

## **Press Release**

### **North Hempstead Housing Authority Bids Farewell to Executive Director Sean Rainey After 15 Years of Transformative Leadership**

North Hempstead, NY – After 15 years of dedicated service, Sean Rainey, Executive Director of the North Hempstead Housing Authority (NHHA), has stepped down to pursue an exciting opportunity in the private sector. Mr. Rainey leaves a legacy of transformative leadership that elevated the Housing Authority to unprecedented heights.

When Mr. Rainey was hired by the NHHA Board of Directors, the agency was in "troubled status" with its funding partner, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Recognizing his exceptional leadership skills, the Board sought Mr. Rainey's expertise to steer the organization in a new direction. Over his tenure, Mr. Rainey's partnership with the Board proved immensely successful, resulting in remarkable achievements.

**Revitalizing Properties and Enhancing Quality of Life** Under Mr. Rainey's leadership, the HA's family properties -Spinney Hill, Pond View, Harbor Homes, and Laurel Homes—were renovated or completely redeveloped. These projects created dignified affordable housing, enhancing their aesthetic appeal while the work was completed in a fiscally responsible and environmentally sustainable manner.

Similarly, the two senior buildings, Manhasset Valley and Magnolia Gardens, saw significant improvements. Many building-wide upgrades were performed, and each vacant unit was thoughtfully updated to withstand multiple tenancies, saving the HA time and resources. Mr. Rainey also spearheaded quality-of-life enhancements in the senior buildings, including updated indoor and outdoor common areas, garden projects, a Koi pond, fitness centers, billiard rooms, ping pong and mahjong tables, and the installation of a popular chicken coop at Magnolia Gardens.

**Expanding Affordable Housing Opportunities** During Mr. Rainey's tenure, the HA acquired a six-unit property in Roslyn, developed 77 new units in New Cassel, and increased the number of units at Laurel Homes in Roslyn. These achievements marked a significant milestone, as no other Long Island Housing Authority accomplished similar growth.

**Strengthening Financial Stability and Programs** Mr. Rainey's innovative strategies transformed the NHHA from a HUD "financially troubled" authority to a "high-performing" housing authority. This financial success was achieved through various initiatives, including:

- Implementing the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program for senior/disabled buildings.
- Bringing the successful Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program in-house.
- Continuously reviewing and revamping operational programs.

**Building Strong Relationships** Mr. Rainey's ability to foster strong relationships with tenants, community leaders, and organizations was a cornerstone of his leadership. His dedication to creating "a place where I'd like my mom to live" drove his commitment to great affordable housing.

**Passing the Torch** With his mission accomplished, Mr. Rainey is transitioning to a private-sector role as President of Georgica Property Management.

The HA's Deputy Director for the past 10 years, Dolly Carrington, has succeeded Mr. Rainey as the new Executive Director. Ms. Carrington, who shares Mr. Rainey's vision and values, is well-positioned to carry forward the HA's legacy of excellence and leading the HA to its next chapter of growth and innovation.

**A Lasting Legacy** "Sean's efforts created a solid foundation for continued long term success at the North Hempstead Housing Authority," said the Board of Commissioners in a joint statement. "The success he fostered created a legacy that positions the Authority to continue its success over the coming decades. We wish him all the best in his new role."

For more information about the North Hempstead Housing Authority and its ongoing initiatives, please visit [northhempsteadhousingauthority.com](http://northhempsteadhousingauthority.com).

