

## **GREENBELT HOMES, INC.**

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## **Community Upgrade Pilot Program**

Dear GHI Member:

Our GHI Mission Statement directs us to provide quality cooperative housing, and to "...maintain, protect, and enhance the assets of our cooperative, including buildings ... while preserving the financial stability and sustainability of our cooperative community."

With that in mind, the GHI Board of Directors and Buildings Committee would like to inform all members of the upcoming Community Upgrade, a huge improvement project to all GHI homes, with the goal to reduce your energy costs and increase your comfort. This community-wide upgrade is scheduled to take place in 2015.

In order to assure that the upgrades cause energy savings equal to, or greater than, the actual cost of the improvements, we have begun a Pilot Program on 28 units. Several options for upgrades will be tested on these units in order to answer many questions and save potentially tens of thousands of dollars on future expenses. Part of the cost of the Pilot Program is being funded through a grant from the Department of Energy, through the National Association of Home Builders – Research Center. We are currently researching other options for funding the remaining costs.

We realize many of you have questions and we want to be able to address those; therefore, we have scheduled a **Town Hall Meeting January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**, at the Community Center to provide members with information on the Pilot Program. Please keep an eye out for the announcement in the News Review. Also, information about the need for, benefits of, and costs associated with the Pilot Program will be provided periodically through the Communicator, GHI's website: <a href="www.ghi.coop">www.ghi.coop</a>, the News Review, the Greenbelters' Yahoo Group, and by special mailings and any other means we can.

The Pilot Program is a very important undertaking to ensure that GHI continues to be a great place to live. We want to enlist your help in talking with your neighbors and friends in the community to spread the word. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to visit a Buildings Committee meeting (the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, 7pm at the Administration Building), or contact anyone from the list below.

Thank you for your support of this important project.

Sincerely, GREENBELT HOMES, INC

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