

NBHA NEWS

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For Residents, Employees & Retirees

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Emergency Service Requests

**After 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday,
Weekends, and Holidays**

If you have an Emergency Maintenance Service Request after 4:30 p.m. during the workweek, on the weekend, or on a holiday, please call 508-997-4800. You will be asked to request the service from your Property Management Office the next working day *unless it is an emergency*.

The following maintenance services are considered emergencies and will be responded to immediately or as soon as possible:

ELEVATOR	passenger stuck in
LOCK OUT	\$40 charge plus materials
NO HEAT	throughout entire unit
BLOCKED SEWER LINE	continuous backup flooding unit
BROKEN WATER LINE	continuous flow of water flooding unit
NO ELECTRICITY	throughout entire unit
GAS LEAK	
BROKEN WINDOW	\$40 charge plus materials

False claims or requests for Emergency Maintenance Services and emergencies caused by tenant negligence are subject to a \$40 minimum service charge.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Each year on the third Monday of January schools, federal offices, post offices, and banks close as we celebrate the newest American national holiday.

Fifteen years after Dr. King's death President Ronald Reagan signed a Bill into law making the third Monday of January a national holiday celebrating the birth and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It took a while to get the Bill passed. First, it had to be introduced by a member of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House assigned the Bill to a committee where the Bill was discussed in detail. The committee then agreed that the Bill should be sent to a vote. The Rules Committee scheduled a debate on the issue. The House of Representatives then voted on the Bill. It passed the House with a vote of 338 to 90. Then it was sent to the Senate where the issue of the King Holiday again had to pass through committees and public hearings before a final vote was taken.

Many opposed the idea of a holiday for Dr. King. America had only honored two individuals with national holidays--George Washington and Christopher Columbus. Many felt that there were other Americans that deserved a national holiday, such as Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy.

One barrier to the confirmation was a Senator from Georgia who had denounced Dr. King as a communist. Others feared the King Holiday was meant as a way to make up to African-Americans for slavery. Others feared the cost of the holiday, with the extra overtime paid to federal workers who had to work on the holiday, as well as millions to those federal employees who were paid for the day. Senator Bob Dole pointed out to those critics, "*I suggest they hurry back to their pocket calculators and estimate the cost of 300 years of slavery, followed by a century or more of economic, political, and social exclusion and discrimination.*"

It took many years for Congress to decide to celebrate the holiday. In the years leading up to the official decree, many African-Americans celebrated the birthday themselves with a few states declaring King's birthday a state holiday. The bill was finally passed by both the House of Representatives and the Senate and was signed into law on November 2, 1983.

The first national celebration of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday took place January 20, 1986. This year the King Holiday will be celebrated on Monday, January 16, 2006.

MANAGEMENT CORNER

- ❖ **Holiday Decorations** -- Please **REMOVE** all outside Christmas decorations by **Monday, January 9, 2006**.
- ❖ If you live in a high-rise apartment building, please **DO NOT** open the front door to let someone into the building unless that person is there to visit you! This is for your own safety as well as the safety of your neighbors.
- ❖ Residents, *except the physically disabled or elderly*, are **responsible for clearing snow from their walkways and porches** leading to front and rear entrances. Residents should clear to the sidewalk. *Thank you!*
- ❖ During a **Snow Storm** - (1) Park vehicles on the side of the street opposite the fire hydrants, (2) Remove vehicles from NBHA parking lots so the lots can be cleared, (3) Clear walkways and porches leading to your front and rear entrances, (4) Call your Property Office if you are elderly or physically disabled.
- ❖ **Vehicles** - Please park your vehicles in designated parking areas AND be sure they are properly registered, insured, inspected, and drivable. Any vehicle on NBHA property that is not properly registered, insured, inspected, and drivable **will be towed**.
- ❖ To **prevent mildew** from developing, please open your windows a little while cooking and showering. Also, please keep the shower and tub areas *clean and dry*. This will also help prevent mildew.
- ❖ **HELP !** Please **DO NOT** put **food, grease, sanitary products, or any foreign objects down your sink or toilet!** Ninety-five per cent of all blockages are caused by these items.
- ❖ Check your **Smoke Detectors** to verify good working order. Call your property office with any problems.
- ❖ Please do **NOT** take the batteries out of the battery-operated detectors. They are there for the safety of your family.

