



The Bristol Housing Authority March 2018 Newsletter



Events: Ongoing

BONNIE ACRES COMMUNITY ROOM

- **Tenant Council Meeting:** Every 4th Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.
- **Bingo:** Every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.
- **Salvation Army:** Every 3rd Friday of the month from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- **Pasta Dinner & Social:** March 10th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

CAMBRIDGE PARK COMMUNITY ROOM

- **GED:** Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Registration is ongoing



JOHN F. KENNEDY COMMUNITY ROOM

- **Tenant Council Meeting:** Every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m.
- **Game Nite:** Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- **Arts & Crafts:** Every other Thursday from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Bible Study:** Every Friday from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **BINGO:** Every Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

GAYLORD TOWERS COMMUNITY ROOM

- **Game Nite:** Every Monday at 7:00 p.m.
- **BINGO:** Every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
- **Tenant Council Meeting:** Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m.
- **Service with Pauline:** Every 3rd Thursday at 3:00 p.m.
- **Bread Program:** Every Friday at 11:00 a.m.

MOUNTAIN LAUREL MANOR COMMUNITY ROOM

- **Bingo:** Every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.
- **Saturday Social:** 5:00 p.m.



KOMANETSKY ESTATES COMMUNITY ROOM

- **BINGO:** Mondays and Saturdays at 5:15 p.m.
- **Adult Coloring:** Every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.
- **Po-ke-no:** Every Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m.
- **Tenant Council Meeting:** Every 4th Thursday of the month at 1:15 p.m.

Friendly Reminder to Bonnie Acres residents:

*Please make sure to RSVP
by March 2 if you plan on
attending to the Pasta Din-
ner & Social on March 10.*



Friendly Reminder

*Please do not feed the stray cats, or any
other animal(s). We have received sev-
eral complaints that there are a few
residents that are feeding them.*



Low-Income Public Housing Waiting List Closing

The Housing Authority of the City of Bristol (BHA) will be closing its Low-Income Public Housing waiting list for households who meet the Elderly preference, Disabled preference and/or households that are FEMA-Certified Disaster Victims effective Friday, March 30, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

All applications dropped off or postmarked before March 30, 2018, 4:30 p.m. will be processed.

No applications will be accepted after the closing date and time. A Public Notice will be provided when the Bristol Housing Authority determines to re-open the waiting lists. This closure will have no effect on current applicants on the waiting list or applicants currently being processed.



BHA offices will be closed on Friday, March 30 in observance of Good Friday. We will resume normal business hours on Monday, April 2.



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Greetings everyone, I'm sort of wondering what is happening to our winter season with these unusual warm days. Oh but wait, I'm sure that "Old Man Winter" is waiting patiently just around the corner to let us know that winter is still not over yet, "Hopefully I'm wrong."

This past month I attended a public hearing at Gaylord Towers with discussions on the Housing Authority's 5-year plan concerning property improvements. We had a great presentation which also addressed many issues, I really encourage more to attend.

I also attended the NERC/NAHRO Mid-Winter Conference for sessions on "Roundtable for Commissioners." I also want to thank all who have sent emails, I will certainly do my best to have them resolved as quickly as humanly possible.

Don't forget MARCH 11, it's "Daylight Savings Time."

As always please feel free to contact me with your comments or suggestions at:

dgodin@bristolhousing.org. You can also send correspondence to me: David Godin, Bristol Housing Authority, 164 Jerome Avenue, Bristol, CT 06010.

Rent Payment Options

• Mail Payment to the Lock Box

Please note that if you send your payment to the lock box, you must submit your rent stub to avoid a processing fee of \$21.00.

• Direct Debit

BHA can debit your rent portion from your checking or savings account every month. Please fill out the Direct debit form and submit to the Accounts Payable Clerk for processing.

• Pay Online

You can create an account online to pay your rent monthly.

Annual Re-Certifications Must be Completed!

Failure to complete your annual recertification is a lease violation and could result in eviction proceedings!

We have been experiencing a high number of residents failing to keep annual re-certification appointments. Please refer to your lease, which clearly states failure to complete recertifications on time is a lease violation. If you are unable to keep an appointment due to illness or other circumstance, **YOU MUST** contact your Housing Authority agent to re-schedule. If you are late or have missed your re-certification, someone from the Housing Authority will call you and/or send you a letter. (Please see second page for updating your telephone number.) Failure to acknowledge this communication will result in eviction proceedings beginning. Our suggestion, write your re-certification appointment on a calendar or someplace where you will see it. Also, if you know you have an annual re-certification coming up, begin gathering paperwork in advance. **Do not wait** until the last minute to get your paperwork together, especially if you are required to submit copies of paystubs or employment verification letters. Start gathering this information prior to your appointment so you are not searching for paperwork or holding up the re-certification process.

Your re-certification contacts by property are:

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

Mountain Laurel Manor: Emily Colon, 860-585-2037



Happy St. Patrick's Day !

FRIED IRISH CABBAGE WITH BACON

Ingredients:

- 1 (12 ounce) package bacon
- 1/4 cup bacon drippings
- 1 small head of cabbage, cored and finely chopped
- Ground black pepper to taste



Instructions:

1. Cook bacon in a deep skillet over medium heat until crisp, 5 to 7 minutes. Remove bacon from skillet and drain on a paper towel-lined plate. Reserve 1/4 cup drippings in skillet.
 2. Cook and stir cabbage in hot bacon drippings over medium heat until cabbage wilts, 5 to 7 minutes.
 3. Crumble bacon over cabbage. Stir and simmer until bacon is warmed, 2 to 3 minutes. Season with black pepper.
- Enjoy!