

# All Around the House



HUD regional director Taylor Caswell, third from left, was impressed with the successful projects administered by LHAND. Joining him on a tour of some of those developments were, from left, Norm Cole of LHAND, Kristine Foye of HUD, LHAND Executive Director Charles Gaeta, Lynn Development Director Hal McGaughey, EDIC/Lynn Executive Director Peter DeVeau, Don Walker of the Office of Economic and Community Development and Peggy Phelps of LHAND.

## HUD regional director gives Lynn a HAND

Taylor Caswell, New England regional director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), visited Lynn to see first-hand the successful housing projects administered by Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development (LHAND).

Since his appointment in July, Caswell has made it an initiative to visit communities throughout New England. In Lynn, he toured more than a dozen sites recently developed with HUD funding through the Community Development Block Grant, HOME and McKinney-Vento programs.

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*Taylor Caswell  
HUD regional director*

“Lynn was at the top of my list of Massachusetts cities to see,” Caswell told LHAND and city officials. “You guys are legendary in the Boston (HUD) office. You’re a model for other cities.”

Caswell was joined by HUD Regional Public Affairs Officer Kristine Foye; city Development Director Hal McGaughey; Economic Development & Industrial Corporation of Lynn (EDIC/Lynn) Executive Director Peter DeVeau; LHAND Executive Director Charles Gaeta, Director of Planning and Development Norm Cole, Director of Operations Paul Dejeio

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## Ribbon cut on St. Jean’s development

The Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development and the Archdiocese of Boston Planning Office for Urban Affairs hosted a ceremony, attended by Archbishop Sean P. O’Malley, city and state officials, financial supporters, neighbors and community

members, to celebrate the completion of the St. Jean Baptiste Neighborhood Revitalization development.

The \$9 million revitalization initiative, which broke ground in December, 2003, at the site of the former St. Jean Baptiste Church at

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LHAND Executive Director Charles Gaeta receives a section of stained-glass window from St. Jean’s Church from Archbishop Sean P. O’Malley in appreciation for the role LHAND played in the redevelopment of the St. Jean’s property.

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## A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful, albeit sometimes wet, fall season.



**Charles J. Gaeta**

This past summer was busy and productive at LHAND as our Summer Youth Program workers beautified our properties and cleaned many neighborhoods throughout the city. Thanks to the fine youth of the city who worked hard this

past summer.

Also, our annual summer cookouts were again a big success thanks to our staff including Dave Raymond, Kathy Byrne, Michelle D'Amico, Brenda Womack, Adelle Abdallah, Barry Bertwell, Mike Feeley, Charles Mihos and Erin Ford.

The news on the development front is very good, thanks to the City Council and Mayor Clancy. We are currently assisting the LCDHC and have begun construction on 12 single-family

homes at the former site of the Devlin Nursing Home. In addition, we are assisting with eight townhouse units in the Highlands at Herbert Street, now called Buffum Estates, and Ward 7 Councilor Rick Ford hosted a neighborhood meeting to discuss plans for the former Walnut Street Pumping Station, which will include five single family homes and nine owner-occupied condominiums. We will be seeking approvals at once and we appreciate the support of Mayor Clancy and

Councilors Ford, Phelan and DiVirgilio, who attended the meeting.

Finally, thanks to staff, particularly Lisa Tobin and all the sponsors of another successful Scholarship Golf Tournament, which was held at Gannon Golf Course.

If you want to keep up with the activities of LHAND or any of our partners, please visit [www.lhand.org](http://www.lhand.org).

Sincerely,

Charles Gaeta

### House Happenings

#### Farewell

We wish all the best to **Irma Chez, Jason Christian, and Phila Hang.**

#### Congratulations

Best of luck to **Elizabeth Ba** on the birth of her daughter, and **Rosario Fresco**, on the birth of her son.

#### Condolences

Our sympathy goes out to the family of former LHAND employee **Marty McManus**, who passed away over the summer.



Michelle D'Amico of LHAND gives flowers to residents of Meadow Court.



