



# Caring about our Community

My mom always said take care of what you have even if it is not much. Like most people, my family rented our home then eventually became a homeowner. From renting to owning, we always made sure the grass was cut, litter was removed, and the flowerbed weeded from unwanted plant villains. My dad always made sure the house went through periodic repairs from painting, updating windows, to replacing the boards on the deck. Who would have known this was helping the value of our house increase thus making my family money.

Just like all other youths, I complained and mumbled that "I had things to do". Who would have thought years later that

the lawn, flowers can be used to line a sidewalk or the pathway to your front door. Splashes of color can add charm and beauty to any yard.



Neighborhood Clean-up June 2007

### Shrubs

Some shrubs along the outside of the house will give it an entirely different look, and a stone walkway is something even a landscape novice could do themselves with a little instruction.

### Lawns

Keep lawns mowed and free of litter. If you are having trouble growing your lawn visit your local lawn care store and speak to a representative that can advise you. Also try putting up blockades to keep people from walking over the trouble spots.



March 2008, Graffiti Removal with partners Youth Build & Providence Police Department

I would be motivating youth to get involved with neighborhood clean-ups that removed trash from streets, graffiti from walls, and made the community beautiful through flower planting and colorful murals.

No matter if you own or rent your home, you should want to keep it clean and beautiful, even if its not much. I researched some tips to help you in your endeavors.



Neighborhood Clean-up June 2006

### Flowers to Make Your Yard Colorful

To make your home look friendlier, add some flowers to your yard. If you want color throughout the year you will need to research what plants bloom during which seasons.

By planning your garden you can arrange the flowers around the yard so that there is color year-round, and so the colors complement each other.

### More Tips

Renters should talk to their landlord about investing in their properties. If landscaping is not affordable, make sure they periodically maintenance their building. Such as removing graffiti and trash as well as fixing broken windows and doors.

If you would like trees planted on your sidewalk, contact the City Forester. The City of Providence will plant trees in front of your property, but you have to recruit your 3 or 4 neighbors to care for them.

*Get involved with neighborhood clean-ups, by contacting Thea Lowe, Community Organizer, 453-3220 x.15. Information was referenced from "Landscaping Tips for a Beautiful Yard" visit www. Submit your article.com*

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## Bank of America Charitable Foundation Donates \$30,000 to West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation



Bank of America Charitable Foundation donated \$30,000 to West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation to support construction and rehabilitation of homes in the West End section of Providence.

“Bank of America is proud to continue its support of the West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation,” said William F. Hatfield, President of Bank of America Rhode Island. “West Elmwood provides a valuable service to many families in Providence, helping to strengthen communities through revitalization efforts, and helping families move from substandard housing to safe and affordable homes.”

Per press release submitted February 20, 2008

### *Classifieds*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR RENT</b></p> <p>Applications are now being accepted for 1 ,2, 3, &amp; 4 bedroom</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Westfield Lofts</u> Call First Realty Management 272-LOFT</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Stephens &amp; Bellevue Apartments</u> Call Ferland Property Management 781-8108</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR LEASE</b></p> <p>BEAUTIFUL HISTORICAL RESTORATION DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>218 DEXTER STREET PROVIDENCE, RI</p> <p>1,000-6,000 SF USERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CALL BETSY MORRISON 453-3220 x 21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HOMEBUYERS CLASS</b></p> <p>Spanish June 5-26 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Call Kelia to register 453-3220 x 17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLEAR CORPS PROVIDENCE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Free</b> Home Lead Evaluation</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Free</b> Lead Risk Reduction Work</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Free</b> Lead Safe Clearance Inspection (For those who qualify)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For more info call: 401-228-6066</p>
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### Don't Wait Till It's too Late!

#### Prevent Foreclosure

**Do you have an adjustable rate mortgage? With our Early Intervention you will learn:**

- \*Your mortgage rights \*Prevention options
- \*Effective alternatives like Rescue Loans \*How to protect your good credit
- \*How to safeguard your investment \*Will payment changes cause financial hardship?

**Get your documents together, then give us a call! We will need:**

- \*Picture ID
- \*Last Month of Bank Statements
- \*Full Mortgage package received the Day of Closing
- \*One Month of Pay Stubs
- \*Mortgage Statements
- \*Income and Expense Budget
- \*Foreclosure Notice or Notice of Interest Rate Increase
- \*Hardship Letter written by you
- \*Tax Return with W-2

**Call (401)453-3220, ext 18**

# West Elmwood NeighborWorks Home Ownership Center

## *Your Pathway To Home Ownership*

117-119 Althea Street - Two Family Home for Sale



\*5 spacious rooms \* 2 bedrooms each \* eat in kitchen \* large dining room  
\*1 bath \*Updated systems \* new baths, kitchens and economical gas base-  
board heat \*Replacement windows \*Beautiful hardwood floors \*Expandable  
third floor \*Plenty of parking

Estimated monthly payment of \$1353.00 including taxes and insurance less  
estimated monthly rental income of \$600 means you could own this two  
family home for **\$753 per month**.

Contact 453-3220 Kelia at ext. 17 or  
Jasmine at ext. 20 for more information.



Only 2 Units Left in Phase 1!



Open Floor Plans \*Historical design features include:  
wood, granite, and brick (approved by the Historic Preser-  
vation Society) \*Green Building Construction (reduces the  
cost of energy bills, such as heating and electric) \*Energy  
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conditioning) are energy star quality \*Professional Site  
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Joseph.McCarthy@NEMoves.com \* [www.NewEnglandMoves.com](http://www.NewEnglandMoves.com)

173 Bellevue Avenue, Providence RI 02907



\*5 Spacious Rooms \*3 Bedrooms \*1.5 baths \*Walk-in closet \*Lots  
of storage space \*Energy efficient gas \*Parking \*Plenty of yard  
space \*Comes with a one year warranty

Down payment -\$1,000 and an estimated monthly payment-\$1,188 in-  
cluding taxes & ins. Up to \$7,500 closing assistance and additional pur-  
chase subsidies are available for qualified buyers.

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West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation

392 Cranston Street

Providence RI 02907



# Oldies-but-Goodies Night

a PSYCHEDELIC summer party

## Oldies-but-Goodies Night

### June 21, 2008

### 8:00 pm to 1:00 am

### Crowne Plaza

### Warwick, Rhode Island

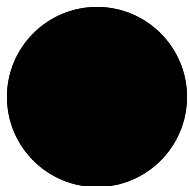
### Tickets \$25.00 per person

Cash bar

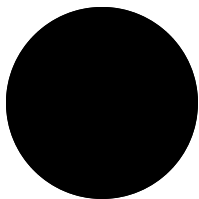
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For more information and tickets, contact Thea Lowe at 455-3220 x15.

Raffles



Costume  
Contests



Giveaways

