

# BEHIND THE LINES



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## Executive Director Updates

### BCHA Governing Board

Lois Sundquist, Chairperson  
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Sister Kathleen Atkinson,  
Commissioner  
Cynthia Chavez, Commissioner  
Arlene Olson, Commissioner

### Executive Director

Nicole Schurhamer

### Resident Advisory Council

Michelle Provancial, Chairperson  
Colene Maier, Vice Chair  
Tracey Brown  
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Deb Bloom  
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Bruce Patterson  
Josh Dummer  
Sheryl B., Secretary

### Crescent Manor/ West Resident Council

Mary Clyde, Chairperson  
Bernice Fried, Treasurer  
Lanny Nelson, Secretary  
Peggy King, Sunshine Officer  
Becky Donahue, Member at Large



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*“Spring is the time for plans and projects” - Leo Tolstoy*

Burleigh County Housing Authority (BCHA) partnered with Beyond Shelter, Inc. (BSI) to develop Dakota II Apartments and Townhomes. Demolition started on February

24,2024 of an existing public housing site owned and operated by BCHA and will be replacing the (17 units) Cul-de-sacs located at 415,419, and 423 South Washington with 34 newly constructed rental units that will increase the much-needed affordable housing stock in Bismarck. Financing will include Low Income Housing Tax Credit equity, Housing Trust Fund, Capital Fund Program, CDBG, Affordable Housing Program, and a bank loan.

The Dakota II Apartments will consist of a three-story building with twenty (20) one-bedroom apartments for individuals 62 and better. Four (4) of the one-bedroom apartments will be fully accessible. Dakota II Townhomes will feature fourteen (14) two-bedroom townhome units, in three buildings. The townhomes will be marketed for general occupancy, to serve families or qualified individuals. The townhome component will include three (3) accessible single-story units and the remaining townhome units will be two stories. Construction of Dakota II Apartments is scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2024.

## BCHA Calendar

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

### Waitlist

Voucher Program	12-18 Months
Public Housing	3-6 Months
Washington Court	9-12 Months

## Volunteering

### BCHA staff volunteered for Freezing for a Reason.

Freezing for a Reason brings awareness to the homelessness and hunger in our community.



## BCHA Housing Reminders

**Spring Cleaning Checklist:** <https://www.rentcafe.com/blog/apartmentliving/tips-tricks-renters/spring-cleaning-checklist/>

- ◆ Every laundry pile was conquered one load at a time. Clean the washer and dryer after you use them. Clean the lint trap out after each use and anything off the floor.
- ◆ All Burlleigh County Housing properties are smoke-free. **Smoking in your apartment or anywhere else in the building is a lease violation and could be grounds for lease termination.**
- ◆ “Sweeping away the winter grime and clutter is like welcoming spring with open arms.”
  - Dispose of garbage properly.
  - Don’t let your children or guests write on the walls or damage the carpets/flooring.
  - Don’t allow your guests to fight inside your assisted unit or in the common areas which can result in damages.

**Tenants are responsible to pay for any damages caused by you and/or your guests.**

- ◆ If you are responsible for lawn and yard care at your unit, you are required to mow your lawn and keep the weeds out of your yard. You will enjoy your yard more when it looks nice. Your neighbors will appreciate it too. Many of you do not have storage sheds or garages so you also have to keep toys, bikes, lawn mowers, shovels, etc. organized neatly in your yard. In the winter you are also responsible to keep sidewalks, driveways and steps cleared of snow.
- ◆ If you have a service or companion animal, you are responsible to clean up after it. Whether it is in your unit, yard or in a common area. Service animals must be under control at all times. This means they should be leashed, tethered, or otherwise harnessed in public areas. The only exception to this is if the leash directly interferes with a dog’s duties. When this occurs, the dog may be taken off the leash to perform the necessary task but must be kept under control by voice commands..

“There is nothing more important than a good, safe, secure home.”



## Recipe Corner

By Sheryl B.

### Garlic Toast Pizza

#### Ingredients

- Pizza Sauce
- Pizza Toppings
- Frozen Garlic Toast
- Shredded Mozella Cheese

#### Instructions

- Bake the garlic toast according to the package. Take out 2 minutes before its done.
- Take out of the oven and put the ingredients on the toast.
- Place back in the oven on broil for additional 2-4 minutes.
- Enjoy!



## BCHA Staff Changes

### Good Bye

Linda, Administrative Assistant has decided to leave and go back to school. BCHA wishes Linda the best of luck!



### Welcome

BCHA would like to welcome Garrett, Edwinton Maintenance Technician and Jane, Administrative Assistant to our team.

