

HOUSING SECTION NEWSLETTER

City of Flagstaff



APRIL 2023



APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH!

The Fair Housing Act, signed on April 11, 1968 by President Johnson, protects people from discrimination when they are renting or buying a home, getting a mortgage, seeking housing assistance, or engaging in other housing-related activities. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on Race, Color, National Origin, Religion, Sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), Familial Status, and Disability.

As a community we welcome all our neighbors, recognizing the contributions and richness brought in by a wide variety of people from diverse backgrounds, colors, ethnicities, or religious traditions. The City of Flagstaff recognizes and values the efforts of those who seek to reduce barriers to full and fair housing opportunities and is committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing and combating discrimination, including overcoming patterns of segregation and fostering inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability. In passing the 10-Year Housing Plan, the City of Flagstaff committed to protect people from housing discrimination and remove housing barriers by ensuring affordable housing is a part of every Flagstaff neighborhood, working to address disparate impact as part of any development or redevelopment, and continuing Flagstaff's commitments to further federal and Arizona Fair Housing laws in all housing-related services and programs and providing Fair Housing education and resources to the community.

While the Fair Housing Act was signed 55 years ago, housing discrimination remains commonplace, and this month is a reminder that we must remain vigilant and continue to work towards the advancement of Fair Housing for all. The City of Flagstaff City Council will read a proclamation on April 11 identifying April 2023 as Fair Housing Month, and Housing staff will be performing a social media outreach campaign throughout the month of April to educate community members on the Fair Housing Act.

You can learn more by following us on [Facebook](#) or by checking out our [Fair Housing webpage](#)!

FAIR HOUSING TRAINING

Housing staff in partnership with Southwest Fair Housing Council and DNA People's Legal Services will be hosting a Fair Housing Training on April 12. Participants will learn more about the protections provided by the Fair Housing Act and the principles of the Arizona Residential Landlord Tenant Act.

This training is for everyone including renters and buyers, property managers, landlords, real estate agents, lenders and social service organizations.

Know your rights and learn how to recognize housing discrimination! [Register here!](#)



FAIR HOUSING TRAINING
Rentals, Disabilities, Animals
and HUD's 2023 Guidance
4.12.2023 | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Flagstaff City Hall @ 211 West Aspen Ave

Join the City of Flagstaff, Southwest Fair Housing Council & DNA People's Legal Services and learn more about the protections provided by the Fair Housing Act and the principles of the Arizona Residential Landlord Tenant Act.

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INNOVATIONS IN HOUSING FOR ARIZONA AWARD

On March 1, 2023 at the AZ Housing Coalition Annual Conference, the Housing Section was honored by receiving the Innovations in Housing for Arizona award for Flagstaff's 10 Year Housing Plan. Housing staff who contributed significantly to the creation of the Plan were able to attend the conference and receive the award in person.

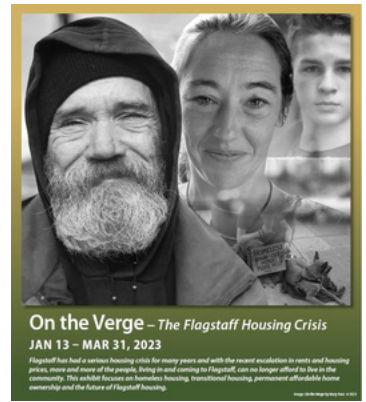
FIRST HABITAT FOR HUMANITY STARTER HOME SOLD!

In early February, Housing staff assisted in the sale of the first Habitat for Humanity Starter Home. This is the first of two homes that will be built on a City owned lot in the Southside neighborhood. Habitat is selling the homes for \$100,000 and providing a 0% interest loan, with a \$1,000 down payment coming from the buyer. Each mortgage payment will be placed in an equity savings account and will be paid back to the owner upon sale. For more information on the Starter Home Program, visit [Habitat for Humanity's website](#).



