



The Bristol Housing Authority Newsletter

May 2017



Events Ongoing

BONNIE ACRES COMMUNITY ROOM

- **Salvation Army:** 3rd Friday of the month from 1-2 p.m.
- **Catholic Prayer Service with Sister Delores.** Every Wednesday at 10 a.m.
- **Tenant Council Meeting.** 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m.
- **The Bridge Bible Study:** Fridays from 2-3:30 p.m.

CAMBRIDGE PARK COMMUNITY ROOM

- **GED:** Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30-12 p.m. **Registration is ongoing**
- **Summer Meals:** Starts June 21 in the Community Room at Cambridge Park
See side bar

JOHN F KENNEDY COMMUNITY ROOM

- **Tenant Council Meeting:** 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. (Next Meeting April 11th)
- **Game Nite:** Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
- **BINGO:** Saturdays at 6 p.m.
- **Bible Study:** Fridays from 2-4 p.m.
- **Arts & Crafts:** Every other Thursday from 2-4 p.m.

GAYLORD TOWERS COMMUNITY ROOM

- **BINGO:** Tuesdays at 6 p.m.
- **Service with Pauline:** Every 3rd Thursday at 3 p.m.
- **Tenant Council Meeting:** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m.
- **Bread Program:** Fridays at 11 a.m.

MOUNTAIN LAUREL MANOR COMMUNITY ROOM

- **Bingo:** Wednesdays at 5 p.m.
- **Saturday Social:** 5 p.m.

KOMANETSKY ESTATES COMMUNITY ROOM

- **BINGO:** Mondays and Saturdays at 5:15 p.m.
- **Ceramics and Chair Massage:** Twice a month. Check calendar by dining room for dates and times.
- **Tenant Council Meeting:** 4th Thursday of the month at 1:15 p.m.
- **Po-ke-no:** Wednesday nights at 6 p.m.

SUMMER MEALS STARTING SOON!



The Summer Meals Program will be returning to Cambridge Park starting Wednesday June 21. All meals will take place in the Community Room. Breakfast will be held from 9-10 a.m. Lunch will be held from 11:30-1 p.m.

**We had several kids arriving late last summer for breakfast. Please make note of meal times to ensure your child has an opportunity to participate in the program, as the person who runs the breakfast program leaves at 10 a.m.

Breakfast With Friends!

Tell your friends they are welcome to join you at Summer Meals. You do not have to be a resident of Cambridge Park to participate in the free Summer Meals Program!



Resident Violation

We are continuing to find shopping carts abandoned on several BHA properties. Please be advised this is a lease violation. For your convenience, we are including our policy on shopping carts.

Section 43. SHOPPING CART POLICY

The use and/or storage of "store shopping carts" is prohibited on any BHA property. Leaving shopping carts abandoned on or near the premises is also prohibited. Any resident, family member, or other person who uses, stores, and/or leaves a shopping cart on or near the premises will be charged a fine and/or reported to the Building Department and the Bristol Police Department for violation of Bristol Code of Ordinance Section 21-21.10. In addition, any cost incurred to BHA in returning any shopping cart will be charged to the resident.

On site GED Classes



Thinking of getting your GED but aren't sure where to begin? Did you know the Bristol Housing Authority offers GED classes at Cambridge Park? Classes meet every Tuesday and Friday in the community room from 9:30-12 p.m. We also offer ESL classes offsite at our JFK property on Gaylord Street.



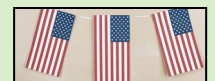
For more information or to enroll in GED/ESL, contact your Resident Service Coordinator at 860-585-2022.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES APPROACHING (see page 2 for additional scholarships)

Attention Public Housing Residents!!

You only have until June 30 to submit your application for a chance to win a \$6,000 scholarship awarded by HAI Group. For more information, email scholarship@housingcenter.com or call 1-800-873-0242 ext. 345. If you do not have access to a computer, contact your Resident Service Coordinator at 860-585-2022 to schedule a time to apply at the main office.

