# What do you say, FHA?

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By Marie Palmer, Resident Service Coordinator

### **Emergency Preparation Committee**

The Falmouth Housing Authority is establishing an Emergency Response Task Force.

We are looking for a representative from FHA properties Rose Morin, Choate, and Salt Sea to serve on this committee.

Included in this team are: Executive Director, Bobbi Richards; Maintenance Director, Bob Arsenault; Falmouth Human Services
Director, Suzie Hauptman;
Resident Service Coordinator,
Marie Palmer; Harborview
Representative, Paul Grundin;
and Tataket Representative,
John Jenks.

If you are interested and are able to commit to meeting once every four months to this worthwhile cause, please notify our office.

The first meeting will be held

on Monday, April 30th at 3:00 PM at the Falmouth Housing Authority.



### GENEROUS DONATION FROM THE FALMOUTH COMMUNITY



Twelve sewing machines were donated by members of the community so that FHA tenants could start the 70th Anniversary "Good Deed" project initiative for charitable organizations, and people in need.

We were contacted by a gentleman, David Paton, who kindly volunteered his services to repair and tune up our sewing machines to catapult us into this project.

### **Falmouth Housing Authority Sew-a-long**



Our second "FHA Sew-a-long" will be held on Tuesday, April 3rd from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, at the Tataket Community Room.

We will provide sewing materials (thread and fabrics); as well as a few sewing machines. If able, please bring your own sewing machine and basic supplies to the event.

Call the office at, (508-548-1977 ext. 212) to be added to the sign up sheet if you're planning on joining us.

Did you know that sewing naturally enhances motor skills and requires creativity, which improves the brain's ability to grow new brain cells. Come out and socialize as you improve your dexterity.

### **Scarf Project**

FHA is seeking volunteer knitters for a year-long scarf project. The scarves will be tied to approved areas within the town for anyone that needs additional warmth in the winter.

Contact Bobbi or Marie to learn more about it. Your information will be provided to the Tenant group that has organized the project. We would like to thank First Citizens Bank for their effort in supporting the Falmouth Housing Authority by scrolling information regarding FHA housing programs on media screens at the Falmouth and Mashpee Branch locations and for proving information regarding their banking programs to our tenants.



# FHA - Commissioners Board Meeting

This month's Commissioners Board Meeting will be held at Tataket Apartments on Tuesday, April 17th at 1:00 PM. The agenda will be posted at all properties prior to the meeting.

### **FHA Guest Computer**

Our Guest Computers are available during our regularly scheduled office house:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Wednesday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

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### **Nutritional Cooking Demonstration**



A cooking demonstration, hosted by Cape Cod Community Health Center, will be held at the Harborview Community Room on Tuesday, April 24th at 10:00 AM

After a very successful and informative cooking demonstration by Cape Cod Community Health Center's "Rock Star Nutritionist", we decided

to hold another demo. Bring a willingness to learn something new, as well as your appetite!

\* Please call 508-548-1977 ext. 212 if interested.

We need a head count to ensure we have enough food for all participants.

### Curried Chick Pea Salad By Dena Irwin

Mix together:
15 oz. can chick peas,
drained
½ cup light coconut milk
½ cup frozen peas,
thawed
1 red bell pepper, seeded
and chopped
1 tablespoon lime juice
1 ½ teaspoons curry
powder

If desired add chopped avocado, green onions, fresh cilantro, and serve over greens.

For a complete meal toss in cooked brown rice or quinoa.



According the Center for Nutrition Advocacy, curry has a number of valuable health benefits, including prevention of cancer, protection against heart disease, reduction of symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, and eases pain and inflammation.

Also, Chickpeas help control blood sugar levels, and it's high fiber content helps to improve digestion.

### **Rose Morin Brunch**

The Royal Falmouth would like to treat all Rose Morin tenants to a brunch on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

Cape Cod beagles and cream cheese, juice, coffee, egg casserole, sausage, bacon... the works!

Stop by during the hours of 10 and 11:30 for a bite to eat and a great opportunity to meet up with some friendly faces.