Thank you for your cooperation!

What's Going on at Boa Vista?

January 18, 2006

Wednesday - 11:00 a.m.

Patty Servaes from Homewatch Caregivers, will tell you about their in-home services for veterans. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

January 26, 2006

Wednesday - 10:00 a.m.

John M. Ferguson, D.C., will present a health workshop on High Performance Healing. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please contact Maria Hernandez, Resident Services Coordinator for Boa Vista, if you have any questions. Her office is on the first floor of Boa Vista, in the back, next to the Wellness Clinic and the Great Room. Her telephone number is 508-979-1605.

GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR'S

New Year's Day falls on Sunday, January 1, this year so Monday is a holiday. Residents living at Chaffee/Fairfield Street, Church Street north of Tarkiln Hill, Howard Street, Plainville Road, and Sylvia Street should place their tightly sealed garbage barrels on the curbside by 6 a.m. **TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**, or the night before.

GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day is Monday, January 16, 2006. Residents living at Chaffee/Fairfield Street, Church Street north of Tarkiln Hill, Howard Street, Plainville Road, and Sylvia Street should place their tightly sealed garbage barrels on the curbside by 6 a.m. **TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**, or the night before.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

What's Going on at the NBHA?

- Please remember that HUD will be mailing their Resident Service and Satisfaction Survey to randomly selected households between December 6, 2005, and February 8, 2006. If your household is selected, please fill out this confidential form.
- The Authority approved a \$12,685 contract with C. A. Crowley Engineering of Lakeville, MA, to design fire safety improvements at Adams Street.
- The Authority approved a \$18,800 contract with Ambient Engineering, Inc., of Concord, MA, for design work to improve the parking and circulation of traffic in the parking lots at Apollo Drive in Satellite Village and Navajo Court in Shawmut Village.

JANUARY RESIDENT RENT REVIEW SCHEDULE

Residents in the following developments will receive a letter regarding their **January** review:

Date	Development	Time	Location
9	Townsend Street	9 - 12	Brickenwood
9 - 12	Brickenwood	9 - 4	Brickenwood
9 - 12	Shawmut/Topham Coggeshall	9 - 4	Brickenwood
9 - 12	South First Street	9 - 4	Bay Village
9 - 12	Plainville/Sylvia	9 - 4	Dottin Place
9 - 12	North/Cottage/Smith	9 - 4	Westlawn

The resulting rent changes will be effective in April.

Nativity Preparatory School 66 Spring Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 508-994-3800

This is a private, tuition-free middle school which provides a highly structured program for boys from low-income families who have demonstrated the will and desire to apply themselves to high academic and moral standards.

HeadStart to College at BCC New Bedford Campus
188 Union Street, New Bedford, MA 02740-5942
CALL DOREEN HENRY:
508-984-8226 or Fax: 508-730-3264

Assistant City Planner Perform a variety of routine and complex technical and professional work in the current and/or long-range planning of the City and the development and implementation of land use and related policies and regulations.

Assistant MIS Director Responsible for the implementation and administration of Police Department computer operations and informational flow tools to increase management awareness, improve communication between departments, heighten productivity, reduce cost, and establish a secure environment to maintain data integrity.

Director - EMS Perform all technical, administrative, and supervisory work in planning, organizing, directing, and implementing the emergency medical services provided within the City of New Bedford.

Dog Officer Picks up stray and unlicensed dogs; makes and refers complaints against owners of dogs not properly licensed and collared; enforces leash laws; collects the bodies of small animals found dead within the municipality and disposes of them; handles all matters and complaints pertaining to dogs and other animals. Performs all duties in conformance with appropriate safety and security standards.

