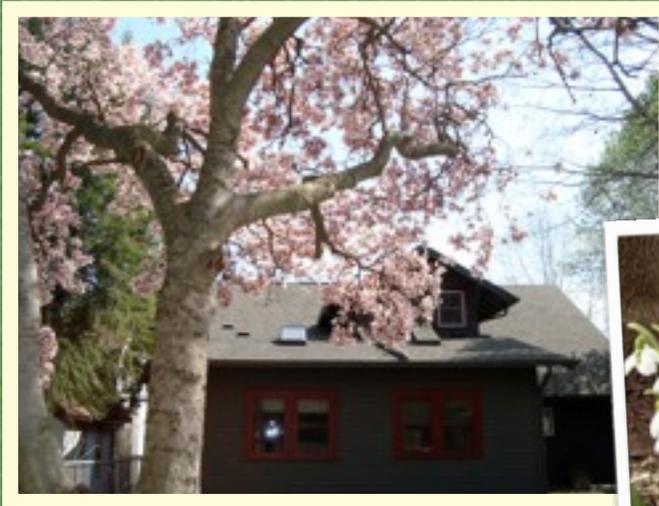


# NCHI Newsletter

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NEW CHAUNCEY HOUSING INCORPORATED

ISSUE FOUR



*Put a Spring in your Step!*

## It's Easy Being Green

Historic preservation is one of the greenest activities that individuals and communities can undertake. At New Chauncey Housing, Inc. (NCHI) our focus is on sustainability. Our homes have been transformed into environmentally and financially friendly buildings that meet the contemporary needs of our clients. We use low VOC paint, install energy efficient appliances and lighting, low flow toilets and showerheads, repair original windows and doors, and salvage and recycle donated items. (Thanks to the Purdue

Research Foundation for the beautiful donated doors!)

By making NCHI houses energy efficient we are extending the life

of older historic homes and furthering the cause of preservation in the near campus neighborhood.

Here are Preservation Magazines, Top Ten Tips for Homeowners on Greening Their Homes:

•1. Add or upgrade your attic insulation.

You'll reduce heating and cooling costs by as much as 20%.

•2. Close fireplace dampers. An open damper means you're paying to heat (or cool) the great outdoors.

•3. Turn your refrigerator up to 38-40 degrees, and your freezer up to 5 degrees. (Don't worry: your ice cream will still be frozen).

•4. Unplug appliances (cell phone chargers, TVs) when not in use. The EPA estimates that electronics drawing power when turned "off" cost the average homeowner \$100 per year.

•5. Install compact fluorescents. They use a fraction of the energy consumed by old-fashioned incandescent bulbs.

•6. Turn down the water heater to at least 130 degrees. Then wrap it with a pre-cut jacket or blanket to save 4-9% in heating costs.

•7. Add individual thermostats to old radiators so that each operates on its own "zone."

•8. Install low-volume showerheads and dual-flush toilets to save water.

•9. Use ceiling fans to circulate warm air

Save the Date!  
*Talk by Kevin Rodgers,  
Purdue Solar Home*

Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>  
279 Littleton Street  
7 p.m.

in winter, and reduce perceived interior temperature in summer.

•10. Maintain windows and storm windows, and consider window treatments: A close fitting shade can reduce heat loss in winter by 20 percent or more!



**Office Location:**  
279 Littleton Street  
765-743-6244



**Our Mission:**  
To provide affordable home ownership, promoting the stabilization and preservation of the community.



# News Around the Office...

## Share your West Lafayette Memories with us!

NCHI has enjoyed sharing our office space with the West Lafayette Memories Project (A joint partnership with Purdue University, West Lafayette Public Library and the City of West Lafayette to preserve the history of West Lafayette.) Abby Stephens, a



doctoral student in the American Studies program is the Research Assistant for the City of West Lafayette and has been busy interviewing local residents, assembling historic documents, artifacts, and photographs. But she still needs your help! Anyone with old photographs, artifacts, or memories related to the history of West Lafayette is invited to an **Archives Drive on Wednesday, April 11 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 279 Littleton Street.** Please contact Stephens at: [wlhistory@purdue.edu](mailto:wlhistory@purdue.edu) for more information. And you won't want to miss seeing the discoveries the Memories Project has made at the **History Block Party on Saturday, April 28 at the Morton Community Center from 11 a.m to 3 p.m.**

## Properties

Currently under rehabilitation:

808 Rose

For Sale:

328 Meridian

411 Meridian

Recently sold:

109 Smiley

## Our Funding

NCHI receives generous support from the Cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette. We are a non-profit housing corporation for the City of West Lafayette. Our goal is to assist low-to-moderate-income persons or families find affordable and safe housing in the City of West Lafayette. We also provide emergency repair assistance throughout the community. Please visit our website at [newchaunceyhousing.org](http://newchaunceyhousing.org) for more information about our programs.



# Purdue Solar Home



*Join us on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 279 Littleton Street*

(Photo credits: Jim Tetro/U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon)

**NCHI will host a presentation by Kevin Rodgers of the Purdue INhome Team at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.**

The Purdue INhome Team designed and built a solar home on the Purdue campus. Kevin Rodgers, who was involved in every aspect of this project, will speak about the Team's experiences and give us the benefit of what they have learned.



*“Designing and Building an Energy Efficient and Sustainable House in West Lafayette”*

*Plan to Attend!*

In October, 2011, the Team took INhome to Washington, DC, and reassembled it for an international competition, the Solar Decathlon, in which INhome won first place in the affordability category and 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall!

This talk is free and open to the public, but seating is limited.



You won't want to miss practical and affordable ideas we can use to make our homes energy conserving!

## Our Partnership with SHARP

The Senior Housing Assistance Repair Program (SHARP) has teamed with NCHI to assist the elderly in West Lafayette.

SHARP is a joint effort of the Tippecanoe County Council on Aging and Habitat for Humanity. Participants initially contact TCCA; then repairs are completed through NCHI at no cost to the homeowner.

For more information about the SHARP program, please call 447-2311 or 743-6244.

## How do I Purchase an NCHI Home?

Applicants must first meet income qualification guidelines.

The applicants's household income must not exceed the HUD income limits for a moderate income family. The upper limit is 80% of the Area Median Family Income adjusted for family size. The household income for a single person cannot exceed \$35,350 and a family of four cannot exceed \$50,500. (The income limits are periodically changed by HUD.)

For more information, please call 743-6244 or visit our website at [newchaunceyhousing.org](http://newchaunceyhousing.org)

## Highlights from our Holiday Open House

### Party Time



*Special thanks to the Volkman's for their lovely donation of poinsettias!*

*A lively talk by Linda Eales and Tommy Kleckner on the Life of Frank Lloyd Wright.*



*Restoration and preservation is our passion.*

*Board members, staff and contractors pitch in to preserve the historic features of our houses.*



**We invite you** to help us keep saving historic properties and promoting affordable housing in West Lafayette.

Mail your gift to:

**New Chauncey Housing Inc.  
279 Littleton St.  
West Lafayette, IN 47906**

NCHI is a registered 501(c)(3) Charity and all contributions are tax-deductible.

For more information, please give us a call at 765-743-6244 or visit our website at [newchaunceyhousing.org](http://newchaunceyhousing.org)



*411 Meridian is available now!  
Please call 765-743-6244 for more information.*

*Since 1998 NCHI has purchased 56 homes and provided assistance to over 45 properties.*



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