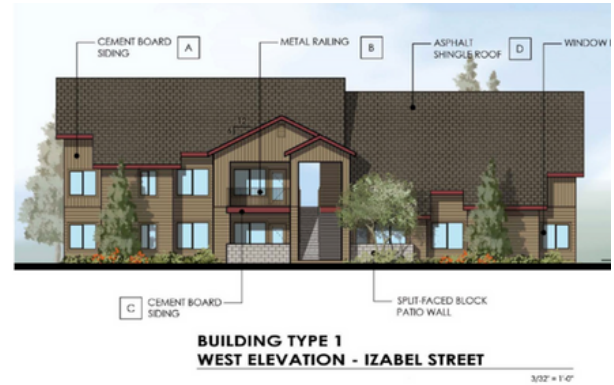
ON THE VERGE - THE FLAGSTAFF HOUSING CRISIS SERIES

On March 3, 2023, Housing staff presented at the, "On the Verge - The Flagstaff Housing Crisis," event hosted by the Episcopal Church of Epiphany. The event began in January at the church's Open Doors: Art in Action gallery and hosted various housing professionals to address the housing crisis in Flagstaff. Housing staff discussed the 10-Year Housing Plan, the unique 2022 Progress Report and 18-Month Implementation Plan, as well as other upcoming work.



IZABEL STREET RENTAL PROJECT FUNDED

Housing Solutions of Northern Arizona (HSNA), a non-profit partner of the City, confirmed funding from the Arizona Department of Housing to construct an affordable rental project on city property in Sunnyside. The grant will help fund the construction of 11 3-bedroom rental units that will serve families experiencing homelessness, victims of domestic violence or households under 30% AMI for a period of 15 years. Staff will now begin drafting a ground lease with HSNA which allows the non-profit to build on the property and manage the units and sets forth other lease requirements. The project will also incorporate the existing Izabel Street Community Garden.



ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE FIVE YEAR PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PLAN



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF FLAGSTAFF HOUSING AUTHORITY
FIVE YEAR PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE



The City of Flagstaff Housing Authority is developing the Annual Update to the Five Year Public Housing Agency Plan for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025 in accordance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The draft Plan is available for review City of Flagstaff Housing Authority website flagstaff.az.gov/DocumentCenter/View/71420/ or by request to Kurt Aldinger, Compliance And Reporting Manager kaldinger@flagstaffaz.gov. Anyone wishing to comment on the Plan must provide written comments with name and address so responses can be provided to any and all comments. Comments may be submitted electronically to kaldinger@flagstaffaz.gov, or through the drop box or via mail to either Flagstaff Housing Authority Office, 3481 N Fanning Dr, Flagstaff, AZ 86004 or 1 Brannen Circle, Flagstaff, AZ 86001.

In addition, a public hearing will be held on April 4, 2022 at 4:00 pm. In order to comply with current City of Flagstaff meeting restrictions this meeting will be held in virtual format. The link for this meeting is https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NDFmZml4MjMtM2QyYi00NThlTk4YjUtZmJiZGE2NGFhYUQ5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%225da727b9-fb88-48b4-aa07-2a40088a046d%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%220c4bb06b-3f06-4bbe-84ec-fc6a68b680d7%22%7d.

Persons requiring hearing, visual, language, mobility or other accommodations may contact Kurt Aldinger, Public Housing Manager, at kaldinger@flagstaffaz.gov, (928) 213-2736 or TDD (928) 774-5281 at least three business days prior to the public hearing.

The City of Flagstaff Housing Authority is developing the Annual Update to the Five Year Public Housing Agency Plan. You can review the draft Plan on our [website](#). Anyone wishing to comment on the Plan must provide written comments with a name and address so responses can be provided to any and all comments.

