

Clarendon Residents United – Online Zoom Meeting
January 24, 2022
To be recorded and posted on youtube.com
and www.clarendonhill.org

Agenda

- Introductions
- Remarks from Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and Ward 7 Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld
- Development and Relocation Update
- Design Feedback Opportunity
- Community Events and Resources
- Next Meeting: Monday, February 28th

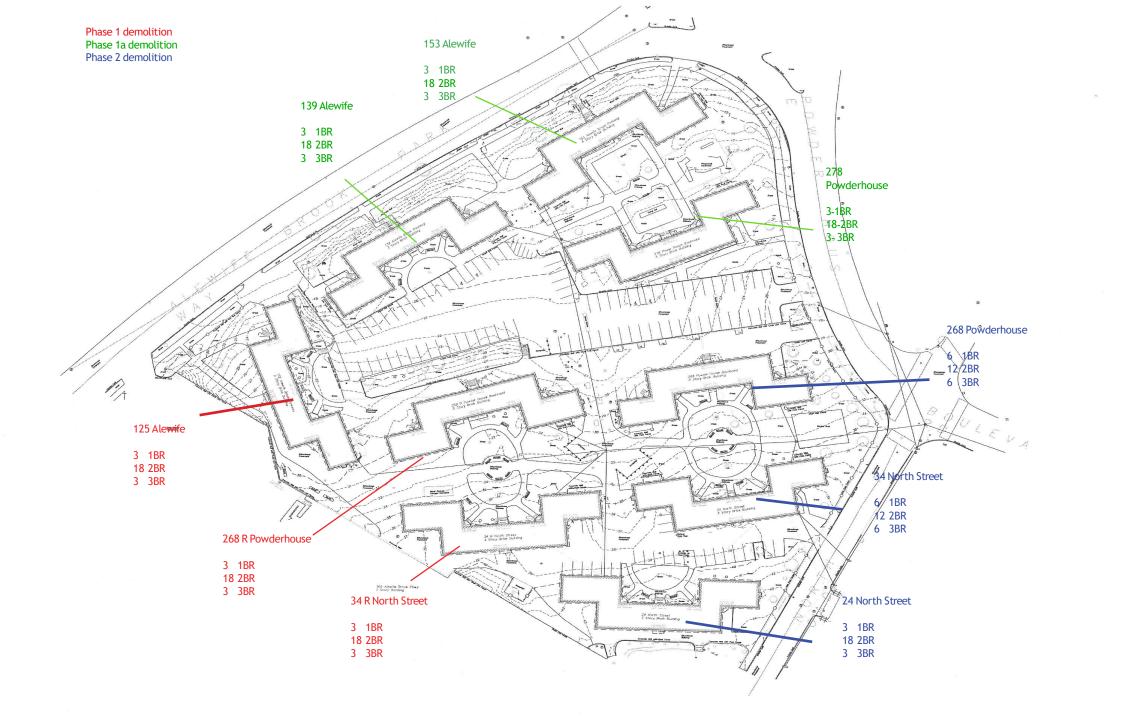
Introductions

- Clarendon Residents United
- Legal Representation
- Elected Officials
- Somerville Housing Authority
- Housing Opportunities Unlimited (HOU)
- Developers POAH, Redgate, SCC
- Interpreters: Nekita Lamour (Haitian Creole);
 Brendan Levy (Portuguese); Emily Getchell (Spanish)

Development & Relocation Update

- The State has authorized us to move forward with Building E at this time
- We are working on updating funding commitments and building design
- HOU will be back onsite in February to update the relocation survey
- Relocation for three buildings to begin in the spring
- Construction on Building E to begin this summer/fall
- Additional phases beginning 6 to 9 months after Building E





Design Feedback

Our interior design team has been putting together ideas for the units and common areas and will be presenting these virtually at our Office Hours at 4pm on Thursday, February 10th. All are welcome!

http://bit.ly/ClarendonOfficeHours

Meeting ID: 818 3265 3544 Passcode: 947970

Via phone: (301) 715-8592 or (929) 205-6099

More reminders to follow.

LIMITED ON FIXTURES UNIT PALETTE STANDARD CARPET









FINISH KEY

- A | LVT MAIN FLOORING
- B KITCHEN CABINETS
- C KITCHEN COUNTERTOP
- D| KITCHEN BACKSPLASH
- E| KITCHEN CABINET PULLS
- F| BATHROOM FLOOR + BASE
- G BATHROOM VANITY
- H BATHROOM COUNTERTOP
- I BATHROOM FIXTURES
- J| BATHROOM WALL TILE
- K DOOR, TRIM + BASE

HOU OVERVIEW

- HOU is based in Boston, an established national company
- 40 years of experience providing relocation planning and implementation services, case management and resident services to over 250 assisted housing developments in 26 states and the District of Columbia
- Over 20,000+ households successfully relocated
- Provided relocation services to approximately 200 sites



Relocation Goals

- 1. Collaborative work with the CRA, SHA and Redevelopment Team to ensure that the Relocation Plan is fair and equitable, and all resident concerns are addressed.
- 2. Every effort will be made to keep Clarendon residents in the Somerville area.
- 3. Minimize disruption to families with childrens in Somerville schools and household with documented medical needs

Your Rights

- Full range of relocation assistance and benefits
- Individualized relocation counseling and housing search assistance
- Payment of/reimbursement for reasonable moving-related expenses associated with the relocation
- Offer of at one comparable replacement unit
- Fair and open relocation process in full accordance with federal and state relocation rights and laws

RELOCATION OPTIONS

- 1. Transfer to an on-site unit (based upon priority) or to another unit within the SHA portfolio
- Subsidized housing outside of the SHA portfolio
- Private Sector housing
- 1. Purchasing a Home up to 7,200

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Phase 1 Temporary Relocation Process – Spring 2022





Notice of Non-Displacement or Notice of Eligibility

<u>Notice of Non-Displacement:</u> Everyone receives, explains that you will not be permanently displaced.

