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## Neighborhood News

### LINDEN/CHAMBERS

On Monday, January 23rd, Needham Housing Authority held a community meeting at the Linden/Chambers Community Room to introduce the architectural firm Bargmann Hendrie, + Archetype, Inc. (BH+A) to learn more about the redevelopment of the Linden-Chamber Street properties.

Linden-Chambers' redevelopment has been a top priority for the Town of Needham since 2007. It is a crucial objective of NHA's Preservation & Redevelopment Initiative, launched in 2021, to revitalize NHA's entire portfolio of affordable units and build additional housing to address the critical lack of affordable housing in Needham.

The engagement with BH+A commences with a master planning process for the entire site, with future construction expected to occur in phases to manage relocation and funding needs.

BH+A stressed that resident input is essential. No resident will lose their housing as part of any redevelopment of Linden and Chambers. All residents will have an affordable place to live.

Slides from this meeting are available on the NHA's website, [www.needhamhousing.org](http://www.needhamhousing.org).

Mar/Apr/May 2023

### SEABEDS WAY & CAPTAIN ROBERT COOK REPOSITIONING FEDERAL PROPERTIES

On Saturday, February 11, 2023, the NHA Board of Commissioners met to finalize its strategies for repositioning of its federal properties.

Repositioning moves families from a public housing platform to other forms of HUD rental assistance, such as Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV), Project-Based Vouchers (PBV), or project-based rental assistance (PBRA).

These changes can help housing authorities preserve affordable housing units, address rehabilitation and physical needs, and place properties on a more stable financial foundation.

Repositioning efforts provide additional flexibilities to better meet local needs and funding options to achieve long-term viability for affordable housing.

The strategy the NHA Board of Commissioners approved is a RAD/Section 18 Blend for Seabeds Way and Captain Robert Cook Drive.

In the coming weeks there will be opportunities to learn what happens next.



## Spotlight on Safety



In the past several months, numerous law enforcement agencies in our area have reported scams involving elderly victims. These are commonly called "grandparent" scams, and victims have been defrauded out of several thousand dollars. Scammers are contacting victims by phone, who are told a family member needs bail money resulting from a fictitious claim that the family member was arrested, usually out of state. In some instances, suspects have identified themselves with true names of local police officers to gain credibility.

Some ways to avoid being victimized by this scam are to not panic and communicate. Contact a family member to confirm that their grandchild is okay and not in any legal trouble. If you cannot get in contact with any family member or think you may be getting scammed, contact the Needham Police. The Needham Police can assist you in determining if a relative has been arrested.

- From the Needham Police Department



## Activities



### Blood Pressure Clinics:

- Linden/Chambers Community Room on the first Thursday of the month at 11:30 am
- Seabeds Way Community Room on the third Thursday of the month at 11 am

### Coffee Hour with the CATH:

- Linden/Chambers Community Room on the second Tuesday of the month at 10 am
- Seabeds Way Community Room on the second Thursday of the month at 11 am

### The Craft Club:

- Linden/Chambers Community Room on the second Thursday of the month from 2-4 pm. Please contact Helen at (239) 677-0659.

### The Needham Camera Club:

- To join the group, please visit their Facebook page.

### The Thursday News Brunch:

- Linden/Chambers Community Room on Thursdays at 10 am. Please see Ross Donald for more info.

Activities have been scheduled at the request of residents but could be cancelled if there is a lack of participation.

## What's <sup>NEW!</sup> New?

### Arts & Crafts with Anne and Laurie

- Linden/Chambers Community Room every Wednesday between 1-2pm

### Bingo with Anne

- Linden/Chambers Community Room every Monday between 1-2pm

### Board Games with Laurie

- Linden/Chambers Community Room every Thursday between 1-2pm

### Chair Yoga with Nicole:

- Linden/Chambers Community Room every Friday between 12-1pm
- Seabeds Way Community Room every Friday between 1:30-2:30pm

### Walking Club with Laurie

- Linden/Chambers Community Room every Tuesday between 11-12pm

## Save the Date



**Sunday, March 12th:** The Boston Rovers Irish Trio at Linden/Chambers Community Room

**Saturday, May 6th:** the Fiesta Del Norte Mariachi Band at Linden/Chambers Community Room



On February 12th, the Harvard Din & Tonics performed a Valentine's Day Concert at Linden & Chambers. Thank you to all the residents who attended, and a special thank you to Penny Kirk for organizing the event.



## Needham Community Resources

### Center at the Heights:

- The Center at the Heights promotes health and wellness by providing a place to socialize and offering a variety of ongoing recreational, health, educational, and informational programs and activities. Contact 781-455-7555 for a list of resources available to residents.

### Food Pantry:

- Contact 781-444-2415 for more information.

### Mobile Market for All:

- Robert Cook Drive, Tuesdays between 5-5:30pm
- Seabeds Way, Tuesdays between 5:30-6pm
- Linden/Chambers, Fridays between 3-3:30pm

### Tech & Tutors:

- Contact Stacey Fallon, Community Council, at 781-444-2515 ext. 2120. Stacey can assist you in obtaining a fire tablet and training on how to use it.

### YMCA:

- Contact Jill Barber at 781-675-3169 to receive a scholarship form.

### REquipment:

- They are a durable medical equipment (DME) re-use program offering free refurbished wheelchairs, scooters and shower chairs. <https://dmerequipment.org/>

## Manager's Corner

In the next few months, we will be updating our pet application, and reaching out to all residents who currently own a pet. If you have a pet, you must submit the following documents:

- Completed pet application
- Photo of the pet
- Copy of current Needham unexpired license
- Copy of vaccination certificate
- Copy of spay or neuter verification

### Office Hours

Monday .....	7:30am - 4:00pm
Tuesday .....	7:30am - 4:00pm
Wednesday .....	7:30am - 4:00pm
Thursday .....	7:30am - 4:00pm
Friday .....	7:30am - 1:00pm
Saturday .....	CLOSED
Sunday .....	CLOSED

### Contact Numbers

Main Office	781-444-3011
Fax	781-444-1089
Steve Merritt	Ext. 212
Cheryl Gosmon	Ext. 218
Nayda Sanchez	Ext. 211
Blair Fetzer	Ext. 213
Curtis Rush	Ext. 216
Laurie Blake	Ext. 219
Springwell	617-926-4100
CATH	781-455-7555

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12 Boston Rovers Irish Trio  
 16 NHA Monthly Board Meeting, 7:30 PM  
 - Location TBD

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 - Location TBD  
 29 Memorial Day

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