

Housing Management Office:

At this time, we are very fortunate to have Julie Martineau and Caitlin Calonge assist us in our housing management department. It is extremely important that residents provide all information for their re-certifications and/or interim rent calculations in order for us to process these in a timely manner. Should you require help or assistance, or have any concerns in this area, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

From the Director's Desk...



I am pleased to announce that at the open meeting held on Wednesday, March 30, 2016, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to appoint me as the new Executive Director of the Marblehead Housing Authority. They worked very hard on the process of interviewing several candidates and continue to work with DHCD. I am honored and appreciative of the faith and support I have been shown by every member of our Board. I also extend my gratitude to the residents and staff who took the time to express their well wishes to me during this process. My gratitude also extends to our former Executive Director, Nancy Marcoux who is enjoying her retirement after twenty years of dedicated service to the Marblehead Housing Authority. I will work very hard to honor the high standard she put in place. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

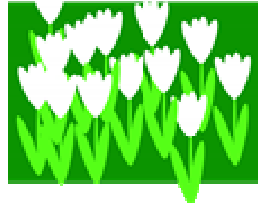
Thank you,

Debby Larkin

Marblehead Housing Authority NEWSLETTER

April, 2016

Coming up...



Monthly Coffee Hour:

Date: Wednesday, April 13th

Time: 11:00am

Place: Farrell Court Community Room

Program: Learn to play "Mah Jongg" taught by Jill Schwartz—**See flyer inside**
Hosted by Teri McDonough, Resident Service Coordinator

Board of Commissioner's Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, April 26th

Time: 5:30pm

Place: Roads School Community Room

Keep Well Clinics:

Sponsored by the Marblehead/Swampscott VNA.

- 1) Thursday, April 14th – Council on Aging 11:30am-12:30am
- 2) Wednesday, April 27th– Powder House Court 10am-11am

NAHRO SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER:

(Applications available at the office)

NAHRO scholarship applications need to be postmarked by April 11, 2016. Be sure to allow enough time to have the application signed and mailed.

Quarterly Music Program:

On Tuesday, March 22, 2016, the quarterly music program took place at Farrell Court. We were very fortunate to enjoy Violinist - Matt Glaser, Guitarist - Gray Sargent, Bassist – Todd Baker and Trumpeter – Jeff Stout. Matt was the narrator for the Ken Burns' Jazz & American Music program that was featured on PBS, Gray was home from the Tony Bennett Tour and they were accompanied by the animated Todd Baker on Bass and Jeff Stout –former trumpeter of the great Buddy Rich band. Residents enjoyed refreshments and listened to world class musicians. The residents were very responsive and the band was interactive. A good time was had by all as you can see by the pictures below!!!

The next Quarterly Music Performance will take place in June.

This Program was made possible in part, by a grant from the Marblehead Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



Meetings with Residents:

This past month, all residents were invited to attend a meeting regarding the DHCD Regional Capital Assistance Team (RCAT) Program. For your information, the Board of Commissioners voted for the Authority to seek a waiver from participating in this program. Prior to that, in January, a meeting was held regarding the Five Year Capital Plan. At both meetings, residents who attended or called offered some very good ideas and suggestions. These meetings are held to keep you informed and address any concerns you may have. Please know that your feedback is always appreciated and encouraged.

Tenant Association and/or Organization:

The Authority informs all new residents when they sign a lease with the Marblehead Housing Authority, that in accordance with their lease; Section VIII/M: Authority Obligations/Respect of Tenant's Right to Join a Tenant Organization, "To respect the right to organize and/or join a tenant association and/or organization." There is no active association/organization at this time however; if anyone is interested in implementing and organizing one, please feel free to contact the office.



No Smoking Policy:

The Authority continues to receive reports that some residents are violating the "No Smoking Policy". As you are aware, this policy requires that the Authority implement fines after written warnings to those who do not respect this policy. Please remember that there are many residents with health issues and that the Authority has made it very clear that no smoking is permitted in the apartments or on the property. The Authority will have no recourse but to proceed further with fines and/or court proceedings, if these violations continue and we encourage you to report any violations of this policy. As you are aware, there are programs in place to help those who are having problems in this area. Please contact the office for information.