



Apr/May/June 2025

Salute America's Military

In May, America observes Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, National Military Appreciation Month and Military Spouse Appreciation Day. Take the time this month to honor the men and women in uniform, past and present, and their families.



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PRESERVATION OF SEABEDS WAY AND CAPTAIN ROBERT COOK DRIVE

Neither SBW nor CRCD has undergone a major preservation or modernization effort since their construction in 1980. Thankfully, we have secured funding that will allow the NHA to move forward with preservation and modernization — starting with SBW and followed by CRCD.

Since our last resident meeting in September 2024, we have continued our design work with BH+A and progressed with the HUD application to convert the property from public housing to Section 8.

The current project scope for SBW includes:

Building envelope improvements. Roof, siding, and window replacements to ensure water tightness. Replacement of outdated electrical systems. Renovation of bathrooms, kitchens, and flooring. More to come!

Dear Families,

By now, you may have heard that our ROSS-SC, Liz Fay, has received an incredible opportunity to work for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. While we are thrilled for her, we will truly miss her immensely.

In her short time with us, Liz has made a remarkable impact. She has built relationships with over two dozen community partners and formed special connections with many residents. The NHA staff adored her — she was incredibly generous with her time, knowledge, and expertise.

Though we are sad to see her go, we are sincerely grateful for all she has done and wish Elizabeth "Liz" Fay nothing but the best in this exciting new chapter.

Wishing you all the best, Liz!



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MONDAY 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM
TUESDAY 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM
WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM
THURSDAY 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM
FRIDAY 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM
SATURDAY CLOSED
SUNDAY CLOSED

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SALIM PILLAI EXT. 215
LAURIE BLAKE EXT. 216
MARIE CELESTIN EXT. 210
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JUNETEENTH

12:00pm - 12:45pm closed for lunch



Ingredients:

8 Eggs, 1 Tbsp. Milk, 1 1/2 Tsp. Salt, 1 Tsp. Black Pepper, 1/2 Lb. Italian Sausage, Pepperonis, 1 Tsp. Italian Seasoning, 1/4 Cup Diced Bell Pepper, 1/4 Cup Diced Onion, 1/4 Cup Diced Mushrooms, 1/2 Cup Spinach, 1 Cup Mozzarella Cheese, 1/2 Cup Parmesan Cheese, Fresh Basil for Garnish, Red Chili Flake for Garnish

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Heat a cast iron skillet (or oven safe skillet) over medium heat and add Italian sausage to the skillet and begin to brown. Once the sausage starts to have some color on it, add in bell pepper, onion, and mushrooms and season with 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/2 tsp. black pepper and continue to cook until veggies begin to soften, about 2-3 minutes. Add in the spinach at this time and stir until wilted. While vegetables and sausage cook, whisk together eggs, milk, 1 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper, Italian seasoning, and Parmesan cheese until smooth. Pour the well beaten eggs into the skillet spreading into an even layer. Add pepperonis on top of the eggs and then cover with mozzarella cheese. Place into the oven and bake for 15-20 minutes until the eggs are cooked through and top is golden. Sprinkle with fresh basil and red chili flakes if desired. Serve immediately.



HOTMA Is Here



What It Is HOTMA?

HOTMA stands for the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act. It was signed into law by President Obama on July 29, 2016 and made significant changes to the United States Housing Act of 1937, particularly regarding income calculations, asset limitations, and income reviews in public housing and Section 8 programs

The **GOAL** of **HOTMA** is to streamline processes, reduce burdens on housing providers, and improve the efficiency of the affordable housing

system.

HOTMA introduces several changes to federal housing programs, including:

Income Calculation: **HOTMA** adjusts how income is calculated for public housing and Section 8 programs.

Asset Limitations: **HOTMA** establishes asset limits for eligibility in public housing and Section 8 programs.

HOTMA Modifies the requirements for income reviews in these programs.

HOTMA Modifies continued occupancy standards for Public Housing residents.

HOTMA Sets maximum asset limits for eligibility.

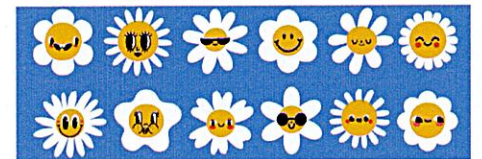


TRASH, BASURA, MYCOP LESE

The Town of Needham offers residents recycling and waste disposal services at the Recycling and Transfer Station (RTS), commonly known as "The Dump." The RTS is a residential drop-off facility for waste disposal and recycling. To use the RTS, residents must display a current sticker and purchase special bags for non-recyclable trash. The bag fees help cover the operating costs of the RTS.

