complex challenges.
- Prepares you for NAHRO's Certified Management Executive (CME) exam.
- Participants focus on dealing with change, developing strategic initiatives, and creating a culture of excellent performance and productivity within their own organization.

Who should attend:

- Executive Directors and Chief Executive Officers
- Chair and Vice Chair of Board of Commissioners
- Deputy Executive Directors and Deputy Chief Executive Officers
- Chief Financial Officers, Department and Division Directors
- Aspiring Managers, Supervisors and Directors wishing to Ascend in Leadership

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Housing Action Illinois



Housing Action Illinois
A stronger Illinois begins at home

2021 Housing Matters Conference

Housing Action Illinois is holding our annual Housing Matters conference virtually again—and rejoining partners to bring it as part of Resilient Communities: The National Forum. We will kick off with two days of collaborative content with top national speakers on October 4 & 5, followed by two days of Illinois-specific workshops on local topics with our state's experts and decision makers on October 6 & 7. This year, our sessions will explore the new Illinois property tax incentives to create and preserve affordable rental housing, the newly established COVID-19 Affordable Housing Grant Program, which will provide "gap financing" for eligible LIHTC projects, how the Opportunity Zones initiative has played out in Illinois, and much more.

Learn more & register: <https://housingactionil.org/conference>

Join Us for the 2021 NAHRO Online National Conference!



From the comfort of your offices, homes, or anywhere with internet access, join housers and community builders from across the country on Oct. 7-8 as we prepare to move our industry and issues **#FORWARD**.

While we can't be together physically, we'll make the most of the time and space we have with special discussion opportunities. Join your colleagues from all across the nation for these targeted roundtables:

- Executive directors
- Small agencies
- Universal vouchers
- Housing commissioners; and
- Public housing

In addition to thought-provoking speakers, exciting plenaries, inspirational award presentations and a fast-paced networking reception, we'll also have more than 20 concurrent sessions on vital topics, including dedicated tracks for public housing, community development, the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program, organizational management, and commissioners.

We'll also have two extra sessions the following week: HDLI's "Ask the Lawyers" session on Oct. 12, and a special advocacy session with Congressional lawmakers and staff on Oct. 13. Check out the **full schedule** for more details.

We're getting ready to serve up a feast of excellent content, rich learning opportunities and an online space where you can gather with colleagues old and new. See you next month!



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In-The-New

James Arthur Jemison II Nominated as HUD Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing



On Monday, Sept. 13, President Biden announced the nomination of James Arthur Jemison II as HUD Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing. Mr. Jemison is currently the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development. Previously, he served the City of Detroit as a Group Executive for Planning Housing and Development and Chief of Services and Infrastructure, and as the Deputy Undersecretary and Director of the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. He earned a Master of City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a BA in Social Thought and Political Economy from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

"NAHRO congratulates Mr. Jemison on his nomination as HUD Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing," NAHRO Interim CEO Mike Gerber said. "Mr. Jemison has a wealth of experience in the affordable housing and community development industry, and has worked at both housing and redevelopment agencies. We look forward to working with him as his nomination moves through the Senate."

"HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing provides safe affordable housing to millions of American families and will be critical to implementing the expansion of the housing choice voucher program and the preservation of our nation's public housing infrastructure currently being discussed in Congress," Gerber continued. "NAHRO calls on the Senate to act swiftly on this important nomination."



Membership Renewals

It's that time of year!! Time to consider renewing your membership or consider joining the Illinois Chapter of NAHRO. Your decision to continue or join ILNAHRO through membership keeps the association strong and helps us in our common mission of seeking excellence in both public and affordable housing, as well as, community and economic development.

If you are not a member, this is your opportunity to join forces with other PHA's and CD organizations. Please consider joining us this Fiscal Year, there are exciting things on the horizon as we "Reposition, Renew and Refocus –in providing more Affordable Housing.

Please renew or join **TODAY**. You can visit our website at [www://ilnahro.org](http://www.ilnahro.org). Send a copy of your completed application along with the appropriate payment to:

***ILNAHRO, Springfield Housing Authority
200 North Eleventh Street
Springfield, IL 62703.***

This will ensure that your membership benefits continue or begin promptly. Let us know if we can be of service at any time.

