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## Now Hiring!!

### Commission Technical Sales and Marketing Job

Candidate to market parts and services for a floating dock marina. Candidate must have some technical knowledge of marina services and parts and have sales and marketing knowledge. Driver's license, car and vehicle insurance required. This is a commission position.  
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To apply: E-mail a resume to: [bmre@cedworks.com](mailto:bmre@cedworks.com) or fax your resume to Construction Jobs at 410-361-9648.

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Part-time carpenter needed to work outside repairing and replacing wood structure beams on wooden floating docks. Must have experience in simple carpentry, plumbing, able to use all types of tools. Must be able and willing to work outside. Pay \$12 to \$15 per hour based on experience.  
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Operate friction/hydraulic rubber tire and crawler crane for heavy highway construction.  
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- For homes located within a "Healthy Neighborhood"
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- Homeowners will make improvements to the property, including visible exterior improvements and to resolve code/violation issues.
- The fee structure of an architect are available to help borrowers plan improvements and to resolve code/violation issues.
- No other financial investment is required.
- Depending on household income, the borrower may be eligible for a matching grant.
- Construction terms will be six or 12 months. The maximum payment term will be 60 years.
- The Home Improvement Loan (HIL) will be used for the repair or replacement of the structure and/or the exterior of the property. The HIL cannot be used for the purchase of a new home. The HIL cannot be used for the purchase of a new home. The HIL cannot be used for the purchase of a new home.
- Homeowners must have a minimum credit score of 640.
- The borrower must have a minimum credit score of 640.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- The borrower must intend to occupy the property in one of the target blocks of a participating neighborhood.
- Homeowners must have a minimum credit score of 640.
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For more information: [www.liveinchum.org](http://www.liveinchum.org)

**Healthy Neighborhoods PURCHASE/REHAB OR REFINANCE/REHAB**

- NO PRIVATE MORTGAGE INSURANCE!
- Below-market rate. Payment interest rate will be Prime minus 1%, but in no event less than 4.5%.
- Options as much as 3.0% of the after-rehab appraised value (after contributing 5% of the purchase price from their own funds).
- Properties located on Healthy Neighborhoods target blocks. Purchased or vacant houses can be located anywhere within a Healthy Neighborhood boundary.
- For cash home buyers who will make improvements to the property in conjunction with the purchase.
- The fee structure of an architect are available to help buyers plan improvements and to resolve code/violation issues.
- Borrowers must include visible exterior improvements in their rehabilitation plans.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- The borrower must intend to occupy the property in one of the target blocks of a participating neighborhood.
- Homeowners must have a minimum credit score of 640.
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For more information: Contact Sales Bureau  
Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc.  
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## Last blighted home on Tivoly Avenue demolished

Sweating in the 95-degree heat, Ralph Stewart guided the excavator's giant claw through the rowhouse's porch roof at 2783 Tivoly Ave. on the city's east side. As the structure crumbled, the assembled crowd of politicians, neighborhood leaders and city housing officials cheered.

This and another house next door were the last of 98 homes to be torn down on a block of Tivoly Avenue that City Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke said was once so rife with drug dealing that one could barely drive a car down it. On Thursday, this block across Harford Road from Clifton Park was eerily empty except for remaining piles of rubble.

Stewart, 63, lives a block away on Fenwick Avenue, which along with Hugo Avenue is also set to be cleared at some point. While the area used to be beautiful, he said his relocation can't come soon enough.

"I say, 'Please God, get me up out of here,'" he said. "Fenwick is in dire need of being torn down. It's very dangerous."

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The demolition of Tivoly Avenue's vacant houses is part of the city's Vacants to Value program, which Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake launched in November 2010. Rawlings-Blake announced Thursday at the demolition that she would hold a summit this fall to highlight the nearly 5-year-old program's progress.



The program's goal was eliminating 1,500 vacant homes through demolition and leveraging private investment to rehab another 1,500. City officials said Thursday that about 1,500 vacant houses have been demolished while about 1,200 have been sold to developers to be renovated. The city says it has more than 16,000 vacant houses, though the U.S. Census Bureau says the number could be as high as 23,000.

While officials and neighborhood leaders cheered the clearing of Tivoly Avenue, they said progress had been slow on a block they have complained about for years. Ten houses were demolished on the block in 2008 under the administration of Mayor Sheila Dixon. Seven more were razed in 2013, according to city records, with the rest knocked down until recent months.

Clarke, who represents the area, blamed "money and priorities" for the delays but said she was excited to see progress seven years later. "Several years ago, it was so thick with drug dealing in the street and traffic driving slowly through that you could barely drive up this street," she said. "So there was a lot of abandonment during that period and a lot of blight. A number of homeowners were left stranded, a lot of longtime renters as well."

"The money just hasn't been as forthcoming as we hoped," she added. Money for Tivoly Avenue's demolition was first set aside in the Affordable Housing Program, a \$60 million fund to reduce blight created by then-Mayor Martin O'Malley. The unfinished project dogged Housing Commissioner Paul T. Graziano. "Frankly, we ran out of money under an earlier administration," Graziano said. "It was a little bit embarrassing for me to say, on my watch, that we started something we couldn't finish." He said the city spent \$5 million to relocate the last 41 families living on the block, whom he called "long-suffering." The demolition cost another \$1.25 million.