**Executive Director**  
Charles Gaeta

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## DPW plays role of FTD for tenants

The Department of Public Works generously donated flowers to the tenants of six Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development housing complexes. The tenants receiving flowers were residents of Essex & Tilton, Olive Street, Meadow Court, Wall Plaza, Woodman Street, and Curwin Circle. The tenants of each development were greeted by a LHAND truck filled with brightly colored flowers to be planted and were invited to take as many as they

saw fit to decorate their residence.

The tenants were delighted to receive the flowers that they took pleasure in caring for throughout the summer. The flowers provided by the DPW add another element to each housing development. For many tenants the flowers serve as a reason to go outside and enjoy the summer weather, strike up a conversation with a neighbor, or create a welcoming atmosphere for people in and around the development.



Mayor Edward J. "Chip" Clancy Jr. stopped by to visit with seniors at a cookout at Caggiano Plaza. In the background is State Housing Manager Dave Raymond.

## Seniors enjoy summer cookouts

Sounds of people reminiscing about the good ol' days filled housing developments across the city during the Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development's annual summer cookouts.

LHAND sponsored cookouts at seven of its senior living developments around the city. Cookouts were held from the end of June into July inviting tenants of the McGee House, Caggiano Plaza, Essex and Tilton, Meadow Court, Woodman Street, Olive Street, and Wall Plaza to enjoy a favorite summer pastime right in their own backyard.

The cookouts provide tenants with an opportunity to sit outside and

enjoy their housing developments while indulging in a feast of hot dogs and hamburgers. LHAND satisfied the appetites of more than 100 tenants, serving up smiles along the way. Tenants were eager to enjoy the sunshine in the company of their neighbors and friends. Through

these annual cookouts LHAND is able to reach out to the tenants of the developments, providing an event where they can sit back and relax.

Each year tenants look forward to

seeing LHAND employees such as Dave Raymond and Kathy Byrne fire up the grills and dish out a summertime memory sure to be the topic of next year's cookout conversation.



A Woodman Street resident relaxes at a cookout.



LHAND staffers from left, Kathy Byrne, Mike Feeley and Dave Raymond prepare a delicious cookout for seniors.

# LHAND shines spotlight on kids



Scholarship recipients were presented their checks at 10 Church St. Thanks to staffers Brandi Walker, Rose Rivera and Charles Mihos, who worked on the program.

## 2005 LHAND Scholarship recipients

Soraya Abdallah, St. Mary's  
Erin Anderson, Bishop Fenwick  
Veronica Aviles, Lynn Classical  
Casey Bearlett, Lynn English  
Pheab Chhoeun, Lynn Classical  
Houeng Chum, Lynn Tech  
Shawn Cogan, Lynn English

Zachary Williams Conway, Lynn English  
Chris Gaeta, St. Mary's  
Daniel Jellison, Lynn Tech,  
Lansana Kallon, Lynn English  
Cortney Rocker, Lynn Classical  
Alicha Spada, St. Mary's  
Linda Thiem, Lynn Classical  
Sinisa Ubiparipovic, Lynn English  
Erica Ward, Lynn Classical

## Scholarship Governing Committee

Tim Leonard  
Olivia Lyons  
Sen. Thomas M. McGee  
Joe Scanlon  
Lisa Tobin  
Brandi Walker  
Brenda Womack



The 2005 Summer Youth Workers beautified LHAND properties and cleaned many neighborhoods throughout the city.



Lisa Carbone of Eastern Bank, center, presents a check to LHAND Scholarship Governing Committee member Sen. Thomas McGee, far right, at the 7th annual LHAND Scholarship Golf Tournament, of which Eastern Bank served as Corporate sponsor. Also present were, from left, LHAND Executive Director Charles Gaeta, Board of Commissioner Laurie Walsh and Chris Rowe of LHAND.

## Golfers tee it up for scholarships

More than 100 golfers participated in the 7th annual Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development Scholarship Golf Tournament Sept. 10 at Gannon Golf Course. The top two teams were Eastern Bank and Hanscom Heating and Air Conditioning.