Local Building Inspector Perform a variety of routine and complex technical work in building inspection work plan review and zoning enforcement to insure that the Massachusetts Building code and other related codes and standards are met.

Municipal Surveyor Act as party chief of surveying crew and perform sub-professional work requiring some knowledge of and training in engineering principles and practices.

Paramedic (Emergency Medical Technician) (EMT)
Provide advanced emergency care to the sick and injured. Comply with all policies, practices, and procedures of the EMS Department and the City of New Bedford.

For more job listings, complete job descriptions, and application, please contact:

**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT
133 WILLIAM STREET, ROOM 212
NEW BEDFORD, MA 02740
(508) 979-1444
or visit: www.ci.new-bedford.ma.us**

CAROLINE CAFÉ

Catered by Cobblestone Restaurant ~ All Ages Welcome

26 Caroline Street, New Bedford, MA ~ 508-991-6301 ~ Please Call 24 Hours in Advance

JANUARY MENU

Meals \$3 Each ~ Served at Noon ~ All Ages Welcome

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR	3 Roast pork loin with rice pilaf and green beans	4 Sloppy Joes with zucchini, a roll, and a bag of chips	5 Chicken pot pie with mashed potato, gravy and a roll	6 Baked fish with roasted potatoes and steamed broccoli
9 Port butt with mashed potatoes and carrots	10 Boiled dinner with ham, carrots, cabbage, potatoes, and onions	11 Pot roast with potatoes, mixed vegetables, and a roll	12 Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes and corn	13 Cod Bella Vista with mashed potatoes and a roll
16 CLOSED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	17 BBQ pork with roasted a'grautin potatoes and mashed squash	18 Penne pasta and meatballs with peas and a garlic roll	19 Meatloaf with tomato gravy and corn	20 Baked salmon with lemon dill butter and roasted potatoes
23 Chick chow mein served with a roll	24 Pot roast with mashed potatoes and buttered carrots	25 Turkey and stuffing dinner with squash	26 Beef stew with potatoes, celery, carrots, onion, and a roll	27 Baked fish with mashed potatoes and corn
30 Beef pot pie with carrots onions, peas, mashed potatoes, and a roll	31 Grilled chicken in gravy with mashed potatoes and peas			

Enjoy lunch ~ Stay for the Activities

Call Marisol at 508-991-6301 if you have any questions.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR	3 1:30 BINGO 2:00 Book Club	4 11:00 Exercise Class 2:00 Po-Ke-No	5 1:30 BINGO	6 11:00 Knitting Group 1:00 Ice Cream Social 2:00 Po-Ke-No
9 1:00 Movie	10 1:30 BINGO 2:00 Book Club	11 11:00 Exercise Class 2:00 Po-Ke-No 2:00 Quilting 6:30 Neighborhood Safety	12 10:00 Memory Group 1:30 BINGO	13 9:00 Coffee Hour 11:00 Knitting Group 2:00 Po-Ke-No
16 CLOSED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	17 1:30 BINGO 2:00 Book Club	18 11:00 Exercise Class 2:00 Po-Ke-No	19 1:30 BINGO	20 11:00 Knitting Group 1:00 Ice Cream Social 2:00 Po-Ke-No
23 1:00 Movie	24 12:30 Neighborhood Diabetes (Free meter upgrade) 1:30 BINGO 2:00 Book Club	25 11:00 Exercise Class 2:00 Po-Ke-No 2:00 Quilting	26 10:00 Let's Talk Health 1:30 BINGO	27 9:00 Coffee Hour 11:00 Knitting Group 2:00 Po-Ke-No
30 1:00 Movie	31 1:30 BINGO 2:00 Book Club		Want to quit smoking? CALL 508-992-6553	Nutrition Counseling, Podiatry -- CALL 508-992-6553