

NBHA NEWS

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For Residents, Employees & Retirees

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INFORMATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 2005

The Department of Housing and Urban Development will be conducting a survey to gauge the satisfaction levels of the New Bedford Housing Authority's public housing residents.

Walter S. Jones, Jr., Resident Relations Coordinator, will provide an explanation of the survey and answer your questions at a meeting, which will be held **Monday, November 21, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. at the Caroline Street Senior Center, 26 Caroline Street, New Bedford, MA.**

The Resident Service and Satisfaction Survey is one method that HUD's Public and Indian Housing Real Estate Assessment Center will use to evaluate the New Bedford Housing Authority's performance. The survey will measure your satisfaction and experience with your living conditions.

Your household may be randomly selected to receive the survey sometime between December 6, 2005, and February 8, 2006. If you receive a survey, you should NOT write your name on it. The survey is administered and the results stored by an independent contractor outside HUD, and your identity will remain confidential. Only the aggregate results of the survey will be shared.

If you are selected, please take the time to complete it. Resident participation is essential to the survey's success. Your opinion is very important to HUD.

If you have questions about the survey, please call **Walter S. Jones, Jr., 508-997-4832**, or HUD's **PIH-REAC Customer Service Center at 1-888-245-4860.**

HELP US TO HELP YOU

Your assistance with simple energy conservation measures this winter will help us in our efforts to control rising utility costs, a major portion of our operating budget. By helping us conserve energy (and money), you help us provide the funds to pay for improvements to your development and apartment.

Although the NBHA is responsible for your building's energy efficiency, you make dozens of energy decisions every day. What can you do to help?

- Turn your thermostat down. Each degree you lower your thermostat saves about 3% on heating costs.
- Be sure registers, baseboard heaters, and radiators aren't blocked by furniture, carpeting, or drapes.
- Report drafts around windows, doors, or pipes through walls.
- Turn off faucets completely. Report running toilets or plumbing leaks.
- Don't run water while brushing teeth or shaving. Take short showers rather than baths.
- Wash only full loads in your clothes washer and use cold water whenever you can.
- Unplug or turn off items when you don't need them on. Turn off lights, ceiling fans, and portable fans whenever you leave a room.
- Refrigerator door seals should be tight. If you see condensation or mold around seals or if you close a dollar bill in a seal and can pull it out easily, the seal is loose or the latch may need adjustment. The building manager can make this repair.
- Use a microwave or toaster oven for cooking or reheating small items. Use the broiler rather than the oven when possible. The broiler uses less energy and preheating is not required.
- Remember: FREE lighting is available every day. Open shades and blinds on sunny days. Close them at night to reduce heat loss through windows.

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PARA AYUDAR LOS A USTEDES

Su asistencia en simple conservar energia mide este invierno, nos ayudara en nuestros esfuerzos para controlar la subida de costos, en mayor parte de nuestro presupuesto de mantenimiento. En asistiendonos conservar energia (y dinero), ustedes tambien nos estan asistiendo en proveer lees fondos para el mejoramiento para su urbanización o su apartamento.

Aunque el NBHA es responsable para el mantenimiento de su edificíó en energia para su apartamento, ustedes hacen docenas en decisiones de energia cada dia. Que puedes hacer para ayudar?

- Por cada grado que baje su termostato, usted ahorrara casi 3% en el costo de calefaccion.
- Asegure que los muebles, alfombras, y cortinas no bloquen las rejillas de ventilacion, la calefaccion de rodapie, y los radiadores.
- Reporte las fugas de aire alrededor de las ventanas, puertas, o por las tuberias que estan atras de las paredes.
- Completamente apage las llaves de agua. Reporte corrientes de agua el los servicios o escapes de agua en la plomeria.
- No deje el agua correr mientras se cepilla los dientes o afeita. Tome cortas duchas en vez de banos en la tina.
- Al lavar ropa, asegurese que la maquina este llena y si es possible, use agua fria.
- Desenchufe o apage estos aparatos cuando no los este usando o si no los necesita prendidos. Tambien, cuando salga de un carto apage las luces, los ventiladores del techo, y los ventiladores portables.
- Los sellos de la puerta del refrigerador deben estar apretados. Si nota condensacion o moho alrededor de los sellos o si aprieta un dolar entre el sello de la puerta y puede sacarlo facilmente, el sello esta flojo o necesita ser ajustado. El encargado del edificio puede reparar esto.
- Use microondas o tostadoras al cocinar o calentar articulos pequenos. Cuando possible, utilice una parrilla en vez de el horno. La parrilla utiliza menos energia y no requiere precalentamiento.
- Recuerde: Cada dia hay luz GRATIS. Abra las cortinas y las persianas en dias soleados. Cierrelas por la noche para reducir la perdida de calor a traves de ventanas.

MANAGEMENT CORNER

- **Holiday Decorations**—Please **DO NOT** create a hole to attach **anything** to the exteriors of our buildings. Doing so will damage the building. This includes holiday decorations and lights, flower boxes, flagpoles, flags, banners, wind chimes, hanging plants, etc.

Please use caution when placing decorations on the building. A number of hardware stores sell fasteners which attach to gutters or slide under shingles without causing damage to the building or creating holes.

Please take every precaution and ask permission from your management office before installing exterior decorations. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU!**

- **Grease**—Please **DO NOT** store grease in your oven. This is a fire hazard! Put it in a can in the refrigerator and place it in a tightly sealed garbage bag on collection day.

REGULACIONES ADMINISTRATIVAS

- **Decoraciones festivas:** Por favor de no causar un roto para sujetar en lo exteriores del edificio. En hacer esto usted causara daño al edificio. Esto incluye decoraciones festivas y luces, jardinera para la ventana, mastil, banderas, carillon de viento, plantas de enganchar.