Approximately 150 friends of the LHAND attended a buffet-style dinner following the tournament. All proceeds from the evening directly benefit the LHAND scholarship program, which distributed more than \$20,000 in scholarship money this year.

Through this event the LHAND was able to provide 12 scholarships to local students. Funds were raised through the tournament, sponsor donations, dinner, and various raffles held throughout the night.

Eastern Bank served as Corporate sponsor for the event. Other major sponsors included: Affordable Housing Associates (AHL); A.M. Appraisal Associates, Inc., Greg Story; Bradley Moore Primason, Cuffe & Weber; Brightwood Limited Partnership (BLP), the Gilberg Family; EDIC/Lynn; Irvine & Sons; John's Oil,

John and Laurie Walsh; Lynn City Council; Mayo Group; Meninno Construction; New York Mortgage Company; and Willow Labs, Dr. Brian Strasnick.

The golf tournament is an event that provides employees, friends, and business associates of the LHAND a chance to give back to the community while

having an enjoyable day. To date more than \$150,000 has been raised for scholarships.

"The scholarship fundraiser is the leading event our employees participate in each year. I am proud of their volunteerism at this event and others throughout the year. They are a special group of people," said Charles Gaeta, LHAND executive director.



Gerri Cronin of About Face Skin and Day Salon pulls the winning raffle ticket for the beauty basket she donated.



From left, Barry Bertwell, Ron Dupuis, Dawn Whelan and Erin Ford enjoy the deck at Gannon Golf Club.

# Neighbors view plans for former waterworks site

The Lynn Community Development Housing Corporation, in partnership with the LHAND, the City and Ward 7 Councilor Rick Ford, hosted a neighborhood meeting to update residents on plans for the redevelopment of the former waterworks pumping station on Walnut Street. The project will be named Walnut Street Station.

Architect Eric Pfeufer presented a feasibility study for the redevelopment of the site. The study proposes renovating the waterworks building to house nine owner-occupied condominium units and building five single-family homes in the rear.

“Our intention is to do

something first-class,” said Mayor Edward J. “Chip” Clancy Jr.

Plans include adding patios, terraces, private garden space to the rear and side of the building, landscaping and neighborhood streetscape improvements.

Pfeufer and LHAND officials answered residents’ questions regarding traffic, construction and other neighborhood issues.

“We wanted to begin the process. If the neighbors support the concept, then we will move forward at once,” said LHAND Executive Director Charles Gaeta. “We don’t go in and develop a neighborhood without input from neighbors, city officials and other experts.”

# Curwin resident’s RAW talent leads her to France

Curwin Circle resident Savannah Peterson, a junior at Lynn Classical High School, was among a group of young filmmakers from RAW Art Works that traveled to Paris over the summer to experience French culture, meet their French counterparts and perform in a city cultural program.

The trip for the students from Raw Arts’ Real to Reel film school

was funded by the Boston-based Cloud Foundation, which supports programs that build confidence, ambition and hope in young people through artistic creation and cross-cultural experience.

For the last five years, students in the Real to Reel program have been producing award-winning documentaries, music videos and public-service announcements.



From left, Sean Bresnahan, Charles Gaeta, Ray Buckland and Peter Grassa get together at LHAND Day at the North Shore Spirit game.

# LHAND employees get taken out to the ballgame

Fifty LHAND employees caught the Spirit on August 10 when staff members from various departments attended the Spirit game at Fraser Field. Employees were from Church Street, State Housing, Section 8, Curwin Circle, and Maintenance offices within the LHAND.

The employees filled the tent on the upper party deck with quality conversation, lots of laughs, and support for the Spirit. They were treated to a buffet featuring a variety of ballpark favorites, including hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages, pretzels, peanuts, and popcorn.

This event gave the employees a chance to enjoy a sunny afternoon with co-workers from different departments. The departments of LHAND work closely on a daily

basis. An event like this one helps employees to form bonds that will carry into the work place.

Celebrating a 16-2 win by the home team was the perfect ending to the second annual LHAND Spirit Day. Continued success to Nick Lopardo and his Spirit staff.



