Standard & Poor's upgrades MassHousing's Issuer Credit Rating to AA-

Standard & Poor's has upgraded MassHousing's issuer credit rating from A+ to AA-, citing the Agency's solid financial and lending performance resulting from the skillful leadership of MassHousing's management team. The Issuer Credit Rating, or ICR, is a key determinant of the Agency's financial health and capacity to raise capital and lend for affordable housing. Continue reading...

Daunted By The Home Buying Process?
MassHousing’s New Video Series Can Help

MassHousing has produced a series of nine short videos designed to get potential homebuyers comfortable with the idea of moving from renter to owner.

The Smith-Lewis family is featured in MassHousing’s Homebuyer Video Series

Now available on masshousing.com and on the Agency's YouTube
- the series begins with an introduction to MassHousing and then guides the homebuyer through such topics as determining one’s readiness for homeownership; where to begin; the importance of homebuyer education; finding a lender; the benefits of a MassHousing loan; and working with a REALTOR™.

Also, the stories of two families who successfully bought homes with MassHousing financing are told in a pair of vignettes. View the Homebuyer Video Series.

**Renovations underway at Madison Park Village III in Roxbury**

Two recently closed MassHousing loans totaling $35 million are financing extensive property improvements at the 120-unit Madison Park Village III in Boston's Roxbury neighborhood. The long-term affordability of the units will also be extended. Continue reading...

**Upgrades and extended affordability coming to 145-unit seniors apartment community in Lynn**

The Louis Barrett Residence in Lynn is home to many senior citizens and disabled residents. Soon the property will undergo extensive renovations thanks to $15.6 million in MassHousing financing. The new owner will also make sure the rents will stay affordable for the residents. Continue reading...

**Greenfield apartments being transformed in record time**
Leyden Woods in Greenfield was built in 1973 and looks every bit like a 42-year old apartment community. But that is changing quickly, thanks to a MassHousing-financed rehabilitation using prefabricated components that are transforming the neighborhood almost overnight. Continue reading...

$10.2M will preserve 49-unit Waterview Apartments in South Boston as affordable housing for seniors

A $10.2 million loan from MassHousing to an affiliate of The Schochet Companies will finance property upgrades and extend long term affordable rents for the seniors living at The Waterview Apartments in South Boston. Continue reading...

MassHousing and Align Credit Union team up on Merrimack Valley first-time homebuyers program

MassHousing is partnering with the Lowell-based Align Credit Union to provide mortgage loans to first-time homebuyers in the Merrimack Valley through Align’s $2 million Community Dream Mortgage Program. Continue reading...
Somerville Community Corp's deep community roots provide a 'moral compass' for its work

Since 1969, the Somerville Community Corporation (SCC) has served the city with a focus on sustaining affordability and livability for lower income residents and recent immigrants and generational descendants of earlier immigrants.

"SCC is truly a community-based organization with a strong board of directors and a large and very active membership base," says CEO Danny LeBlanc. "That rootedness gives us both a very reliable moral compass about what needs to be done in our community, as well as the community support we need to move our efforts forward." Continue reading...

Think you know Millennials? Think again.

By Peter Milewski
Director of HomeOwnership Lending, MassHousing

I am a contrarian when confronted with things that some people see as problems. I prefer to see them as problems in search of a solution. Or opportunities. One perceived problem is that people aged 21 to 35 - so called Millennials - are unable to buy a home. Continue reading...

New TAP management trainings announced

A new slate of TAP Management Trainings has been announced and addresses a number of social issues facing rental communities and their residents. The trainings, which are open to all and free for staff of TAP member sites, cover such topics as substance abuse and the opioid epidemic; hoarding; social bullying; and Alzheimer's Disease & Other Dementias.

View the full schedule and register today.

New 40-unit apartment community for seniors opens in Roxbury

The 40-unit Ellen S. Jackson Apartments for senior citizens in Roxbury has been completed using $1 million from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Named after Ellen S. Jackson, a civil rights leader and scholar who lived and raised her family in Roxbury and worked in the Boston Public Schools, the new affordable housing community was developed by Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation. Continue reading...
MassHousing's Miles to co-chair White Ribbon Day Campaign to help end gender-based violence
MassHousing Director of Public Safety Thaddeus Miles has been named Co-Chair of the 2016 Massachusetts White Ribbon Day Campaign sponsored by Jane Doe Inc., the Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. The other co-chair is Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. Continue reading...

Green Corner panel will discuss Design & Construction best practices, January 19
MassHousing will host the third in its Green Corner series of panel discussions with Design and Construction: Best Practices, which will be held January 19. The discussion will focus on successfully incorporating a sustainability framework into a project through the design and construction process. Learn more or RSVP today!

Operation Welcome Home loan video now available
Last month, Governor Charlie Baker and MassHousing announced Operation Welcome Home, a new home mortgage program for Massachusetts veterans. In this newly posted video, you can watch the Governor, Secretary of Veterans’ Services Francisco Urena, MassHousing Executive Director and new homeowners Courtney and Michael explain the benefits of the program. View the video.

Youth Voices video series now airing on BNN
Boston Neighborhood Network (BNN) is now airing a series of videos created by Boston high-school age students. The videos cover topics
such as violence, bullying, discrimination and challenges for students with learning disabilities, as well as segments featuring youth groups from around the city.

Last summer, MassHousing was one of the sponsors of a six-week media camp for the young people. They received training in graphic arts, digital media production and TV studio production.

The videos can be seen on BNN News and Information: Comcast 9 | RCN 15 and BNN Community TV: Comcast 23 | RCN 83. All shows are streamed LIVE and archived on www.bnntv.org.