Recycling at the RTS is free for most items, allowing residents to save money by recycling more and throwing away less. Residents can obtain a sticker by visiting Town Hall in person or by filling out an application to receive one by mail. For more information, visit the RTS website: needhamma.gov/262/Recycling-Solid-Waste-Division.

Hours of Operation:
Tuesday-Saturday - 7:30am-4pm



Ballpark Highlights

They have been called shrines, cathedrals, temples and monuments. Some Major League Baseball stadiums are as iconic as the sport itself, and each one has its unique features. Here are some that make game days even more memorable.

Wrigley Field. The Chicago Cubs' century-old home is full of nostalgic features, and one of the most famous is the ivy that covers the brick walls of the outfield. It was planted in 1937 and grows so thick, baseballs get lost in it.

Fenway Park. Standing 37 feet high and stretching across the left field of the nation's oldest active MLB stadium is the fabled Green Monster, a fence that got its name when it was painted in 1947. Boston Red Sox fans can now watch the game from seats atop it.

Oracle Park. The Giants' ballpark sports views of the San Francisco Bay. The water is so close that fans can boat and kayak in a cove just off right field in hopes of catching home runs, or "splash hits."

Chase Field. The Arizona Diamondbacks make their home in the desert city of Phoenix, so it's fitting their stadium has a seating section with a swimming pool!

T-Mobile Park. Because of the city's rainy weather, Seattle Mariners fans are used to umbrellas, and its ballfield is outfitted with one, too. Since debuting in 1999, the retractable roof has scored big for its open-air design.



Section 8: Not a Row at the Local Stadium ...

But it could be the ticket to savings on your rent. This federally funded program often gives you the opportunity to rent in the community of your choice—even if you think you can't afford it. You pay part of the rent, and the rest is provided by a government voucher. In fact, if you choose to move to another state, you can even transfer the voucher.

Contact a leasing agent in the office for details on some of our other communities in other cities.

Autism Explained

April is Autism Awareness Month, when organizations such as Autism Speaks promote events and campaigns to increase the public's knowledge of autism spectrum disorder.

Autism is a developmental disability that affects how the brain functions. The first signs of the condition usually appear before a child is 3 years old.

People with autism often find social interaction difficult; have problems with verbal and nonverbal communication; demonstrate restricted and repetitive behavior; have a narrow range of interests; and have difficulty understanding and expressing emotion.

The disorder affects individuals differently and to varying degrees, which is why experts use the word "spectrum" in describing it. Autism is four to five times more common among boys than girls.

Although there is no cure, autism is treatable. Early diagnosis followed by intervention with educational and treatment programs can lead to significantly better outcomes for those with the disorder.

Gifts for the Graduate

Graduation season is here, and you probably know at least one young person who is about to embark on a new chapter in life. Whether the next step is college, a job or a trip around the world, consider these ideas for a great graduation gift:

Luggage. A stylish backpack or durable rolling suitcase is perfect for some graduates. An alternative is an overnight bag or canvas duffel. They fold flat, are easy to store and are perfect for weekend getaways, trips home and traveling to job interviews.

Kits. A small toolbox stocked with a screwdriver, hammer, pliers, wrenches and measuring tape will equip the graduate for household tasks in their new abode. For those leaving home for the first time, consider a first-aid kit. Choose a colorful or trendy box or tote to house the kits.

Electronics. A graduate starting college or one who has just spent four years there could probably use a new laptop. A portable phone charger, noise-canceling headphones or a classic wristwatch are all practical gifts that are sure to be appreciated.

Other ideas. For young adults, you can't go wrong with gift cards for clothing, housewares or gas. Additional options include classic board games such as Monopoly; tickets to a concert or sports event; or a starter cookbook for kitchen newbies.



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- 1 International Fun at Work Day
- 2 World Autism Awareness Day
- 8 Don't Miss It! Last Day to Pay Rent Before Late Fees Begin!
- 12 Passover
- 17 NHA MONTHLY MEETING 5:00 PM
Location TBD
- 20 Easter
Fenway Park Opens
April 20, 1912
- 26 Memorial Day

- 11 Mother's Day
- 15 NHA MONTHLY MEETING 5:00 PM
Location TBD
- 26 Memorial Day

- 3 Love Conquers All Day
- 15 Father's Day
- 19 Juneteenth