"OUR CAPE COD"
By John Mendoza,
Tataket Apartments

Our Cape Cod
Our safe harbor,
Our harmonious haven,
Our humble home

Lighthouses and Beaches
Long sandy shores
Clear vistas to the furthest reaches
Seagulls by the scores

Annual Summer Residents Occasional visits from Presidents Historical Homes, Anthemic poems

Our Cape Cod is where freedom roams
Our Cape Cod
A great place to visit
A great place to reside
Our Cape Cod
Our Joy and our Pride

### New Medicare cards are on the way

Beginning April 2018 through April 2019, Medicare cards will be replaced with one that no longer shows you Social Security number. Be on the lookout for scammers. They may try to call you and get your Social Security number or bank information from you or they may be asking you to pay for your new card. Your card it free and will be mailed out to you automatically. To report a scam the Federal Trade Commission call 1-877-382-4357.

### Get together with RSC

As the position of Resident Service Coordinator (RSC) is taking on an exciting and new shape, I would like to take the time to meet with tenants at each of our properties.

I am interested in finding out from you what services you would like me to plan that could benefit each of you.

Please join me, at the following locations, for coffee and doughnuts... and bring along your ideas!

I look forward to seeing you!

### RSC get together:

- Rose Morin April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM
- Tataket, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM
- Choate Lane, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM
- Harborview, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM
- Salt Sea, April 27th at 10:00 AM

### Five year plan and Federal Handbook

A meeting will be held, Friday, April 13th at 1:00 PM at Harborview, for Tataket, Rose Morin and Harborview tenants to review the Five Year Plan, as well as review a draft of the Federal Handbook.

Copies of the current handbook will be made available in your community rooms for review prior to the meeting.

### **Local Events**

FCTV Falmouth in Focus Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 on Channel 13.

My Life, My Health Workshop
- Health Education
Tuesdays, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>,
and May 1<sup>st</sup>, Falmouth Public
Library.

This group meets weekly for lively and informative discussions on how to live with chronic conditions. Learn ways to feel better and achieve your health goals. For more information and to register please call Gina Battles at 508-957-7620.

Falmouth Eats Together, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 PM at the John Wesley United Methodist Church and April 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 PM at St. Anthony's Church

Community Meal Around the Table, every
Monday, Wednesday, and
Friday at St. Barnabas
Episcopal Church's parish
house. Doors open at 11:15
AM, hot meals are served until
12:30.

A book talk with Melinda
Ponder
Falmouth Public Library,
Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to
4:00 PM
"From Sea to Shining Sea"
featuring the life and travels of
our very own Falmouth

native, Katharine Lee Bates (author of "America the Beautiful). Book sales and signings will follow the event.

Sunday Film Series
Documentary: One Big Home
Falmouth Public Library,
Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 2
PM to 3:30 PM
Trophy homes, mega mansions, and development threaten the resort island of Martha's Vineyard. This event is

2018 Winter & Spring Speaker Series Presented by the 300 Committee Land Trust and Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries, Inc. Thursday, April

free to the public.

### 2018 Winter & Spring Speaker Series

Presented by the 300 Committee
Land Trust and Salt Pond Areas
Bird Sanctuaries, Inc. Thursday,
April 12, 2018 7:00 PM at the
Falmouth Museums on the
Green Massachusetts Birds
and Our Changing Climate.
The talks are free and open to
the public!

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WE CAN Legal Consults & Support Sessions.
Tuesday, April 17th from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.
Legal Consults are coordinated by WE CAN and hosted at the Falmouth Service Center on a monthly basis. The consults are scheduled 30 minute appointments for participants. To schedule an appointment call 508-430-8111.

## Community Anti-Bias Workshop

Thursday, April 26, 2018

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, at the Falmouth Public Library This event is hosted by No Place for Hate — Falmouth, and facilitated by the Anti-Defamation League. Doors will open at 5:15pm. This event is Free.

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Choate: CH

Salt Sea: SS

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