

# HUDSON HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT 2016

The Hudson Housing Authority is authorized by and operates under the provisions of Chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws. Founded in 1962, the Hudson Housing Authority manages and administers low-rent housing programs, which are funded by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The operations of the Authority are supported entirely by rents, grants, or contracts with the state or federal governments. The Authority is governed by a Board of five commissioners. The Board of Commissioners meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Brigham Circle office which is located at 8 Brigham Circle. The office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays.

## Rental Assistance

The Hudson Housing Authority administers sixty-nine federal Section 8 Vouchers and fifteen Massachusetts Rental Vouchers. These programs provide participant property owners with a direct payment on behalf of the family. Family participants contribute no more than 40% of their gross monthly income toward the rent, with the Housing Authority contributing the difference. The number of persons served by the rental assistance programs continues to be reduced by budget restrictions placed on it by the state and federal governments. The combined budget for the rental assistance programs is over \$700,000.00. The Hudson Housing Authority Section 8 waiting list is open. Applicants may apply through the Section 8 Centralized Waiting List. Applicants can expect a wait of several years for assistance.

## Housing for the Elderly and Handicapped

The Hudson Housing Authority provides 218 one-bedroom apartments for elderly and handicapped persons at two locations, stated aided Brigham Circle and federally aided Norma Oliver Village.

While waiting lists exist for both programs, a local resident and veterans preference is granted at Brigham Circle for those who live and/or work in Hudson. A local resident and veteran's preference is granted at Norma Oliver Village. Applications are available at the Authority office at 8 Brigham Circle. Please note that there is no asset limitation at either development, and at the Brigham Circle development a wage exclusion adjustment may be possible. The eligibility criteria are outlined below.

### Eligibility Criteria

#### State-aided (Brigham Circle)

Income Limits – One Person	\$51,150.00
Two Persons	\$58,450.00
Age 60, disabled or handicapped	

#### Federally-aided (Norma Oliver Village)

Income Limits – One Person	\$34,350.00
Two Persons	\$39,250.00
Age 62, disabled or handicapped	

**Housing for Special Needs**

The Hudson Housing Authority, in cooperation with the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Developmental Services, serves sixteen persons in two group homes. These programs provide educational and employment opportunities in a traditional residential setting.

The Authority continues monitoring the 40B developments, Coolidge Green and Simrah Gardens.

**Capital Improvements in 2016**

**Brigham Circle**

- Fascia & Soffit Repairs, Phase II \$ 53,400.00
- Installation of Energy Efficient Lighting and Energy Efficient Refrigerators \$ 15,000.00
- Sewer Drain Repairs \$ 8,900.00
- Domestic Water Heater Replacement \$ 4,700.00

**Norma Oliver Village**

- Boiler Replacement, Phase II \$ 357,200.00

**Housing for Special Needs (49 Washington Street)**

- Zoning for Heat Valve Distribution \$ 25,610.00

**Hudson Housing Authority Board of Commissioners**

**Board Members**

**Term Expires**

**Chairman:**

Glenn R. Davis, 43 Woodrow Street

May 2017

**Vice-Chairman:**

Ethan Mikula, 28 Ontario Drive

May 2021

**Treasurer:**

Joseph G. Leandres, 147 Cox Street

May 2019

**Commissioner:**

Barbara L. Beals, 4 Glen Road

May 2018

**Commissioner (State Appointee):**

Annemarie Lourens, 4 Meadowbrook Road

May 2020

Julie M. Torres continues to serve as the Authority's Executive Director. Assistant Director, Cherie L. Brigham, Program Administrator for Leased Housing, Jaclyn A. Beaulieu, and Tenant Selection Coordinator, Robert Milne do an outstanding job serving the needs of our residents, and program participants. Both Rheal J. Leger and Jon Orkiseski provide exemplary maintenance service for the Authority, along with part-time employee Ariste Richard.

The Hudson Housing Authority wishes to acknowledge the continued service of the Hudson Fire Department and Hudson Police Department. We also wish to thank Executive Assistant, Mr. Thomas Moses, and the Board of Selectmen along with the departments of Council on Aging, Board of Health, Public Works, Town Clerk, Community Development and Veteran's Affairs for their continued support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,  
HUDSON HOUSING AUTHORITY