



# News You Can Use

## AUGUST 2025

Welcome to Middleboro Housing's newsletter, created to connect each MHA development: Archer Court, Nemasket, and Riverview.

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Check out our website!

[Middleborooha.org](http://Middleborooha.org)

### FROM THE OFFICE

The 2025 Annual Cookout is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27th, and we invite all tenants, families, and caregivers from all three developments to join us!

Enjoy the adorable barn animals at the petting zoo from 11 am to 12 pm.



Followed by a cookout with music, games, face painting, and plenty of fun for everyone!



**NOTICE: Are you parking the wrong way on the street? Parking against traffic flow is illegal and unsafe! Vehicles should be parked with the right-hand wheels parallel to the curb. You cannot face traffic when parking. We see this done many times on Spencer St.**



Thank you to all the residents who dedicate their time and effort to keep our community tidy and clean. It truly takes a village!

# Thank You!

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The initial findings of a recent investigation into the tragic Fall River fire showed that an oxygen concentrator and smoking materials contributed to the fire's cause. In addition, the presence of medical oxygen in other rooms throughout the building helped the fire spread quickly.



We ask that tenants using medical oxygen display a notice to warn visitors and emergency responders about the oxygen. If you don't already have a sign, we will provide one. This tragedy underscores the vital importance of fire safety.



**Always keep your smoke detector in place and avoid tampering with it to ensure safety. It's an important device that helps protect you and your loved ones.**



Make sure your smoke detectors are always clear and working properly. Please avoid tampering with any smoke detector or fire detection system, including removing batteries from battery-operated smoke detectors. Keeping them in good shape helps protect everyone's safety.

Inform the Maintenance Department right away if you notice that any smoke detector isn't working properly. We'll take care of replacing the batteries or the detector itself as needed to keep everyone safe.

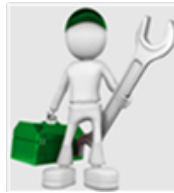
# POLICY REMINDERS

**Rent is due on the FIRST of each month and considered late on the 7th.**



A \$25 late charge is added to your account if your rent is not paid on time, and the Authority may declare the unpaid rent delinquent and issue a written notice of termination of the lease agreement.

## Maintenance Corner



Did you know that a problem with the smoke alarm is considered a maintenance emergency? It's always good to get it checked promptly to keep everyone safe.

Please remember not to block walkways or other shared spaces. Maintenance will clear away anything that could be an obstacle so everyone can move around safely and comfortably.

Don't wait to report the little things! The voicemail is checked throughout the day.

**Non-emergency calls: 508-947-3824**

**ext. 6**

**Emergency calls: 508-802-3264**



## Fake Government Officials

If you get an email, letter, or phone call from a government agency (usually the IRS or FBI) telling you to wire money through Western Union or MoneyGram, or to click a link and enter personal information, don't trust it! The U.S. government would never ask anyone to use those methods to pay a bill or handle a financial transaction, especially with an overseas bank or agency.

## Scam Text Messages

It seems to be an alert from your bank, asking you to confirm information or 'reactivate your debit card' through a link on your smartphone. However, it's a scam designed to steal personal information.

# YOUR HEALTH



## THE MOSQUITO-BORNE ILLNESS, EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS EEE, WAS FOUND IN A MOSQUITO COLLECTED IN THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER ON JULY 22, 2025.

As of August 1, 2025

Middleborough's current  
EEE Risk Level

### Moderate

What it Means: EEE has occurred in your area within the past year, and/or there is EEE in mosquitoes currently in your area.

Ways to Prevent EEE Infection:

1. Repair window screens
2. Wear mosquito repellent between dusk and dawn
3. Wear long sleeves and long pants from dusk to dawn
4. Use mosquito netting on baby carriages and playpens
5. Wear mosquito repellent when outdoors, especially between dusk and dawn
6. Avoid outside areas with apparent mosquito activity

## Frequently asked questions about mosquitoes.

### How long do mosquitoes live?

Most female mosquitoes live for less than 2 weeks and most male mosquitoes live for less than a week. However, when the conditions are right, some mosquitoes will live up to 8 weeks. The life cycle of all mosquitoes includes four different stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult. Adult mosquitoes are the only ones that fly.

### Why do mosquitoes bite?

Only female mosquitoes bite to suck blood. The female uses the blood to make eggs. Male and female mosquitoes use plant nectars and fruit juices as their main source of food.

### Do all female mosquitoes bite humans?

No. Different kinds of mosquitoes like different types of blood. Some mosquitoes feed on animals like frogs, turtles and birds. Other kinds bite mammals, including horses and humans. Some will bite both birds and mammals including humans. These mosquito species play an important role in spreading disease between birds and other mammals, including humans. *Diseases that are usually found in birds can be transmitted to humans (and some other mammals, like horses) by mosquitoes that bite both birds and mammals.*

### How does a mosquito find an animal or human to bite?

Female mosquitoes are attracted to the gas (carbon dioxide) that humans and other animals breathe out. Mosquitoes can follow a stream of carbon dioxide from as far as 50 feet away. Mosquitoes are also attracted to substances like lactic acid on your skin, which your body produces in greater amounts when exercising. Mosquitoes may also be attracted to certain scents or fragrances and are more attracted to dark colors than light colors.

### Why are mosquito bites a concern?

Some mosquitoes carry germs that can make people and some animals sick. Mosquitoes can transmit germs when they bite. In Massachusetts, the diseases linked to mosquitoes are West Nile virus (WNV) and eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus.

TENANTS CIRCLE

BE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS.  
RESPECT THEIR PRIVACY. DON'T BE A NOSEY  
NEIGHBOR!



NO DUMPSTER DIVING!  
YOU COULD RISK BRINGING  
HOME UNWANTED FRIENDS.

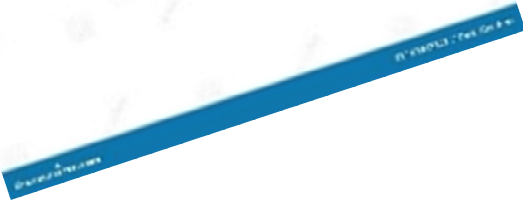


PLEASE DON'T USE THE COMMUNITY SPACE (LAUNDRY ROOMS,  
COMMUNITY BUILDING) AS A DUMPING GROUND. WHILE IT'S NICE  
TO OFFER UNWANTED ITEMS TO OTHERS, IT'S BECOMING TOO MUCH!



WE ARE A  
COMMUNITY

# JUST FOR FUN



ON RETURNING WITH THE GROCERIES PHILIP ALWAYS HAD TO GO THROUGH 'CUSTOMS'

# AUGUST

## MONDAY

Coffee Hour – 10 am at Nemasket (weekly)

## 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)

August 27<sup>th</sup> SUMMER COOKOUT AT NEMASKET CB!  
EVERYONE IS INVITED!



## THURSDAY

August 21<sup>th</sup> – BINGO – 2 pm @ Nemasket Community Building (pay-to-play)

*All are Welcome!*



## FRIDAY

August 8<sup>th</sup> Art Hour – 1 pm at Nemasket Community Building

August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Art Hour – 1 pm at Nemasket Community Building

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, FOR LABOR DAY!

*THE END*