



## community development partnership

*Creating opportunities for people to live, work, and thrive on the Lower Cape*

### Harbor Hill residents can rest easy now they have stable housing

***"I now wake up every morning knowing that I have a place to sleep that is safe and secure and I don't worry about being kicked out."***

Kymberly Wilkinson  
Harbor Hill resident

Harbor Hill is a 28-unit property owned by the Town of Provincetown's Year-Round Market Rate Rental Trust. This is a unique effort created by special state legislation to create rental housing for working people who earn too much to qualify for traditional Affordable Housing yet can't secure year-round housing due to the predominance of short-term and seasonal rentals. For the past year, the CDP has served as the property's managers, assisting the town with completing renovations and renting up the property.



Harbor Hill resident Aulsie Meyers

As renovations have been completed, new residents have moved in over the past several months. Recently, CDP staff interviewed several of the new residents at Harbor Hill. Their stories underscore why creating Affordable and Community Housing is so important if we are to have a vibrant, year-round community.

"It's all about my children," says Aulsie Meyers, a 36-year-old mother of two girls. Originally from Jamaica, Aulsie is a home health aide and part-time cashier. Her husband works full-time at Provincetown's Post Office and her daughters attend Provincetown Schools. Prior to moving into Harbor Hill, Aulsie's family had to move 3-4

times a year as rentals were either sold or were not safe for her children. "Moving all the time is so disruptive to my girls," reflects Aulsie. "It interrupts their learning, they miss their friends and they worry what happens next." At one-point Aulsie was bordering on homelessness. "Harbor Hill is a huge relief as I no longer have to worry about moving," says Aulsie. "The people of Provincetown have made it possible for us to stay here and to finally set down roots."

A vacation to Provincetown turned into 10 years for Chris Cardia who now lives at Harbor Hill with his dog. A server at Ross' Grill on Commercial Street, Chris has been living the "seasonal rental shuffle" for a long time and notes that "it is really hard to become part of a community if you are

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moving twice a year.” His last landlord decided to sell the property and gave Chris three months-notice which “was not enough time,” says Chris. A friend told Chris about Harbor Hill and now he has piece of mind. “I sleep better at night knowing I have a place to live for a while,” says Chris.

Kymberly Wilkinson, a 56-year-old Atlanta native, fell in love with Provincetown when she set eyes on the monument at sunset 14 years ago. Today she works at the Lobster Pot and says it has been a rollercoaster living in Provincetown. She has moved three times in the last four years. “I love the community here. It’s safe and it is a beautiful place to stay.” However, when Kymberly had to move from her last rental, she found that she made too much to qualify for subsidized housing but too little to afford what was on the market. For Kymberly, “Harbor Hill IS affordable housing. I now wake up every morning knowing that I have a place to sleep that is safe and secure. I don’t worry about being kicked out and I am not staying in a car or on a friend’s couch.”



Harbor Hill Resident Kymberly Wilkinson

Twenty of the apartments at Harbor Hill are now rented and a number of applications have been submitted. We anticipate having all the units filled by the end of May. Safe and stable year-round housing that is affordable for working families is critical for a healthy year-round community and an important part of the CDP’s mission.