ILNAHRO Mission Statement

NAHRO makes available resources for its members and others who provide decent, safe, affordable housing, and viable communities that enhance the quality of life for all Americans, especially those of low- and moderate-income by:

- Ensuring that housing and community development professionals have the leadership skills, education, information and tools to serve communities in a rapidly changing environment;
- Advocating for appropriate laws, adequate funding levels and responsible public policies that address the needs of the people serve; are financially and programmatically viable for our industry; are flexible, reduce regulatory burdens and promote local decision-making; and,
- Fostering the highest standards of ethical behavior, service, and accountability to ensure public trust.

NAHRO enhances the professional development and effectiveness of its members and the industry through its comprehensive professional development curriculum, including certifications; conferences; and publications. These efforts work to equip NAHRO's members with the skills, knowledge and resources necessary to succeed and prosper in a changing environment.



ILNAHRO Welcomes You to Join

Dear ILNAHRO Member:

It is that Time of Year!!! Time to consider *renewing* your membership or consider *joining* the Illinois Chapter of NAHRO. Your decision to **continue** or **join** ILNAHRO through membership ***keeps the association strong*** and ***helps us in our common mission*** of seeking excellence in both public and affordable housing, as well as, community and economic development.



During a time when our agencies are facing a decline in economic support, the question may be – “Why Membership?” Your membership in the state chapter of NAHRO provides services that benefit you and your organization every day. ILNAHRO has committed itself to providing services such as:

Training and networking through ILNAHRO’s cutting edge annual conference that offers the best in our training fields. Additionally, ILNAHRO offers centrally located training opportunities throughout the year at its Peoria Training Center in Peoria, Illinois.

Legislative Advocacy and Legislative Advocacy Opportunities by providing sample ‘sign-on’ letters to issues affecting affordable housing; Senate and House Bills that directly affect and shape public policy.

Informational Resource through a monthly newsletter that contains up-to-date information on housing issues, regional, and national trainings, workshops, and the latest in legislative developments.

“Hot-Off-The-Press” e-mail blasts that provide information on legislative issues that affect agency operations.

State recognition of resident accomplishments through its annual Resident Recognition Award.

Your membership gives you access to members-only discounts for training, to name a few benefits!

Annual Membership Period: October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021

If you are not a member, **this is your opportunity** to join forces with other PHA’s and CD organizations. Please consider joining us this Fiscal Year, there are exciting things on the horizon as we “Build Communities Together—Through Affordable Housing”.

Please **renew or join TODAY**. Complete the attached form and return it with the appropriate payment to: Executive Assistant, Springfield Housing Authority, 200 North Eleventh Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703. This will ensure your membership benefits will begin promptly.

Let us know if we can be of service at any time.

Sincerely,
Lorraine Hocker
VP of Member Services



ILNAHRO Membership Renewal Form

2020-2021
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM
Illinois Chapter of NAHRO
(Please Print or Type All Information)

Contact Name:					
Agency/Company Name:					
Address					
City:		State:		Zip Code:	
Telephone:	()	Fax Number:	()		

Please provide up to five (5) staff emails for "Agency" membership:

E-mail:		Name:	
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Type of Membership (Check one or both):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Agency (\$75.00) from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021
<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual (\$25.00) from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021
<input type="checkbox"/>	

Check the one below that applies to the business of your agency / company:

<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing/Section 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Vendor/Supplier	<input type="checkbox"/> CDBG (other government agency)
<input type="checkbox"/> Commissioners	<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Affiliated Member (specify): _____

Please make your check payable to: **Illinois NAHRO**
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Advertising Rate Sheet

The Illinois Chapter of NAHRO is a professional membership association of housing and community development agencies and individuals. All editions will be sent by e-mail to the entire ILNAHRO membership and posted on the ILNAHRO website.

The newsletter is distributed the entire year and our current subscription list encompasses over 200+ members/individuals.

Submission deadlines are 20th of each month.

The advertising rates for the newsletter are as follows:

Finished Ad Size (width x length)		Cost Per Issue	Cost For All 10 Issues
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