

The Elderly Support Services Program at Peter Bulkeley Terrace and Everett Gardens continues to provide high quality services to residents. Funding for this program is generously provided by a grant from Concord Carlisle Community Chest. The Activity Program is enhanced with exciting new projects and increased participation. The Council on Aging runs Wellness programs for the residents of Peter Bulkeley and the Everett Gardens developments. These programs assist in enhancing the quality of life for the CHA's elderly residents, as well as continuing their ability to live independently.

Despite serious cutbacks in State funding this year, the CHA still manages to improve and support public housing units in Town.



New senior units on Bedford Street

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Concord Housing Trust, Inc. is pleased to report that, due to generous community support, its hole in the ground at 335 Walden Street, previously reported, has been filled.

Walden Homes, in addition to financing from Middlesex Savings Bank both to purchase the land and for construction, received approximately \$385,000 of CPA funds plus donated funds with the help of Concord Housing Foundation, which when combined with significant services donated by CHT meant that all five

units could be sold to moderate income families (folks whose income does not exceed 80% of area median income) for prices ranging between \$155,000 to \$173,700 (depending on the number of bedrooms). The homes were under agreement later in 2008 and construction began early in 2009. It turned out to be a challenging Spring for construction, and Concord Housing Trust was pleased to have Elizabeth Contracting, which does not get discouraged. Their persistence, and Middlesex Bank's financing to several buyers, meant that homeowners could move in during August and early September in time for the new school year. Five families with children now live within walking distance of both Alcott School and CCHS.

The serendipitous part was that the Town, acting through the Natural Resources Commission, had the opportunity to purchase the rear portion of the land from CHT, adding over 2 ½ acres of public open space to contiguous Town-owned land, in addition to protecting significant wetlands resources.



The Grand Opening celebration for the 335 Walden Street Housing development. This was the last project by the Concord Housing Trust and was completed with CPA funding approved at the 2008 Town Meeting.

As CHT members move on to other activities, we thank the Town for more than a decade of support for Elm Brook Homes, Baker Homes, Burke Farm Homes and Walden Homes, that brought 27 affordable homeownership units to Concord through volunteered services and community support. We ask that the same reliable long-term support for future affordable housing projects be given to Concord Housing Development Corporation, to whom we are pleased to pass the baton.