

May 2010 Newsletter

SCC CEO Selected for Award

This Friday May 7th the Elizabeth Peabody House will be honoring Danny LeBlanc, SCC's Chief Executive Officer, with it's 2nd annual Community Leadership Award. The award will be given at the Peabody House's Giving Tree Gala 2010, 6:00-10:00 pm at the Arts at the Armory. For more information about the Elizabeth Peabody House and its work, as well as a link to information and tickets for The Giving Tree Gala, go to <http://www.elizabethpeabodyhouse.org/>

SCC Opens Waitlist for Affordable Rental Units

The wait lists for most of SCC's rent-restricted apartments are open for anyone who would like to apply. We currently have one unit available at our 33 Bow Street property in the center of Union Square. To find out if you are income eligible for that unit, or for any of our waitlists, please contact our management company, Winn Residential, at 617-591-0577.

May Day Rally

In honor of International Workers Day (May 1st), an SCC contingency joined more than 3,000 people marching from Everett to East Boston in support of immigrants. The diverse group included women, men, whites, blacks, Asians and Latinos, individuals and families, as well as community groups.

SCC's Saint Polycarp Village is Certifiably Green!

SCC is pleased to announce that our newly constructed Saint Polycarp Village Apartments has been awarded the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED certification. The certification acknowledges the effort that was put into the building to make it a sustainable and healthy place for our residents to live.

In addition to solar PV (for electricity), solar thermal (for hot water), and a green roof, the latest techniques were used to achieve cutting-edge energy conservation, indoor air quality, and water conservation. The building, which is also Energy Star rated, is expected to achieve the aggressive goals of 50% energy savings and 40% water savings.

Key green features integrated into the building include:

- infill location close to bus lines and walkable to services
- double and triple pane windows
- high R-value icynene insulation in walls and roof
- energy efficient appliances and lighting fixtures
- high-efficiency elevator
- efficient heating and cooling systems
- high MERV filters used for the cooling and filtration of interior air to remove pollutants
- energy recovery systems uses heat from exhaust air to heat the interior air
- native and drought tolerant landscaping that needs little to no watering
- storm water filtration system allows water to collect in an underground container and percolate into the soil
- low flow sinks, showers, toilets and common washing machines
- renewable materials including wheatboard and linoleum
- low VOC paints, solvents and glues
- white roofing material used to not add to the heat island effect
- 91% of construction waste was recycled and diverted from landfills
- covered bike room in the lobby for safer storage of bicycles, and
- green pest control and green cleaning plans have been implemented

The Saint Polycarp Village Apartments was also chosen by the U.S. Green Building Council's Massachusetts Chapter as a 2010 Innovation in Green Design Award winner. The jury noted that an important consideration in selecting the winners was a project's breadth of impact.

Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Panel Installation Begins at Saint Polycarp Village Apartments

As part of our efforts to minimize the energy consumption of the Saint Polycarp Village Apartments (SPVA) building, SCC secured a grant from MassHousing, via the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative to install a solar PV array on the roof. The PV arrays arrived on the site last week and installation will be complete by late May. The PV array will offset the majority of the common area electricity of the building. These solar panels will join the existing green roof that is already flourishing on top of SPVA, In the near future solar thermal panels will also be added to the active roof to be used in heating the building's hot water based heating system, as well as the domestic hot water.