Por favor de usar toda precaución necesaria y pidele permiso a la oficina de administración primero antes de hacer cualquier instalacion con decoraciones en lo exterior. Su cooperación sera apreciado. **GRACIAS!**

- **Grasa:** Por favor de no guardar la grasa en el orno. **Esto es un riesgo de fuego!** Ponga la grasa en una lata y en la nevera. Cuando vallas a deshacerse de el ponga lo en una funda de basura sellado para el dia de coleccio\ón de basura.

GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE FOR VETERANS' DAY

Veterans' Day falls on Friday, November 11, this year. Residents living at Blue Meadows and Mosher Street should place their tightly sealed garbage barrels on the curbside by 6 a.m. **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, or the night before.**

GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE FOR THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is on Thursday, November 24, this year. Residents living at Alec Street, Bay village, and North Street are asked to place their tightly sealed garbage barrels on the curbside by 6 a.m. **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, or the night before.**

What's Going on at the NBHA?

- The state has approved the site plans for the landscape improvements planned for Parkdale and Nashmont. We expect to put the job out to bid so that the work can be started next spring.
- Baker-Wohl Architects, Inc., of Boston was recently awarded a \$205,000 contract to design substantial renovations at Crestview.
- Plans are presently being reviewed for exterior improvements at the New Bedford Hotel Apartments. These include residing the penthouse, repointing the bricks, and improving the appearance of the entrance. We expect to go out to bid this winter.
- Plans for the renovations of Westwood to be converted into 15 one-bedroom units are presently being reviewed by the state. After we receive and respond to their comments, the architect will develop the specifications for the work to be bid next spring.

NOVEMBER RESIDENT RENT REVIEW SCHEDULE

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

Date	Development	Time	Location
8	Alec Street **	9 - 4	Blue Meadows
8	Bourne Street *	9 - 4	Blue Meadows
9 - 10	Shawmut Avenue *	9 - 4	Brickenwood
9 - 10	DeMedeiros **	9 - 4	Brickenwood

* The resulting rent changes will be effective in January.

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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

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

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.

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.

Temporary Sanitarian Administer, educate, and perform work developing programs and procedures of environmental sanitation and hygiene.

Zoo Caretaker The work involves responsibility for providing all primary care for the Buttonwood Park Zoo animal collection and doing general maintenance, housekeeping, and grounds keeping work for the zoo facility. Requires six months' paid experience; or education toward a degree at a recognized school with a major in Animal Science, Veterinary Medicine, Zoo Management, or Zoology may be substituted for the required experience on the basis of one year of education for three months of experience.

POLICE CADET RECRUITMENT EXAMINATION

Last filing Date: Friday, November 4, 2005

Exam Date: Saturday, November 12, 2005

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

NOVEMBER MENU

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 BBQ pork chop with roasted potatoes and squash	2 Swedish meatballs with mashed potatoes, harvard beets, and a roll	3 Pot roast with carrots, celery, onion and boiled potatoes	4 Baked salmon with lemon dill butter, mashed potatoes and carrots
7 Roast pork loin with rice pilaf and green beans	8 Stuffed cabbage with hamburg, rice, tomato in a tomato broth with a roll	9 Grilled chicken with mashed potatoes, squash, and a roll	10 Boiled dinner with ham, carrots, onions, cabbage, and potatoes	11 Cod Monterey with garlic mashed potatoes and corn
14 Shepherd's Pie (mashed potatoes, corn, ground beef)	15 Meatloaf with tomato gravy, mashed potatoes and corn	16 Spaghetti with meat sauce green beans, and a garlic roll	17 Roast chicken with rice pilaf and buttered carrots	18 Baked fish with roasted potatoes and steamed broccoli
21 Lasagna (beef and three cheeses) with green beans	22 Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes and corn	23 Turkey and stuffing dinner with mashed potatoes and carrots	24 CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving	25 CLOSED
28 American chop suey with buttered green beans	29 Beef tips with mashed potatoes and peas	30 Grilled chicken with roasted potatoes and ratatouille		

Enjoy lunch ~ Stay for the Activities

Call Marisol at 508-991-6301 if you are interested in the Line Dancing.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Line Dancing Every Monday	1 1:30 BINGO 2:00 Book Club	2 11:00 Exercise Class 2:00 Po-Ke-No 2:00 Quilting	3 1:30 BINGO	4 11:00 Knitting Group 1:00 Ice Cream Social 2:00 Po-Ke-No
7 10:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Movie	8 1:30 BINGO 2:00 Book Club	9 11:00 Exercise Class 2:00 Po-Ke-No 6:30 Neighborhood Mtg.	10 1:30 BINGO	11 9:00 Coffee Hour 11:00 Knitting Group 2:00 Po-Ke-No
14 10:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Movie	15 1:30 BINGO 2:00 Book Club	16 11:00 Exercise Class 2:00 Po-Ke-No 2:00 Quilting	17 12:30 Presentation--High Performance Healing 1:30 BINGO	18 11:00 Knitting Group 1:00 Ice Cream Social 2:00 Po-Ke-No
21 10:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Movie 6:00 Resident Meeting	22 1:30 BINGO 2:00 Book Club	23 11:00 Exercise Class 2:00 Po-Ke-No	24 CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING	25 CLOSED
28 10:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Movie	29 1:30 BINGO 2:00 Book Club	30 11:00 Exercise Class 2:00 Po-Ke-No 2:00 Quilting	Want to quit smoking? CALL 508-992-6553	Nutrition Counseling, Podiatry -- CALL 508-992-6553