Leveling these last homes was a bright spot for Rawlings-Blake after the city's vacants spent weeks on national television amid the unrest following the death of Freddie Gray in police custody. She grew animated as she talked about Vacants to Value. "It's one thing to say we have a problem, and there's people around town that are good at pointing out the problems," she said. "You know, a child can point out a problem, but that child can't fix it. You need leadership and partnership to fix it, and that's what we're about."

City and neighborhood officials hope the site will draw the interest of a developer who can build new housing there, preferably less densely. In the meantime, neighbors hope to turn it into a park, said Mark Washington, head of the Coldstream/Homestead/Montebello Community Corp. One of the houses torn down Thursday, 2781 Tivoly Ave., was the site of one of the deadliest house fires in Baltimore history. A candle ignited a two-alarm blaze that killed 10 people in May 1982. The block also saw numerous killings and shootings over the years.

Washington said the neighborhood association will continue to press for demolition on Fenwick and Hugo avenues, similarly distressed streets in an area off Harford Road called the Tivoly Triangle. The group believes eliminating the blight will spur investment and help turn around for the neighborhood. "It's not as bad today as it was a year ago, but we still have an overwhelming number of vacant houses," Washington said. "This block has had a somewhat tragic history. I think this symbolizes a rebirth of the community in general."

## CHM Offers Variety Of Summer Youth Programs

**Attention CHM Residents: Things For Kids To Do This Summer**

**Coldstream Recreation Center 1401 Fillmore St.**  
410-396 6746 Summer: 8am-8pm Monday through Friday  
**Coldstream Park Pool hours: Monday-Saturday 12-5 pm**  
Sundays and Holidays 1-4 pm  
Admission: \$1 per two-hour swim session



**Rita Church Recreation Center**  
2101 St. Lo Drive Baltimore 410-396-8958  
Summer: 8 am -8 pm — Monday through Friday.



**Clifton Park Pool hours: Monday-Friday 12:30-7 pm**  
Saturday noon-7 p.m. Sundays and Holidays 1-6 pm Admission: \$2 per two hour

**Youth Activities At CHMCC**  
3220-A The Alameda 21218 (410-235-6715)  
**NB YOUTH ACADEMY @ CHMCC**  
Summer Lunch Program June 29th – August 7th (410-630-1377)

**ST VERONICAS YOUTH STEEL ORCHESTRA @CHMCC**  
Join Our FREE Steel Drum Classes: JUNE 22 - JULY 14, 2015  
Monday & Tuesday Evenings 5:30pm – 7:00pm Ages: 9 yrs. - 16 yrs.  
(410-292-6814)

**YOUTH WORKS @ CHMCC**  
Harry and Jeanette Weinberg YMCA at Stadium Place  
900 E 33rd St. (410) 889622

**Clifton Park:** Ball Fields— Golf - Playground—Tennis Court—1st Tee Golf - Horse-shoes— Trails—Mothers Garden Real Food Farm  
**Lake Montebello:** Outdoor Fitness Equipment— Biking— Frisbee Golf- Playground— Movies - Picnic Pavilion  
**Coldstream Park:** Basketball Court-Ball Fields— Playground  
**Herring Run Park:** Hiking Trails-Basketball— Playground Ball Fields

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*In The Fold*

**Some stuff we did in June**

## GET A JOB!

### Semi-Skilled Home Weatherization Worker Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI)

Baltimore based non-profit is currently looking for a semi-skilled Home Weatherization Worker. Qualified individual will be familiar with general aspects of home improvement and weatherization such as framing, drywall, and insulation installation, caulking, and a basic knowledge of electrical and plumbing work to weatherize and make other improvements to homes in Baltimore City and surrounding counties. Weatherization work entails air sealing, adding insulation, installation of weather strip, and possible lead-based paint removal.

Position is full time. Specialized training provided. Home improvement contractor's license is NOT required. Salary: \$12.50 - \$15.50 per hour, commensurate with experience. Interested candidates should submit resume to apply: <https://home.eease.adp.com/recruit/?id=6313071> or fax: 410-837-1279 EOE.

### Weatherization Project Assistant

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI), an agency of The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore is currently seeking a full-time Weatherization Project Assistant. The Weatherization Project Assistant will report directly to the Weatherization Project Director. This person is responsible for providing technical and administrative assistance to the Energy Conservation Services Program. The individual will serve as the initial point of contact for customers, schedule and keep track of the progress on contracts, prepare reports, complete check requests, work with the accounting department on receivables, order materials and manage office paperwork for the Weatherization Team. The candidate will also participate in trainings and related educational courses in order to obtain required certificates and licenses.

Qualified candidates must have Advanced Weatherization Tactics certification; BPI, Building Analyst or other home performance certifications. Must have knowledge of practices, methods, equipment, materials and tools used in weatherization improvements. Also must be organized, provide top customer service, have excellent verbal /written communication skills, and possess the ability to juggle multiple tasks in a fast-paced environment while maintaining accuracy. Attention to detail is a must. All candidates must have strong skills in Microsoft Office Suite products and database management.

Resumes along with a cover letter and salary requirements should be sent to: The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore, Human Resources Department, 5750 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215, fax to: 410-837-1279 or preferably by using the following link: <https://home.eease.adp.com/recruit/?id=13420181> EOE.