The office will be closed on Monday May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. We hope you have a safe holiday with your family and friends.





As the saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers," so get your garden tools out and start working the soil for your favorite choice of plantings. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter with your family and friends. (*Baked ham is always one of my favorites, especially leftovers*)

I attended a recent election of new officers at a tenant council meeting. I cannot stress how important it is to have a well-working tenant council, a team who listens and respects one another, values individual skills, and gives constructive feedback despite personal differences or conflict. I want to thank everyone for the emails I have received about your concerns and ideas. You can reach me at: dgodin@bristolhousing.org. You may also send correspondence to: David Godin, Bristol Housing Authority, 164 Jerome Avenue, Bristol, CT 06010



Reminder: Waiting List closed

If you have friends or family interested in a BHA property, please inform them that the waiting list for low income public housing and multi-family housing is closed until further notice.



Your Housing Coordinators

Cambridge Park: Pam Colangelo, 860-585-2030
Gaylord/JFK: Carmen Santana, 860-584-9407
Bonnie Acres: Lydia Sanchez, 860-584-8553
Zbikowski Park: Beatrice Nieves, 860-585-2042

Don't Forget Our Annual Employment Fair

The Bristol Housing Authority Employment Fair takes place **Friday, May 12, 2017** from **9:30-12:30 p.m.** in the Ed Vetre Community Room at Bonnie Acres. We already have confirmation from several employers throughout Bristol who plan to attend—some who are hiring immediately! If you are looking for new employment or a career change, take advantage of the free job-readiness workshops we are offering prior to the employment fair. If you need help with your resume, call us! For more information, contact your Resident Service Coordinator at 860-585-2022. ***This event is for BHA residents only***



Save Your Parking Sticker!

There is some confusion regarding parking stickers. When residents move in they are issued a parking sticker. Many residents sell or get rid of their car without removing the parking sticker that was issued to them when they moved in. If you sell or dispose of your car, you are required to return the sticker you were initially issued. Don't worry if you damage your parking sticker trying to scrape it off your windshield; it's more important that you turn it in, regardless of the condition. Failure to turn in your parking sticker will result in a fee. Please refer to your lease for information regarding our parking sticker policy.



Beat the Summer Slide

This is one slide you don't want to ride. The "summer slide" refers to the loss of achievement gains made during the school year. Children from low-income families are especially prone to experience this loss of skill over the summer. Fortunately, local libraries offer a variety of summer reading and enrichment programs to help kids retain what they've learned during the school year. Other than the cost of bus fare if you rely on public transportation, library programs are free to the public. Keep your child off the summer slide this year by visiting your local library and enrolling your young student in some programs. Libraries also offer free movies throughout the year, so take advantage of what's in your town.

- ◇ Bristol Public Library: 860-584-7787
- ◇ Manross Memorial Library: 860-584-7790



Yoga at Bonnie!



A five-session yoga series will be starting at Bonnie Acres beginning May 9. Classes will take place on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in the Ed Vetre Community Room. This is a gentle yoga class designed for all abilities. Whether you walk independently or use a wheelchair/walker to help you get around, you can participate in this program. Classes are scheduled for: **May 9, 16, 23 30, and June 6.** For more information or to register, please contact your Resident Service Coordinator at 860-585-2022



FIREWORKS

Remember, the use of fireworks on any BHA property is strictly prohibited. This Memorial Day weekend, be considerate of neighbors, many of whom may be veterans, seniors, children, or pets.



Scholarship Deadline

CONN-NAHRO is awarding three \$3,500 scholarships to students living in public housing but the deadline is June 16, 2017 by 5 p.m. All scholarships must be reviewed and recommended by Bristol Housing Authority CEO, Mitzy Rowe. You can download your application at www.conn-nahro.org. If you do not have a computer, contact your Resident Service Coordinator at 860-585-2022.

**PLEASE NOTE: The office closes early on Fridays during the summer, so you must submit your application by 1 p.m. on June 16.*