

From the Director's Desk...

First, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend the retirement party held for me at Farrell Court this past Tuesday. I was humbly moved, grateful and actually quite elated. It meant so much to be with all of you at the party. I also wish to thank so many of you who called, sent me cards, notes, flowers, plants, tokens and other very special gestures. I thank the wonderful staff and I will not forget any of you. Hopefully, I'll see you around our beautiful town.

The Board of Commissioners have been the best, most supportive Board that a Director could ask for and I am honored to have served under their leadership. They are working diligently and thoughtfully to find the new Director as they value the Marblehead Housing Authority and of course, all of you!

Julie Martineau, Assistant Executive Director will be the Interim Executive Director until a new Director is in place. Julie has been asked many times to apply for the position but she has lots of other important ventures to enjoy with her family in the future. We are all grateful that Julie is stepping in to serve as Interim Director. She does an excellent job!

Before leaving, I wanted to make sure several items were at least in the planning stages as follows: New Windows at Broughton Road, Green Street Court Roof and Gutter replacement and also a Boiler Replacement at Green Street Court. At Farrell Court, Rear Storm Doors are being replaced in phases. We just finished the replacement of Exterior Sills at New Farrell Court and Front door replacement at Powder House Court. Bathroom Tile and Sills were replaced at Broughton Road and Barnard Hawkes Court.

Many other projects are planned for the future. We just signed a contract with the Regional Capital Assistance Team (RCAT) who will help the MHA with Capital planning. They are able to obtain free boilers with an energy program for the Authority. I informed them of some areas of concern at Farrell Court where water emerges from crawl spaces onto the common areas during heavy rains which will be addressed along with other necessary areas needing attention. Roads School will be seeing some roof and floor upgrades. We're looking at hallways at Green Street Court and Farrell Court, also.

I scheduled two audits which were held these past couple weeks to ensure that the Authority is in good shape moving forward. I am very pleased with the results.

Finally, it has been a privilege and an honor to serve as your Executive Director. I sincerely wish each and every one of you the very best that life has to offer.

With heartfelt sincerity, thank you for making a difference in my life!



Debby Larkin, Executive Director

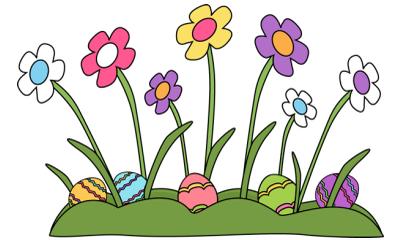
Marblehead Housing Authority NEWSLETTER

April, 2019

Coming up...

Board of Commissioner's Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, April 16th
Time: 2:30 P.M.
Place: Roads School Community Room



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

Get your blood-pressure checked, and your questions answered.

- Wednesday, April 24th at Powder House Court — 10AM to 11AM
- Every Thursday at Council on Aging — 11AM to 12PM

The office will be closed on Monday, April 15th in observance of Patriots' Day.

Happy Passover!!

Happy Easter!!



**The Deadline for the MASS NAHRO Past
President Memorial Scholarship Fund is
April 26th, 2019**

See last month's newsletter for details or call the office.

Re-Certifications:

| Date | Complex | Time |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Tuesday, April 9 th | Farrell Court #s 31-58 | 9am—12pm and 1:30—5 pm |
| Tuesday, April 16 th | Farrell Court #s 31-58 | 1:30—5 pm |

Parking:

Please be reminded that parking is assigned through the Authority Office. Residents may not ask other residents for their space and residents may not give their space to another resident. A list is kept and while we always welcome your calls if you have information you feel the office needs to know, do not hesitate to contact the Authority office. *For your information, this is to remind you that arrangements are being made with Bill’s Towing Company and the Marblehead Police Department to have unauthorized vehicles reluctantly towed at the owner’s expense.*

In addition, if you are no longer utilizing your vehicle, or it is unregistered, or does not have license plates – you are not to continue parking it on the MHA property and should inform the office immediately.

Violations of the “No Smoking Policy” is of GREAT Concern:

Please abide by this policy. So many reports of violations are interfering with the health, safety and fairness of your neighbors. Other agencies are installing detectors in the apartments of those who have repeatedly violated this policy. The MHA is seeking prices for these detectors at this time.

Check your calendars:

Some of the several important dates of note for April are Passover, Holocaust Remembrance Day, Easter Sunday, Orthodox Easter, Autism Awareness Day, Earth Day, Arbor Day, Patriots’ Day, International Jazz Day, to name a few...Taxes are due, Tuesday, April 16th this year.

Annual Inspections:

| Date | Complex | Unit # |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Thursday, April 4 th | Roads School | 102-204 |
| Thursday, April 11 th | Roads School | 205-301 |
| Thursday, April 18 th | Roads School | 302-311 |
| Thursday, April 25 th | Roads School | 312-410 |
| Thursday, May 2 nd | Powder House Court | 1-11 |
| Thursday, May 9 th | Powder House Court | 12-24 |

Garden Policy:

We are hoping Spring weather is just around the corner!



If you are interested in planting a garden, please make sure to read the **Garden Policy**, which is enclosed.

This month, the maintenance staff will perform the annual “**Spring Clean-Up**” of each of the housing complexes. Residents of family housing are reminded that they are responsible for keeping the area adjacent to their units free of litter. Now that the snow has melted, there is a great deal of debris left behind. Your cooperation in keeping the property neat and clean is greatly appreciated. Residents are encouraged to rake leaves and put them out for pick-up by the maintenance department. Leaves must be in paper bags or barrels and placed at the curb for pick-up. **PLEASE REMEMBER, ALL TRASH BARRELS MUST HAVE SECURE LIDS!!!**

All families are encouraged to participate in a clean-up on Earth Day which is Monday, April 22nd. The Authority is pleased to work with residents to make our family housing complex neighborhoods neat and clean.

Verizon:

The MHA and the Department of Housing and Community Development are continuing to working together with **Verizon** as they retire the copper wiring and change to fiber optics in MHA buildings. It is now time for Verizon to make markings in all units as to where drilling will occur for this transition. Please be on the lookout for notices! Some are enclosed in this letter for certain properties.