

## NEHI 101

### We're looking for Board members!

North East Housing Initiative's Board of Directors comprises resident leaders from the Baltimore community who are dedicated to the organization's mission. Serving on the NEHI Board of Directors is an extraordinary opportunity for an individual who is passionate about strengthening leadership and governance in Baltimore. Please contact us if you are interested in serving or for more information.

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North East Housing Initiative, Inc. (NEHI) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) community land trust formed in 2014 dedicated to providing permanently affordable shared equity housing in North East Baltimore. NEHI's goal is to transform vacant, abandoned, and foreclosed properties into permanently affordable homes for people with an AMI of 80% and below, while providing training and employment opportunities, leadership development, increasing economic self-sufficiency, lifting people out of poverty, thus building a community that is sustainable, inclusive and diverse.



*meet  
your neighbor*

*In each newsletter, we will include an interview with a NEHI staff member, community partner, or CLT homeowner. For our second issue, we are featuring Michelle Robinson who moved to the 4x4 community in December 2021.*

**Q**-How did you find out about NEHI and what made you decide to buy a Community Land Trust home?

**A**-A neighbor told me about NEHI, because they knew I had always wanted to buy a home. I rented my last house on Gorsuch Ave. for 13 years, but they wouldn't sell it to me. For the last 3 years I had a new landlord who kept raising the rent but would hardly fix anything. I contacted NEHI and got my home in just a couple months.

**Q**-What do you love most about your new home?

**A**-Just having our own home and it being ours. I have two daughters who are 17 and 10. I wanted to be able to leave something to my girls to give them a head start in life.

**Q**-What have you found most helpful about NEHI's stewardship program?

**A**-I go to as many of the meetings as I can because they are very informative. I liked the deed clinic because I needed information to make sure that my daughters would be okay if something happened to me.

**Q**-Would you tell others about buying a CLT home through NEHI?

**A**-Yes, I have already passed on the information to some people because knowledge is power.

## UPCOMING

4x4 Community Meeting  
Thursday, June 9th  
6pm – 7:30pm  
3444 Elmley Ave.

June Homebuyer's Workshop  
Saturday, June 18th  
10am – 3pm  
NEHI Office

Visit our [website](#) for more details.

## WHEN TO MAKE THE CALL

NEHI partnered with graphic designer, Alyssa Brown, to create a simple guide for the 4x4 community to know the numbers to call for different city & state-related services, and in what ways they should be used.

# 911

*AUTO THEFT, BURGLARY, HIT & RUN, FIRE, MISSING PERSON, ROBBERY, SHOOTING, DISCHARGED FIREARM, ABUSE, MEDICAL EMERGENCY, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT...*



**24/7 EMERGENCY HELPLINE; TIPS:** Provide your exact location; Give specific details; Either give contact information or state you would like to remain anonymous at the **beginning of the call**.

# 311

*ABANDONED VEHICLES, NOISE COMPLAINTS, BULK TRASH PICK-UP, INSPECTIONS & PERMITS, MOTORIST ISSUES, PARKING, STREET LIGHTS...*



**NON-EMERGENCY PUBLIC SERVICE; TIPS:** Provide your exact location; Give specific details; Record confirmation number and **follow-up** if request remains unresolved.

# 211

*FOOD, HOUSING, SHELTER, UTILITY ASSISTANCE, MENTAL HEALTH, AGING, DISABILITY, TAX SERVICES, LEGAL SERVICES, COVID-19 RESOURCES...*



**MARYLAND'S CENTRAL CONNECTOR; TIPS:** Provide your zip code; Be ready to identify your unmet needs; Provide contact information for follow-up.

## MAY 2022



MVLS Deed Clinic, part of NEHI's Stewardship Workshop series, held at Catholic High School of Baltimore.

## COMMUNITY CORNER

On Thursday, May 5th, NEHI held a deed clinic in partnership with the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS). Four volunteer lawyers met with 15 community members to analyze their needs around estate planning, such as wills and advance directives; and to counsel them on issues like tangled titles and ground rent. The event was a great success, and we would like to thank our partners at MVLS – both their lawyers and administrative staff – for sharing their expertise and volunteering their time!

On Tuesday and Wednesday, May 10th and 11th, NEHI staff and board members traveled to Washington, DC to attend the Grounded Solutions Network Housing Conference: Policy. Practice. Power. Session topics included "Increasing Access to Homeownership for Households of Color" and "Advancing Equity through Public Investments." Wednesday morning's legislative breakfast featured Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib of Michigan and a discussion about key pieces of affordable housing legislation on the table, including the Build Back Better Act's Community Restoration and Revitalization Fund. Conference attendees also had the opportunity to visit affordable housing projects in Washington, DC, Montgomery County, MD and Northern VA. We are grateful to Grounded Solutions for the opportunity to learn and to network with other affordable housing advocates from across the country.