



News You Can Use

APRIL-JUNE 2026

Welcome to the Middleboro Housing newsletter, created to connect all MHA developments.



Our communities: Archer Court- Nemasket- Riverview

From the Office

FROM THE OFFICE

- Ask the Director
- Holiday Closures
- Office Staff Update

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

-  Annual Recertification
-  Wildlife Mating Season
 - Trash Reminder

MAINTENANCE CORNER

-  Maintenance Matters

POLICY REMINDERS

- Respect
- Community Reminder

OCES STAFFING UPDATE

SCAMS

YOUR HEALTH

- Mind, Body, Soul, Spirit
- Drug Interactions

JUST FOR FUN

HAPPENINGS

Check out our website!

Middleboro.org

ASK THE DIRECTOR

Nemasket Community Room

April 30th | 11:00 AM

Residents are invited to bring **questions, suggestions, and thoughtful feedback** as we work together to strengthen our communities.

OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Residents are reminded that Housing Authority offices will be **closed in observance** of the following holidays:

 Patriots' Day — Monday, April 20, 2026

 Memorial Day — Monday, May 25, 2026

 Juneteenth — Friday, June 19, 2026

STAFFING UPDATE

Friendly Face at the Front Desk!

Please join us in welcoming **Erin** to our office team. Erin comes to us with a **strong background in housing** and is ready to assist residents with their needs.

Be sure to say hello to Erin at the front desk, or reach her at **Ext. 5**.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Recertification / Annual Review

Riverview & Archer Court Residents

It's time for annual recertification!

Dates to Remember

- Riverview packets due: **April 15th**
- Archer Court packets due: **May 1st**
- Rent adjustments take effect on **July 1st**.

If you need assistance or copies made from your original documents, please stop by the office during business hours.



WILDLIFE MATING SEASON



Spring Wildlife Reminder

Protecting Our Homes and Community

Wild animals are especially active during spring mating and nesting seasons.



Feeding wildlife can attract mice, rats, and other pests, causing health and sanitation problems for residents and pets.

“Do Not Feed Wildlife.”

Keep the area around your apartment neat and tidy. Too many items encourage animals to hide!



Take Note: Trash Reminder

We have noticed that household trash isn't always going into the dumpster. Please make sure to fully place all household trash inside the dumpster.

Trash left outside attracts pests, creates odors, and degrades community cleanliness.

Gloves are available in the office upon request. Thank you for helping keep our community clean!

Maintenance Corner



Maintenance Matters

Please report maintenance issues as soon as you notice them. Small concerns like dripping faucets, slow drains, loose railings, running toilets, broken locks, or appliance problems can quickly become larger repairs if left unattended.

Reporting issues early helps us:

- Prevent bigger damage
- Keep your home safe and comfortable
- Reduce repair time and costs
- Maintain the quality of the community for everyone

To submit a work order, please contact the office with as much detail as possible, including the location of the problem and when it started.

Maintenance

508-947-3824, ext. 6

Emergency maintenance (nights, weekends, holidays)

508-802-3264

Your quick reporting helps our maintenance team respond faster and keep our community in great condition.

The Middleboro Housing Maintenance Staff:

Maintenance Supervisor:

Dave Fongeallaz

Maintenance Staff:

Roger Fillion

Joseph Drysgola

Michael Govoni

POLICY REMINDERS

A Message About Respect

Our staff works hard every day to support residents and maintain the community. All interactions with office and maintenance staff should remain respectful and courteous.

Everyone is doing their best, and respectful communication helps address concerns more quickly and effectively.

We appreciate your patience, kindness, and cooperation as we work together to keep our community running smoothly.



Community Reminder

Please be respectful of one another and help us keep our community a welcoming place for everyone.

Be mindful of noise, watch children while they are outside, and encourage them to respect shared spaces and other residents. A little consideration goes a long way in creating a safe and comfortable environment.

If you are able, check in on a neighbor, lend a helping hand, or simply offer a friendly hello. Small acts of kindness help build a stronger community for all.

Thank you for doing your part to make our neighborhood a place where everyone feels comfortable and respected.

Respect, patience, and kindness help make our community a welcoming place for everyone.