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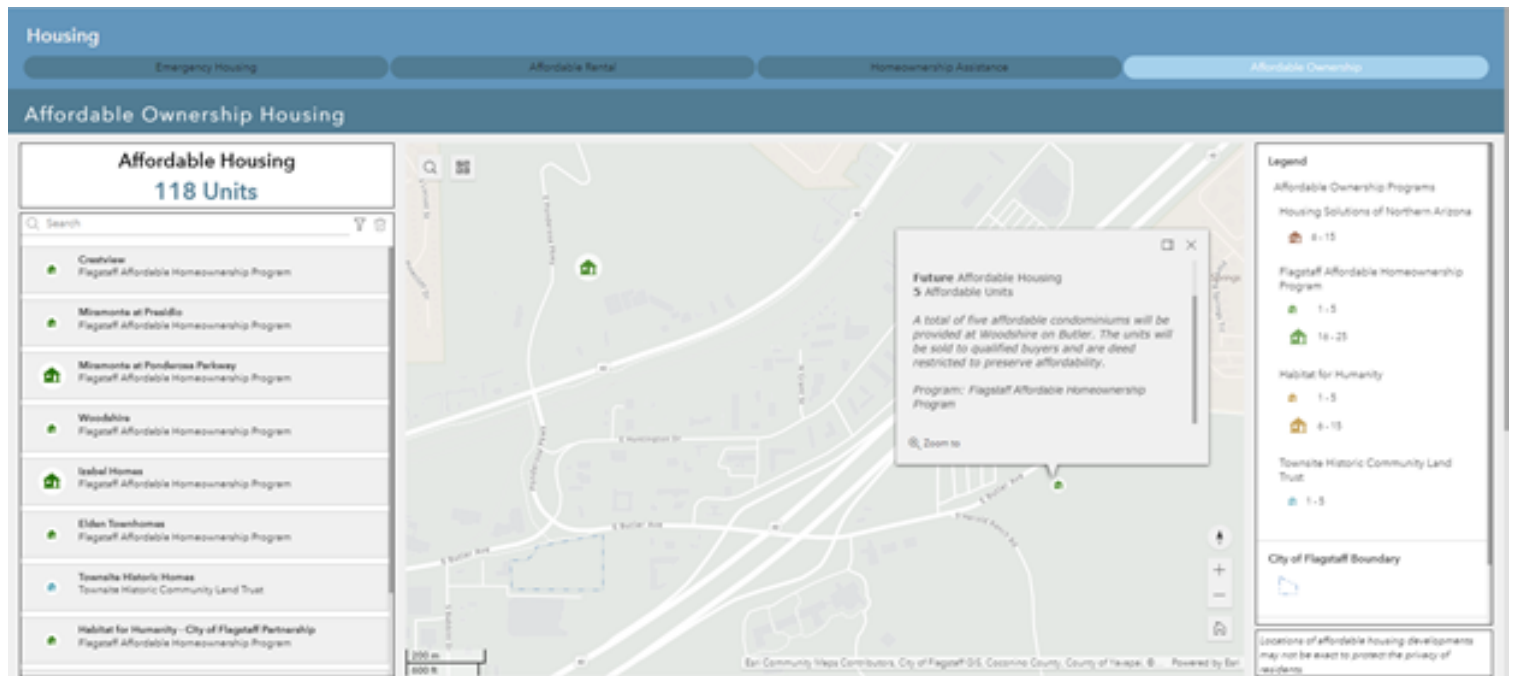
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATES

Housing Staff will present the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) ranking committees' recommendations for funding to Flagstaff City Council on April 11. Council will determine whether or not to approve funding for the recommended applications on May 2.

HOUSING CONTINUUM MAPS COMING SOON!

At the March meeting for the Continuum of Care (CoC), Housing staff introduced a new mapping tool that features the City's many housing programs and service providers, ranging from Emergency Housing to Affordable Homeownership. Specifically, staff demonstrated an Emergency Housing map, which features program descriptions and shows where housing services are distributed throughout the community. Members of the CoC were asked to review the map for accuracy and functionality by the end of April. Initial feedback is positive, with many service providers excited to have the map tool as a new resource for clients in need of housing solutions. Revisions and updates to the maps will occur on an ongoing process as the City and its partners collaborate on new housing programs and construction of new affordable units. Housing staff plans to review the maps with the Housing Commission at the April meeting. Once finalized, maps will be available to the public on the City's Housing Section webpage.



Working to create housing opportunities for all flagstaff residents!



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