

DC Healthy Homes Digest



June 2018 • National Healthy Homes Month

WELCOME TO THE DC HEALTHY HOMES DIGEST!

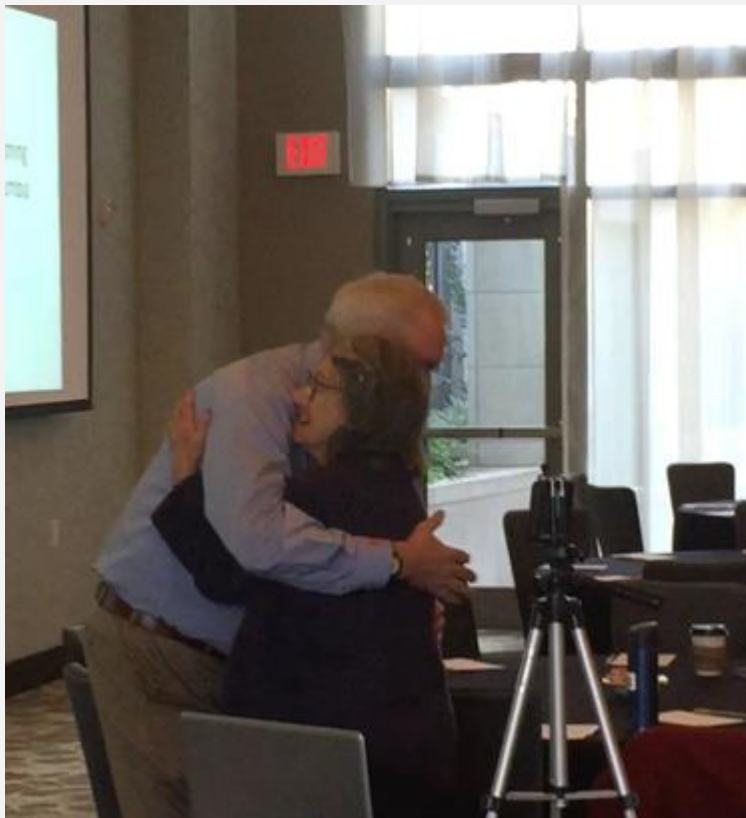
This **NEW** publication connects you to organizations and community members dedicated to creating and maintaining safe and healthy housing in the District of Columbia.

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Events

Saving Lives, Futures, and Money with Healthy Housing— How Do We Get There?



DOEE Director Tommy Wells and Dr. Muriel Wolf after opening remarks.

DIDN'T MAKE THE DC HEALTHY HOUSING WORKING CONFERENCE? HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW • "Saving Lives, Futures, and Money with Healthy



As part of the District's June Housing Bloom events, join [DCRA](#) for its [Housing Bloom Panel Workshop](#) that will provide invaluable information and guidance on property rentals, housing complaints, vacant properties, landlord rights, and vacant property taxes from District Government subject matter experts and the DC Bar Pro Bono Center.

Date/Time: June 19, 6-8pm

[Register Here](#)



[DC Open Doors Homebuyers' Informational Sessions](#) are FREE and co-hosted by the [District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency](#) (DCHFA).

Statistics prove that homebuyer education contributes to successful home ownership. Come out and learn how you can purchase your home in the District of Columbia using a DC Open Doors mortgage product.

Date/Time: June 20, 6:30-8pm

Housing: How Do We Get There?" engaged 63 government and community members in sharing resources and strategies for eliminating poor housing conditions in the District of Columbia that contribute to asthma, childhood lead exposure, and other undesirable outcomes. The event, coordinated by DOEE with support from a [National Center for Healthy Housing mini-grant](#), attracted a wide range of agencies, organizations, associations, and foundations involved in health, housing, education, community development, real estate, child development, legal support, faith-based communities, the arts, and philanthropy.

In his opening remarks, DOEE Director Tommy Wells welcomed attendees and emphasized the need for greater multi-sector collaboration to create safer and healthier home environments. Dr. Muriel Wolf, co-chair of DOEE's Lead Poisoning Elimination and Healthy Homes Advisory Committee, delivered the keynote address on the history of lead poisoning in the District.

The event also featured a panel discussion on the [Ten Policies to Prevent and Respond to Childhood Lead Exposure](#), a report by the Health Impact Project, a collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Pew Charitable Trusts. Breakout sessions focused on such topics as working with providers, families, schools, and child development facilities to increase lead screening; addressing mold and radon; organizing tenants and communities; creating energy efficiency; accessing resources for repairs and remediation; and using inspections and compliance to protect children and families.

The final priority-setting group discussion identified three overarching themes: 1) cooperation, 2) education, and 3) proactive primary prevention. These themes will inform the development of a collaborative action plan with specific steps for building the District's capacity to improve healthy housing and related health outcomes.

[Register Here](#)



Come to [DCHFA](#) to meet the Lenders and Housing Counselors to learn how you can qualify to become a homeowner in the District using DC Open Doors, HPAP, EAHP and/or the Mortgage Credit Certificate Programs.