“Respect for ourselves guides our morals; respect for others guides our manners.”

— Laurence Sterne

“When admiring other people's gardens, don't forget to tend to your own flowers.”

— Sanober Khan

**“Show respect to people who don't deserve it.
Not as a reflection of their character, but of yours.”**

-Dave Willis

OCES Staffing Update

RESIDENT SERVICE COORDINATOR,
SHANNON IS ON MATERNITY LEAVE!
We're so excited waiting for Shannon's
baby girl to arrive!



While **Shannon** is on maternity leave,
Heidi and Nicole from OCES will be
stepping in!

Heidi @ Nemasket

Mondays and Fridays
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Nicole @ Riverview

Wednesdays and Thursdays
7:45 am – 12 pm

Heidi and **Nicole** are available to assist you with annual recertifications, referrals,
activities, and more!

More importantly- 

Coffee hour will continue at both sites.



The RMV is warning about a text message scam
targeting Massachusetts residents.

The text claims to be a "Final Notice" for an unpaid traffic violation. It says failing to make a payment "will trigger enforcement actions," which include a suspension of the driver's license and registration, sending the driver's account to collections with fees of up to 35%, and "legal action and credit reporting, which may harm credit."

The RMV said it will never send texts seeking money for fines and other transactions. The agency only accepts payments made in person or on the official RMV website

Scam artists often create a sense of urgency to manipulate members of the public into paying fraudulent fees.

The RMV said customers should also be aware of texts or emails claiming to be from MassDOT that say the driver owes money for tolls. Earlier this year, an EZDriveMA text message scam resurfaced, saying drivers owed money for unpaid E-ZPass tolls.

You can report suspected scams to the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office or the Federal Trade Commission.



Mind • Body • Soul • Spirit

Spend a few minutes each day caring for yourself.

- 🧠 Mind: Read, think, or enjoy a puzzle
- 🚶 Body: Stretch, walk, and stay hydrated.
- 🎵 Soul: Listen to music, laugh, or enjoy a favorite hobby
- 🙏 Spirit: Practice gratitude, prayer, or find a peaceful, quiet moment.

🌱 **Wellness starts with awareness—mind, body, and spirit working together.**

Health: Watch for Drug Interactions

Some medicines may seem fine on their own, but adding a second medication can change how they work. This is called a drug interaction.

For example, taking a blood thinner along with pain relievers like Ibuprofen or Naproxen may increase the risk of bleeding.

Always let your doctor and pharmacist know about **all prescriptions, over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and supplements** you take.

A quick review can help prevent harmful interactions and keep you safe.



- 📌 What works well on its own may change when combined with other medicines.
- 📌 Always verify before combining—medications can interact unexpectedly.

JUST
FOR
FUN



Fox Fun Facts

- Foxes can hear tiny sounds underground, including mice moving beneath the snow or leaves.
- Foxes are excellent jumpers and use a high pounce to catch prey hidden in the grass or snow.
- Foxes are very playful and sometimes toss objects in the air like toys.
- They are part of the dog family and are related to wolves and coyotes.



The **community room at Riverview and Nemasket is available for residents'** gatherings and small activities. Please remember:

- Leave the room clean and as you found it
- No alcohol permitted
- Follow occupancy limits
- Applications are available in the office

Thank you for helping keep this shared space enjoyable for everyone!

TENANTS

HAPPENINGS

MONDAY



Coffee Hour – 10 am at Nemasket (weekly)



Patties Patch – 2 pm– 3 pm April 13th at Riverview

Patriot's Day, Marathon Monday
April 20th (Office is Closed)

Memorial Day – May 25th (Office Closed)



TUESDAY

Bible Study – 2 pm at Riverview (weekly)

WEDNESDAY

Coffee Hour – 10 am at Riverview (weekly)



Bingo – 1 pm at Riverview (weekly)

TOPS Meeting – 3 pm at Riverview (Weekly)



Riverview Recertification Packet Due by April 15



THURSDAY



Ask the Director

11 am, April 30th

at the Nemasket Community Building

FRIDAY

Archer Court Recertification paperwork due - May 1

Juneteenth – June 19th (Office Closed)



THE END