

From the Director's Desk...



Our 21st Annual Holiday Party will take place on **December 19th** for all residents of elderly and family housing. This event will take place at the community room at Farrell Court. Once again this year, we will have live music to entertain you, lots of sweet treats, and a raffle, which includes many gift certificates generously donated by local businesses, handed out by Santa himself.

This is always a popular event, and I would like to thank the Board of Commissioners' for their support of the Holiday Party, and the staff for all of their hard work in putting it together.

This year, as part of the Music Program, Pianist, Jack Senier returns with his Trio for holiday musical entertainment. As always, we will also have a sing-a-long. *This music program is 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.*

To begin the event promptly at 1:30 will be a performance by the Marblehead Veterans Middle School Select Chorus led by Bob Tirelli. ***Please make sure you are seated no later than 1:30 PM to enjoy the music by the choir and to avoid interruptions of the performance.*** We expect about twenty students to entertain us!

So come and enjoy some conversation and refreshments with the staff, members of the Board of Commissioners and your neighbors. If you are a new resident, please take this opportunity to meet your neighbors and maybe renew some old acquaintances. I encourage all of you to join your friends and neighbors at the party, and have a good time. Please call the office if you plan to attend the party and let us know if you would like to bring a treat. Have a wonderful holiday season!



Debby Larkin
Executive Director

Marblehead Housing Authority **NEWSLETTER**

December, 2017

Coming up...

Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 19th 1:30 – 3:30 PM (New Date - see insert for details)

The Board of Commissioners will not meet the third Tuesday of this month. A meeting will take place on 12/5 at 10:00 AM.

Meeting with Residents - the Capital Improvement Plan:

Roads School Community Room, Tuesday, December 5th at 5:30 PM
Please come, participate and share your thoughts. See insert for details!

Keep Well Clinics:

Wednesday, December 27th, 10 – 11 AM (Blood Pressure Only)
At the Powder House Court Community Room

Holiday Hours:

The MHA will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25th and 26th and Monday and Tuesday, January 1st and 2nd.

Happy Holidays from the Staff:

Debby Larkin, Julie Martineau, Christine Levoshko, Liz Forte,
Catie Geary, Teri McDonough, Tom (TJ) Russell, Steve Abramo,
Fausto Cabrera and Chad Papa

And the Board of Commissioners:

Pamela Foye, Jean Eldridge, Joan Cutler,
Pat Roberts and Martha Walton



Edith Dodge Fund

MHA maintenance staff will pick up and deliver packages for the Edith Dodge Fund on Tuesday, December 5th. This is for tenants of elderly housing.

For those new residents that may not be familiar with the Edith Dodge Fund, it is a non-profit (501c3) supported by donations which are utilized to ensure that any resident of Marblehead 80 years or older is remembered at holiday time with a gift. The nine-member Board of Directors oversees the purchase, wrapping and distribution of cards and gifts to Marblehead elders 80 years and older and **all Senior Housing residents.**

Each year during the first week of December Board members, individual volunteers, and several local organizations assist with the wrapping and distribution of gifts.

The MHA is pleased to help out with the delivery of these packages to all of our residents.

Stock up for snowy days

Big storms can stop us in our tracks and keep us indoors. You should always be prepared to remain inside your home for a few days. Make sure you have these items to be best prepared for a big storm:

- * Emergency phone numbers and contact information (doctor, family, friends, neighbors)
- * 3-day supply of non-perishable foods and drinks (1 gallon of water per person, and extra for pets; ready-to-eat canned meat, fruit, vegetables, snack bags, cereal, juice, powdered milk)
- * Battery operated flash lights and radio, can opener, candles, lighter
- * Clean, warm clothes and footwear and blankets/sleeping bag

Marblehead Parking Ban has begun – See insert for details.



Staff News:

Please join us in welcoming Thomas J. (TJ) Russell as our new Maintenance Foreman and Plumber. It has been a long search but we are finally there and TJ is doing an excellent job.

Help Wanted:

We are still accepting applications for a part time custodian to work 18 hours per week. No interviews have been held yet as we would like to collect more applications before the interview process begins. Applications are available at the office.

Also, the Authority is seeking to hire individuals who would be interested in shoveling snow over the winter on an “as needed” basis.

Please call the office for the details if you are interested and get your name on the list.



Reminders to Family Housing Residents...

Please remember, in accordance with your lease, you are responsible for clearing snow and ice from your stairs and walkways.

Also, please remember to put away toys, bikes, and lawn furniture before the snow falls!

Fuel Assistance is available to **family housing** residents.

Reminders to all residents;

Please do not leave personal items in common areas including community rooms, dumpsters or curbside. Reports have been received that some residents have been placing a sign “free” and abandoning these items. Please donate to a local agency. Please report anyone you see who is doing this.

Reports of Violations of the No Smoking Policy continue to come to the office. Avoid fines, lease violation proceedings, respect your neighbors and adhere to the policy!!!