

BEHIND THE LINES



FALL ISSUE—2025

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Executive Director Updates

As we head into the fall season, I want to share some exciting updates about what's happening at Burleigh County Housing Authority and Community Homes of Bismarck, Inc.. This has been a year of growth, transition, and continued commitment to ensuring that families, seniors, and individuals in our community have safe, affordable housing opportunities.

Housing Updates

- **Dakota II** – We're building **34 new homes**, including a **20-unit apartment for seniors 62 and older** and **14 family townhomes**. Construction is underway, and we expect them to be ready in early 2026.
- **Washington Court** – Renovations are almost finished at our 96-unit community! The work is expected to be wrapped up by the end of this year, giving residents updated and improved homes..

Looking Ahead

As the year comes to a close, we'll continue focusing on strong housing programs, new opportunities, and making sure residents feel supported in their homes.

Thank you for being part of our community — your partnership and support help make safe, affordable housing possible for so many people.

BCHA Calendar

- Resident Advisory Council meeting—2nd Thursday of each month
- BCHA Board of Directors meeting— 3rd Monday of each month
- Crescent Manor/West— Council meeting— 3rd Wednesday of each month

Waitlist

Voucher Program	24-36 Months
Public Housing	6-18 Months
Crescent Manor	2-6 Months

Burleigh County wishes Seve, Amy, Julie and Kathie a farewell! We wish them well on their new adventures.

After 19 years of service to Burleigh County Housing Authority, Nicole Schurhamer is stepping down as the Executive Director of BCHA. Nicole's last day is November 7th. Stop by to wish her well.

BCHA would like to thank Nicole, Seve, Amy, Julie and Kathie for all the work and dedication they gave to BCHA!

BCHA says hello to Correne, Alex, Jim and Nicki. Correne & Alex are with the voucher program. Jim is the new maintenance supervisor. Nicki is the new accountant.

What is an NSPIRE Inspection

NSPIRE stands for the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate.

It is a new physical inspection model developed by HUD aimed at reducing health and safety hazards in homes. NSPIRE focuses on accurately assessing the condition of dwelling units, implementing streamlined inspection processes, and prioritizing the health.

NSPIRE inspections are scheduled by HUD and units are selected randomly on the day of the inspection.

BCHA receives an overall score of the property after the inspection and must correct all deficiency. Each deficiency has a timeframe for when corrections needs to be completed.

Maintenance Issues

If there is an issue in your unit/apartment/house please call 701-255-2540 to place a workorder.

Voucher tenants, please call your landlord

Washington Court New Property Management

Washington Court has been gone through many renovations and changes. Washington Court now has handicap accessible units and chair lifts between the bottom level and first level. The units have been renovated for a fresh look!

The biggest change for Washington Court is Metro Plains Management team has taken over as Property Managers.

If you are interested in renting a unit at Washington Court, needing to apply or have any questions, please contact Metro Plains at 701-222-4406.

Fall Reminders

Its that time of year where we need to get ready for old man winter.

- Disconnect hoses from the outdoor faucets.
- Remove AC units from windows and replace the screens.
- Clean out dryer vents
- Call the office if your gutters need to be cleaned.
- Check to make sure your furnace is working.
- Replace furnace filters

Go outside and enjoy the weather before it gets to cold!