

## ***From the Director's Desk...***



I would like to inform you that I have decided to retire as your Executive Director. I have advised the Board of Commissioners that I will not be renewing my contract which is up at the end of March.

This was a very hard decision. As many of you know, I have also worked and will continue to perform as a professional musician and vocalist.

The support from the Board of Commissioners during my years as the Executive Director is greatly appreciated and I feel I have been fortunate to have their belief in me as a person and the Director. The MHA is fully staffed with a great team of hard-working, honest and capable individuals who work well together and are happy to serve you.

When I began my employment at the MHA in 1996, there were many issues and challenges. Over the years, working with Nancy Marcoux, the prior Executive Director, DHCD, supportive Board members and hardworking, dedicated staff members, today the Marblehead Housing Authority is a highly respected agency, providing efficient management, quality maintenance and programs that meet the social needs of our residents.

Millions of dollars have been spent on capital improvements designed to address important health and safety needs, improve energy efficiency, and to extend the useful life of our building components. All of these improvements were made to enhance the quality of life for our residents and to preserve our housing for the future. That is a tribute to everyone involved, and I am extremely proud of all that has been accomplished here during my tenure.

I have enjoyed working in public housing. I am grateful for the opportunity it gave me to make a difference in the lives of the people we serve – those in need of a place to call home.

I will miss all of you and wish you all the very best that life has to offer you. I feel very blessed to have had this opportunity to serve you as your Executive Director.

***Gratefully Yours,***  
***Debby Larkin, Executive Director***

# **Marblehead Housing Authority NEWSLETTER**

## **February, 2019**

### **Coming up...**

#### **Board of Commissioner's Meeting:**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 2:30 PM

**Place:** Roads School Community Room

#### **The office will be closed on Presidents Day, Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Keep Well Clinics:** (Sponsored by the VNA & COA)

***Have your blood pressure checked, have your questions answered.***

**Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at Roads School — 10AM to 11AM**

**Every Thursday at Council on Aging — 11AM to 12PM**

**Senior Citizen Police Academy:** Applications are available at the Marblehead Council on Aging and the Marblehead Police Department. This is open to all residents age 60 and older. Applicants must be able to commit and attend each session and also commit to a Criminal Offender Record Information (C.O.R.I) check and driving history. Classes will begin on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and run for 8 weeks. For questions, please contact Janice Salisbury-Beal at 781-631-6225 or Lieutenant David Ostrovitz at 781-631-1212, Extension #19.

## **Happy Valentine's Day**



# Annual Rent Recertification Appointments

For your information, the dates of annual re-certification meetings will take place as follows:

Date	Complex	Time
Tuesday, February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Green Street Court Units 1-32	9am—12pm and 1:30pm —5 pm
Tuesday, February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Green Street Court Units 1-32	1:30pm —5 pm

Date	Complex	Time
Tuesday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Farrell Court Units 1-30	9am—12pm and 1:30pm —5 pm
Tuesday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Farrell Court Units 1-30	1:30pm —5 pm

**All residents are reminded to report any change in household income during the year.** This requires an interim rent change. Failure to report income changes is a lease violation. If you have any questions about rent changes, please contact Catie Geary, Housing Manager, 781-631-2580, extension #12.

## Dumpster and Trash

Please remember to abide by the dumpster policy. Do not leave televisions, computers, air conditioners, mattresses, tires or other personal items in or around the dumpsters or in any common area or on the side of the roads. These must be disposed of properly by the resident. **Please report any individual who violate this policy.** Please also report any **non-residents** or abutting neighbors who access MHA dumpsters. Please make sure all barrels are securely covered and please recycle. **NEW CAMERAS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED.**

## Resident Service Coordinator:

Senior residents, please remember to reach out to our Resident Service Coordinator, Teri McDonough, if needed. She has helped many of our seniors with accessing services for many needs that have arisen. She actively makes referrals, when necessary to help serve our senior community. Please call the office for more information. Thank you.

# Parking

The Marblehead Housing Authority is not responsible for resident parking off of the property. These areas are not managed by the MHA.

The parking situation at all complexes is very challenging for everyone. Some residents and guests are parking their cars in areas that are not permitted and in violation of the MHA Parking Policy.

In family housing complexes, one space is assigned to each household. Several unauthorized vehicles have been reported to the office and owners have been identified by the license plates. The Authority is addressing these issues at this time. Also, no parking on sidewalks is permitted.

In senior housing complexes, unfortunately, there are far less spaces than apartments. Those without spaces are responsible for finding alternative parking for their vehicles off of the property while on the waitlist.

All vehicles must be MA registered to the resident with a valid MA license that is on record at the Authority. Vehicles must be in working order and have current inspection stickers. No vehicle may be left in guest parking spots overnight or for long periods of time.

At this time, steps are being taken to identify those who continue to violate the MHA parking policy which impedes snow removal, emergency access and has inconvenienced many. Please do your part by parking only in authorized areas. As this process continues, the Authority will have no recourse but to have unauthorized vehicles towed at the owner’s expense.

## Holiday Decorations

If you have not already done so, it is time to take down the holiday decorations. This includes wreaths, flags, lawn ornaments, and especially outdoor lights, which cannot be left on the buildings year-round. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## Reporting Lease Violations to the Office:

Please do not submit anonymous notes. If you are unable to identify the person suspected of violating the lease, the Authority is unable to notify them. Also, we do not send copies of letters of complaint to the complainant for confidentiality reasons nor do we copy the complainant into the letter.

