



DSHA Highlights

Delaware Affordable Housing News and Events
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Anti-Blight Bills Become Law



Governor John Carney recently signed two bills into law that give new tools to local governments to fight neighborhood blight and combat vacant or abandoned homes.

The initiatives build on DSHA's work to invest in neighborhoods and fight blight through the [Strong Neighborhoods Housing Fund](#) and other programs,

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which have invested millions into redeveloping vacant homes, cleaning up abandoned properties, strengthening downtowns and stabilizing neighborhoods beset by foreclosures.

“Vacant and abandoned properties can bring down property values, attract crime and make neighborhoods unattractive places to live, work and play,” said Governor Carney. “Strengthening our communities requires creative solutions to the problems we face, and new tools such as these will help local leaders effectively combat blight by directly addressing vacant homes.

[House Bill 187](#) will allow local governments to prequalify bidders at sheriff’s sales to restrict bidders who are delinquent on property taxes or violating property maintenance codes. [House Bill 188](#) will allow local governments to place a lien on a vacant property in violation of maintenance standards to recoup enforcement and abatement costs.

“These partnerships with local governments and nonprofit partners help improve the quality of life for our residents and make Delaware a better place to live,” said DSHA Director Anas Ben Addi.

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Foreclosure Workshops



Delaware homeowners who need information on foreclosure prevention options or are worried about missing a mortgage payment can come to upcoming workshops sponsored by the Delaware Department of Justice and the Delaware State Housing Authority:

Monday, November 13

[Modern Maturity Center, 1121 Forrest Avenue, Dover](#)

Loan servicers available to meet 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Educational sessions at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14

[DoubleTree by Hilton Wilmington, 4727 Concord Pike, Wilmington](#)

Loan servicers available to meet 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Educational session at 5 p.m.

No appointments are necessary. Meet on-site with mortgage servicers and lenders, certified housing counselors, and DOJ and DSHA representatives. Learn about avoiding foreclosure scams, the foreclosure timeline in Delaware and current federal programs.

For more information,

visit DelawareHomeownerRelief.com or call the Homeowner Relief Hotline at 800-220-5424.

Prepare Your Home and Family



Hurricane season runs through November, so this is a good time to prepare your home and your family for emergencies. Our friends at **Prepare Delaware** have a lot of free information on how you can act today to get ready for disasters tomorrow, including how to create a [disaster kit](#), [make a plan](#), and [stay informed](#). There are also [videos in English and Spanish](#) on disaster preparedness.

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Upcoming Delaware Housing Events



Does your organization have an event you would like to see posted in the next edition of Highlights?

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September 19: [CHEER 50+ Healthy Living Expo](#)

September 22: [Veterans Stand Down](#)

September 27-28 [PennDel AHMA Conference](#)

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