

NCHI Newsletter

WINTER 2011

NEW CHAUNCEY HOUSING INCORPORATED

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Bungalow Heaven

For almost one hundred years the house at 279 Littleton Street has been a hidden historic treasure. Located in the heart of the near campus neighborhood, this stunning 1915 craftsman bungalow had been in use as a rental property. We are thrilled to report that it now serves a new purpose as the office of New Chauncey Housing Incorporated (NCHI).

NCHI is a non-profit housing corporation for the City of West Lafayette. Our mission is to assist low-to moderate-income persons or families find affordable housing in the City of West Lafayette. But another facet of our organization's mission is neighborhood stabilization and historic preservation. We are invested in restoring neglected homes into fully functioning ones that are both historically authentic and comfortable to live in.

This classic American bungalow is a testament to our mission, as well as to the dynamic era in which it was built. As evidenced by its beautiful woodwork, built-ins, and original (and working) bathroom, 279 Littleton exhibits the charm and flair of early 20th century West Lafayette. It is our desire to preserve the house in a way that will enhance our community well into this new century. We also want our office to be available for others who are pursuing this same goal.

In addition to functioning as an office, 279 Littleton will become a hub of community activity. We are excited to be providing organizational space for the West Lafayette Memories Project (see pg 2). And, thanks to our house's ample meeting space, we now have the ability to offer our clients, neighbors, and friends training workshops and public lectures. In the coming months we will host presentations by local experts that highlight the great features and potential of our community. Topics will include

home maintenance, energy efficiency and sustainability, financial workshops, historic restoration, and gardening.

Save the Date!
Holiday Open House
Friday, December 9th
279 Littleton Street
5-8 p.m.



Our move to 279 Littleton would not have been possible without the support of Mayor John Dennis, the Development Department at the City of West Lafayette, Carl Griffin, President of the NCNA, Sallie Fahey and Bianca Klinker of the Area Planning Commission, and our dedicated staff and Board of Directors.



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 is pleased to announce a partnership with Purdue University, West Lafayette Public Library and the City of West Lafayette to preserve the history of West Lafayette. Thanks to generous funding from



Purdue University, Abby Stephens, a doctoral student in the American Studies program has been assigned as a Research Assistant for the City of West Lafayette. Her job is to interview local residents, to assemble historic documents, artifacts, and photographs, and to preserve these materials to flesh out the history of West Lafayette. Stephens will hold office hours in our new office at 279 Littleton Street on Tuesday mornings (10:30-12:00) and Thursday afternoons (1:00-2:30). Stephens will present her findings as part of our upcoming programs. Anyone with old photographs, artifacts, or memories related to the history of West Lafayette is invited to contact Stephens at: wlhistory@purdue.edu

Properties

Currently under rehabilitation:

- 808 Rose
- 328 Meridian
- 411 Meridian

For Sale:

- 109 Smiley

Recently sold:

- 1222 N. Salisbury

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 for more information about our programs.



Visit our Holiday Open House at 279 Littleton Street



Join the Fun!



NCHI's Holiday Open House will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

on Friday, December 9th. Stop in for a minute or take some time and enjoy refreshments and conversation with your neighbors. We hope you will stay for a fun filled evening.

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History in the Making!

The West Lafayette Memories Project will display the artifacts that have been gathered from our community. Representatives will be available to tell us about how the Memories Project has already made some amazing connections and has lead to some great research projects about West Lafayette. Find out how you can make an appointment or drop in during office hours at the NCHI Office here at 279 Littleton Street.

Help uncover West Lafayette's past!

At 6:30 p.m.

The Life of Frank Lloyd Wright

You will not want to miss Linda Eales, Associate Curator of the John E. Christian House, Samara and Tommy Kleckner, Director of Indiana Landmarks, Western Region who will team up to present a talk on someone they are very passionate and knowledgeable about: Frank Lloyd Wright.

This promises to be an exciting evening. Nothing will be off-limits. Seldom heard stories of Wright's personal life and career will be woven into a narrative of one of the most fascinating architects (and personalities!) of the 20th Century.

Linda and Tommy will also show one-of-a-kind memorabilia and have information about scheduling a special tour for neighbors of Samara, the West Lafayette Frank Lloyd Wright - designed home of Dr. John Christian.

Special thanks to Mike Stinnett who volunteers to keep our properties beautiful!

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 \$34,900 and a family of four cannot exceed \$49,850. (The income limits are periodically changed by HUD.)

For more information, please call 743-6244 or visit our website at newchaunceyhousing.org

...More from our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



City, State, and Community Representatives



Members of the Purdue History Department



It was a great day at the office. Thanks to all who attended!



Drop in and enjoy a tour of West Lafayette History (Rosie, the beagle next door, enjoyed her visit). And remember to share your personal histories with the West Lafayette Memories Project on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Visit westlafayettmemories.blogspot.com for more information.



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.
933 Robinson 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



109 Smiley is available now! Please call 765-743-6244 for more information.

Since 1998 NCHI has purchased 55 homes and provided assistance to 40 properties.



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West Lafayette, IN 47906

TO: