

The Vernon Housing Authority

Annual Report 2009

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	Commissioner	- Mrs. Mary Lou Menard
	Commissioner	- Mrs. Karen Roy-Guglielmi
	Commissioner	- Mr. Walter Edwards

Executive Director: Jeffrey S. Arn, PHM

Main Office Location: 21 Court Street

Leasing & Housing Choice Voucher Offices: 114 Franklin Street

Responsibilities and Duties: The Housing Authority owns and operates 322 units of housing for seniors, frail elderly, disabled individuals and families in the Town of Vernon. The Housing Authority also administers 280 Housing Choice Vouchers within the Town. Additionally the agency administers 647 Federal Housing Choice Vouchers, State Rental Assistance Payments and Temporary Rental Assistance Payments through our State of Connecticut Department of Social Services Programs. Therefore, at year end the Vernon Housing Authority was providing rental assistance and housing to nearly 1,250 families in and around the Town of Vernon.

Town of Vernon Housing Authority Owned Rental Properties:

Federally Funded & Subsidized Developments

Franklin Park West , 114 Franklin Park West, Built 1964	- 64 Elderly Units
Court Towers , 21 Court Street, Built 1970	- 72 Elderly Units
Scattered Sites , Seven Properties	- 9 Family Units

State Funded Developments

Franklin Park East , Franklin Street, Built 1963	- 40 Elderly Units
Windermere Court , 29 Windermere Avenue, Built 1970	- 20 Elderly Units
Grove Court , 55 Grove Street, Built 1968	- 25 Elderly Units
Grove Street Extension , 55 Grove Street, Built 1977	- 29 Elderly Units

State Funded Congregate Facility

Francis J. Pitkat Congregate Living Center , 80 Franklin St.	- 43 Frail Elderly Units
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Summary of Activities: The Authority has undergone a transition in leadership in 2009. After over thirty years of service Executive Director Catherine Melan retired from public service. On January 1, 2009 Jeffrey Arn became only the third Executive Director of the Vernon Housing Authority.

As part of the federal stimulus package the Authority received additional funding to perform capital needs. These projects will include window and door replacements at Court Towers, Franklin Park East and Windermere Court as well as a sewer and site improvement project at Franklin Park West.

Additionally, as part of the stimulus package the Authority has applied to convert the Franklin Park East and Windermere Court developments from State to Federal funding.

In July 2009 the Vernon Housing Authority celebrated its 50th Year in existence. A celebration was held at the Franklin Park East and West complexes. The festivities were attended by residents from all Vernon Housing Authority developments, past and present employees and we were honored by recognition from the Governor's Office, The Connecticut Legislature and the Mayor of Vernon.

The Authority's Board of Commissioners would like to thank Town Officials and Employees for their cooperation during the past year.