

Regional Update

A Report of Activities on the Eastern Shore of Virginia

October 2009

Crispus Attucks Grand Opening Held

The Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority and New Road Community Development Group of Exmore, Inc. held a joint Grand Opening and Celebration on September 25th. At least 50 residents, officials, friends and special guests attended.

The day started with music, prayer and singing, followed by numerous speakers illustrating how conditions have improved in the neighborhood. Ms. Ruth Wise, New Road CDG, spoke about the neighborhood's history.

The neighborhood itself was named for the New Road, now the almost century old section of Occohannock Neck Road that runs beside the community. This section was built to connect the steamship dock with the railroad in Exmore. The original road names in the community have also changed. Many

of the roads were named Westmore with a Road, Place, Drive or Court attached. The roads now are named for historic and important African Americans.

Crispus Attucks Apartments were also named by New Road residents for a historic African American as well. Crispus Attucks was the first colonist killed in the Revolutionary War, during the Boston Massacre.

After closing the formal portion of the meeting with a video depicting the previous conditions in the neighborhood, an open speakers podium and a poem written by a local resident, the attendees toured both New Road Village and Crispus Attucks Apartments.

New Road Village's 16 apartments are almost complete and some have already been turned over. The same contractor has also been working on

Crispus Attucks and is scheduled to deliver 8 units by October 6 and the remaining 14 by mid-November.

New Road Village has been receiving applications for tenants and Crispus Attucks is accepting applications at this time.

After the tours were complete, the participants enjoyed a home cooked meal arranged by New Road CDG with the assistance of many residents.

We would like to thank all the partners who made the new housing possible including, the USDA, Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Housing and Development Advisors, NCALL Research, VESEEHC, Virginia Community Development Corporation and VHDA. We also would like to thank the donors who helped with the celebration, Shore Bank, PNC Bank, Verizon and Perdue.



*September 25 Celebration
Guests, NewRoad Village &
Crispus Attucks Apartments*



October Calendar of Events



October 2 - Chesapeake Bay TMDL, 1:00PM-3:00PM, Enterprise Bldg, Accomac

October 8 - Continuum of Care for the Homeless, 9:00AM Enterprise Building, Accomac.

October 12 - A-NPDC Office Closed for Columbus Day

October 19 - A-N Planning District Commission Mtg., Enterprise Building, 7:00PM

October 20 - Groundwater Committee Mtg., Enterprise Building, 10:30AM

October 28 - Economic Development Planning Public Meeting, 6:00PM-9:00PM, Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley

October 29 - Economic Development Planning Public Meeting, 6:00PM-9:00PM, Northampton Middle School, Machipongo

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