Brenda Womack enjoys the game.



Jill Marston takes in the action.



Charlene Chagnon and Jim Gately catch the Spirit from the party deck.



From left, Sen. Thomas M. McGee, Lisa Alberghini of the Planning Office for Urban Affairs, and Archbishop Sean P. O'Malley cut the ribbon at St. Jean's. Back, City Council President Jim Cowdell, left, and Mayor Clancy.



St. Mary's Pastor Rev. Monsignor Paul V. Garrity speaks at the St. Jean's dedication.



Archbishop Sean O'Malley visits with Gary, left, and Kevin Tores, residents of the St. Jean's Apartments.

# Ribbon cut on St. Jean's development

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the corner of Franklin and Lyman streets, includes 24 affordable rental units and 14 townhouses for first-time home buyers. A community facility, operated by Catholic Charities and located on the first floor of the apartment building, will host healthy family and youth programs.

"Building on the heritage of St. Jean Baptiste parish, this development will continue the Church's commitment to the common good," said Archbishop O'Malley.

LHAND and the Planning Office for Urban Affairs, a non-profit affiliated with the archdiocese, began planning to replace St. Jean's with housing in 2001. They received support and guidance for the project from key

members of the Lynn community including Mayor Edward "Chip" Clancy Jr., Rev. Monsignor Paul V. Garrity, pastor of St. Mary's Parish, U.S. Rep. John Tierney, State Sen. Thomas McGee, State Reps. Robert Fennell and Steven Walsh, and the City Council.

"As we dedicate this development, the spirit of the St. Jean Baptiste Church remains present in the families who now call it home," said Clancy. "There couldn't be a more worthy project than providing safe, affordable housing for our residents."

Since its development, the St. Jean Baptiste initiative has inspired neighbors to revitalize the entire community. Over 18 months, LHAND granted 58 loans to residents in the neighborhood for improvements, and nearby

property owners have steadily worked to enhance their homes and landscaping.

"This property is a catalyst for a series of redevelopment in this neighborhood," said LHAND Executive Director Charles Gaeta. "It's the first time in many years this community has seen such an amount of private investment."

Financing for the development was provided by Bank of America, the Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development, MassHousing, Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation, Massachusetts Housing Partnership, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston and the Highland Street Connection, the McGrath Family.

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and Neighborhood Development Manager Peggy Phelps.

The group toured rental and affordable home-ownership properties, elderly housing, condominium units and homeless and disabled housing. Sites included the YMCA, which provides 38 permanent housing units to homeless and disabled individuals; St. Jean Baptiste Project, which opened over the summer with 24 rental

units and 14 affordable townhouses; St. Theresa House, a former convent with 32 supported housing units; Herbert Street Development, which consists of eight newly-constructed home-ownership units; and Brickyard Village, a neighborhood revitalization project with 28 rental units.

In January, HUD presented Lynn with the inaugural HOME Doorknocker Award for its Brickyard Village project. The city was one of 15 local

governments nationwide to be honored for outstanding work in affordable housing. Eight months later, HUD's praise and support for the city is growing even stronger.

"It was just what I like to see — a lot of success," said Caswell. "Lynn is a great example of how to go about it. It's a real testament to what this city has accomplished."

Caswell also toured the Central Square area, where the investments in urban

streetscapes, brick sidewalks and antique lighting have encouraged the development of new condominium units and restaurants such as the Gulu-Gulu Café and the Oxford Street Grill. Caswell was also impressed at the job creation at the Clock Tower site on the Lynnway and at Eastern Bank on the corner of Broad and Market streets which together house nearly 700 jobs in buildings that were left vacant by their former owners.



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## All Around the House

Victor Canaan, *el presidente*



LHAND employee Victor Canaan served as president of the Lynn Hispanic Festival, which was a great success. The event attracted Boston Red Sox star David Ortiz, at left with Canaan. Above, Canaan is shown with festival honorees including grand marshal Rosemary Sargent, center, of U.S. Rep. John Tierney's office.