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Resident Paula Gagnon greets Haverhill Housing Authority director Dennis Soraghan and Tenant Selector Marilyn Daniel, as she invites them into her home for a tour of the renovated housing on Mt. Vernon Street.

## Frustration grows over unfinished condos

City should force work to be done, resident says

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Kingsbury Avenue.

Plans to finish the Carrington Estates condo development in Bradford remain on hold, frustrating at least one resident of the project.

The trouble started after developers Steve Doherty and Steve Goodwin abandoned the condo project in 2010. A foreclosure auction was held and the project was taken over by Brady Sullivan Properties of Manchester, N.H., in September of that year. Brady Sullivan completed five unfinished townhouses, but because of the poor real estate market, the company has not built any more units.

Ed Barrett lives steps away from unfinished infrastructure in the development and said it's time for the city to take action on the project.

Barrett said there is other work to be done.

"I'm absolutely fed up," Barrett said. "The mayor is pointing to a property on 5th Avenue (in the inner-city Acre neighborhood) and saying how that is a blight to the city. I think this property is a blight to the city too and he should look into a receivership program for this property."

"There is still about \$1.3 million dollars in unfinished infrastructure here on this property," Barrett said. "We want to get some results here and get some movement."

Carrington Estates is behind Zion Bible College, the former Bradford College. The development is off

Why can't the city take the infrastructure list and give

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## FINALLY - A PLACE THEY CAN CALL HOME

### City finds housing for struggling families

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Milagros Rivera nearly burst into tears when she got a call from people at the Haverhill Housing Authority.

They had a newly renovated apartment waiting for her in the city's Highlands neighborhood.

"I feel so much better here," said Rivera, who had been feeling trapped in her former apartment on Hilldale Avenue.

Her bedroom was on the second floor while her kitchen and bathroom were on the first floor.

"I used to stay in my room a lot," she said. "After my third heart



Resident Milagros Rivera holds her nephew Jeshua Guadalupe as her other nephew Jaiden looks on. Rivera gave a tour of her home to members of the Haverhill Housing Authority and Mayor James Fiorentini.

surgery in February I've had short- just wanted to move out, but I didn't think the city would find me a place

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## Pitch in and win

City honors residents who recycle

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do appreciate the people who recycle," Fiorentini said.

If helping preserve the environment was not enough incentive for residents to recycle, they now have another reason to pitch in.

One home from each of Haverhill's five residential routes will be honored by the city each month. To qualify for an incentive, each household must leave its recycling at curbside during their assigned recycling route.

They will get rewards for their efforts.

Mayor James Fiorentini has announced a new recycling incentive program in which five Haverhill households will be honored each month for their recycling.

Each household's recycling is picked up every other week. The city will compile a list of homes that follow the regulations and randomly select a winner. Each winner will

"We want (the city) to know that we most certainly

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## Relay for Life set for annual cancer-fighting event

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It has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in Haverhill for the fight against cancer.

Over the last two decades, thousands of local people have participated — from cancer patients and survivors to people who have lost loved ones to the disease.

Next month, the annual Relay for Life fundraiser will return to Haverhill for the 18th straight year.

The annual overnight event will be held at the track at Northern Essex Community College and will again raise money for the

American Cancer Society for research and support for cancer victims and their families.

"It's a very personalized event," said event chairwoman Gina Bowman. "We want everyone to know that this event is run by volunteers who are local and we make an effort to personally know every team and their cause."

More than 40 teams have signed up for the fundraiser with as few as three and as many as 40 members per team.

The event will start at 3 p.m. on June 8 and go 24 straight hours before ending at 3 p.m. on June 9. Members of each team will take turns walking the NECC track, so

each team has at least one member walking during the entire event. Teams raise money by signing up people and businesses to make donations.

The Relay for Life has been a big money-raiser for the American Cancer Society. Last year, \$387 million was raised nationwide through Relay for Life events, including \$11 million in Massachusetts.

The event will feature a 24-hour disc jockey and a variety of ceremonies and other events. There is an opening ceremony at 3 p.m., a "survival" ceremony which honors

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Jessica Melo, left, of Reading and Katie Mackinnon of Haverhill wave a sign and cheer to attract motorists to a breakfast fundraiser for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life.

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