

HHA SENIORS RALLY AT THE STATE CAPITOL

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In February a group of seniors accompanied Mr. Dotson and Karen Nance to Charleston for "Housing Day". Karen Nance and Maggie Littlejohn (Fairfield Tower) set up a display. We were there in support of "Aging in Place" this has been introduced on the floor, but I have yet to learn if the bill passed into law. We met with Legislators, had our pictures taken and enjoyed a nice lunch in the Capital cafeteria. Karen Nance is our grant writer and she will be working with community councils and seniors on various projects. She brings a lot of talent and expertise to this position.



With the exception of Riverview East and Madison Manor the /Community Councils are very active. Fairfield Tower constantly has something going and right behind them is Trowbridge Manor.

Thursday, May 20th is to be a big day for us seniors. PICNIC at Fairfield Tower. HHA staff is meeting to coordinate the picnic. Like last year, we are going to ask each building to donate one of the salads: baked beans-potato salad-macaroni salad or coleslaw. If you want to bring a covered dish that is up to you. I do know we are going to need desserts-I think cupcakes would be the easiest thing to handle-you could take a tray around to the tables and you could pick one. What do all of you think about this? I am hoping watermelons will be in and I'll donate several of those. I have already contacted Carol Williamson, who is a member of V.F.W. Auxiliary #9738, and they will do BINGO for us again this year. I am certain that Anthony Stradwick, Francis Jarvis, and Debbie Cox will coordinate entertainment. I want you all to come regardless of how many van trips we have to make. All persons with disabilities I want you there. I will make arrangements with Dial-A-Ride. Some of you last year said you would come and when they arrived to pick you up you didn't go. THIS YEAR ALL OF YOU PLEASE ATTEND YOUR PICNIC!

Also, the Huntington Museum of Art should have visited your building by now. Do you want to make some trips to the museum? Several years ago we had the vans full of people and it just dwindled until the last time when there were only a few persons. I was disappointed because the docents came in on their own time to be our guides and they even served us refreshments. The same thing happened pertaining to the Paramount Theater in Ashland at first the vans were filled and then it dwindled to five. Now when they offer tickets I ask for 10-15. I have heard the grumbling that we can't get "Star Headline Tickets". We have seen some good shows that weren't "Headliners" like one tenant said it is a night out and the tickets are free.