Lenders and Housing Counselors will be present at DCHFA to answer your questions about the home buying process, credit, qualifying for a mortgage, and more.

Enjoy fun fair themed refreshments and learn about the resources available to become a DC homeowner.

Date/Time: Saturday, June 23, 10:00am-2:00pm

[Register Here](#)



The DC Bar Pro Bono Center is partnering with the [Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs](#) (DCRA) Small Business Resource Center to offer monthly informational sessions to



Dr. Muriel Wolf delivering keynote remarks.



Panel Discussion on "10 Policies" Report (l to r): Rebecca Morley, MS, (moderator); Janet Phoenix, MD, MPH; Dave Jacobs, PhD; and Gabriela Illa

small landlords renting residential property in the District of Columbia. The sessions will provide general information on the eviction process, landlord tenant court procedures, and regulatory requirements.

Date/Time: Friday, June 29, 2:00-4:00pm

[Register Here](#)



Black Millennials for Flint is launching the Inaugural Cohort of the Lead Prevention Ambassador Leadership Program for 2018-19.

This leadership program is designed for African American & Latino millennial college students, young professionals, and parents ages 18-35. The program will build millennial leaders' capacity to become advocates for the eradication of lead through political advocacy, activism, and organizing.

Accepting Applications until August 31, 2018

[Use This Link to Apply](#)

Connect with The Collaborative

Are you a pediatrician, public health professional, environmental activist, property owner, contractor, or real estate professional looking to advance the dialogue around healthy housing in the District?



Healthy Housing priorities determined by conference participants.

What's Buzzing at DOEE? June is National Healthy Homes Month!

The DC Healthy Homes Collaborative is forming working groups with the [Institute of Public Health Innovation](#) to evaluate public health strategies, facilitate cross sector partnerships, and support effective policy. [Click Here to Submit an Interest Form](#)



A Message From DC Water

Here's what you can do to minimize exposure to lead in your water supply:

1. Flush your pipes before using any tap water for drinking or cooking. Run cold water until the temperature changes and then allow it to run for an additional one to two minutes.
2. Use only cold water for drinking and cooking.
3. You may also choose to [filter your water](#).
4. Remove and clean [faucet aerators every 3 months](#).
5. Request a free lead test kit from DC Water by contacting the Drinking Water Division at 202 612 3440 or emailing lead@dcwater.com.
6. Check to see if your home has, or has had a lead service line with [our interactive map](#).

DC tap water is considered some of the safest drinking water in the world. In fact, [DC](#)



JOIN DOEE IN OBSERVING NATIONAL HEALTHY HOMES MONTH (NHHM)• This year's NHHM theme is "Unlocking the Potential of America's Children: Check Your Home – Protect Your Family." You have the opportunity to learn more about how to protect current and future generations of children from exposure to health hazards such as [radon](#) and [lead](#) from contaminated paint, dust, soil and other sources.

[Mayor Bowser's 2018 DC Healthy Homes Month Proclamation](#) highlights how DOEE and its District government partners are working to boost awareness and understanding of what federal and local resources are available to make a difference in the lives of all DC residents.

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On Saturday June 9, DOEE hosted a table at [DHCD's Healthy Homes Expo](#) at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. District residents who stopped by received educational materials and answers to their questions about how to take action to improve their housing and health.

Water delivers over 100 million gallons of water every day that meets or exceeds federal water quality standards. Yet many residents are unsure about the engineered resource that flows from faucets and fountains, especially when it comes to lead. In observance of National Drinking Water Week (May 6-12), DC Water wants to give you the facts about lead and drinking water so you can stay well-informed and well-hydrated.

Contact: [DC Water Public Affairs Office](#)



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Unsure how to protect your family? DOEE's [Healthy Homes Program](#) is a great resource to learn more about how to maintain a lead-safe and healthy home. If you have a child that suffers from poorly controlled asthma, a child aged 6 years or younger with a blood lead level of concern, are pregnant, you may be eligible for a home environmental assessment and case management. [Download the Healthy Homes Referral form here](#), or call (202) 535-2600 for more information.

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DOEE Staff and Residents at the 10th Annual DC Housing Expo and Home Show.

Resources You Can Use

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR THE LEAD SAFE WASHINGTON (LSW) PROGRAM• LSW provides grant funding for lead-based paint hazard control, along with free testing, training and relocation assistance for low-to-moderate income homeowners, property owners, multi-family unit dwellers and renters in the District. The program recently expanded to provide additional monies for LSW recipients to address other home hazards, such as mold, asbestos, and radon. Federal funding for LSW is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control.

All residential properties built in the District before 1978 most likely contain lead-based paint. If you or someone you know lives in a property built before 1978, with a child under the age of six residing or frequently visiting, you may be eligible for the program.

For multi-family or rental units, funding is eligible if 80% of the property units are low to moderate income (adjusted by family size, [see income limit table](#)). Vacant units are eligible to owners who will rent to income eligible families (a period of three years following the completion of work with LSW is required). For more information or to receive an application for the Lead Safe Washington (LSW) Program, visit [DHCD's LSW webpage](#), call Constance Ervin at (202) 442-7279 or [send her an email](#).



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