<u>Notice of Eligibility:</u> If you receive, states that you will be temporarily relocated in Phase 1 and describes the payments you are eligible for (moving expenses, etc).



General Information Notice (GIN)

Describes your rights to receive relocation assistance. Don't move without coordinating with HOU!



Resident Re-Survey

HOU will contact you to schedule a survey.
They will bring the survey completed last year and ask you if anything has changed.



120 Day Notice and Offer of Relocation Unit

There is an available relocation apartment for you, and here are the details.

This notice also lets you know that you will be moving at some point in the next 120 days. If 120 days passes and you have not accepted any of the apartments offered to you, at that point HOU is able to assign you an apartment.

Apartment will be available to someone else. You will go back to the wait list for another apartment (but only after everyone else has received a first apartment offer).

5 days to go and see the

5 days to accept or decline

apartment

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30 days to move *Moving costs are paid for*

You're settled in your new home, until Clarendon is ready for your return!



5 days to accept or decline

5 days to go and see the

apartment

2nd Offer of Relocation Unit

If you turn down your second apartment, HOU is able to assign you a comparable apartment after 120 days has passed from the initial 120 Day Notice. You will receive a **30 Day Notice** 30 days before the 120 days are up.



WHAT MOVING ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED?

Professional moving company contracted by HOU. Also includes packing materials, utility reconnection fee reimbursement and a dislocation allowance of \$100.

OR

Lump sum payment based upon unit size (# of rooms of furniture). No separate dislocation allowance. Reimbursements paid after move completed.

OR

Move on your own and be reimbursed for all documented reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. Must provide proof of expenses (receipts).

WHO WILL HELP ME WITH MY MOVE?

Housing Opportunities Unlimited (HOU) is the relocation service provider.

HOU Staff:

Relocation Coordinators:

Caitlin Coleman (617) 829-3109 Bryan Capretti (617)-655-6621

Project Director - Vanessa Rivera (617)-637-9667

Please contact HOU relocation Coordinator for all questions regarding your relocation.

Community Events and Resources

Food Resources:

- Clarendon is scheduled to have a free grocery distribution on Feb. 5th, in partnership with Somerville's Office of Food access. Flyers and robocalls will be shared with more details soon. Additional resources found here: www.somervillefoodsecurity.org
- Need assistance applying for SNAP/Food Stamps? Contact Suze Montina at 617-625-1152 x356 (bilingual English/Haitian Creole). Additional translation provided upon request. Residents can also call Project Bread to complete a food stamp application: 1-800-635-8333
- Somerville Winter Farmers Market: Saturdays from 9:30 1:30 starting December 4th at the Armory (191 Highland Ave). SNAP/EBT and HIP benefits accepted, and a \$15 SNAP match is offered each week.

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Covid Resources:

- If anyone is housebound due to Covid Quarantine (or for other reasons), they can get free food delivery by calling (781) 747 8502.
- Everyone can also now order additional at-home Covid test kits: https://special.usps.com/testkits. Orders will ship in 7-12 days.
- SCC has tests available for pickup or delivery (limit 3 per family). Please contact covid19@somervillecdc.org to place order or call 617-410-9920
- More testing information here: www.somervillema.gov/covid19testing
- Vaccines: www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/covid-19vaccinations
- Vaccines available at Somerville CHA Center, 176 Somerville Ave, call
 211 to make an appointment

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Youth and Family Resources

- The Somerville Family Learning Collaborative is helping SPS students access warm winter clothing. Contact Nomi Davidson at ndavidson@k12.somerville.ma.us or call 617-629-5670.
- SPS is holding multilingual sessions to help enroll children in After School programs through Thursday, January 27. Contact Heather McCormack at 617-625-6600 ext. 6031
- The City of Somerville is currently accepting applications for financial assistance to support the cost of preschool and child care for Somerville residents. Applications are due on March 11, 2022 and can be found at somervillema.gov/departments/mayor/somerpromise. If you would like to submit an application, have any questions about the form, or require any assistance completing the application, please contact Lara Versari at 617-625-6600 ext.2346 or lversari@somervillema.gov.

Questions

If you have any questions, you can email us at following addresses:

CRU - <u>ClarendonResidentsUnited@gmail.com</u>

Developers: cmian@poah.org or slatronica@somervillecdc.org

Weekly office hours with the development team every Thursday, 4pm-6pm on Zoom, bit.ly/ClarendonOfficeHours

Next Meeting: Monday, February 28th at 6pm