



# News You Can Use

**\*NOVEMBER 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

### RENT PAYMENTS

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CASH in the drop box. All cash should be given to a Middleborough Housing staff member, who will issue a cash receipt.

## **FARE FREE SERVICE**

**STARTING OCTOBER 1, 2025\*,  
GATRA FIXED ROUTE AND ADA  
COMPLEMENTARY PARATRANSIT  
SERVICES WILL BE FARE FREE.**

FARE FREE TRANSIT SERVICE IS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH FUNDING AWARDED IN THE GOVERNOR'S FY26 BUDGET. FARE FREE SERVICE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026.

MORE INFORMATION AND ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CAN BE FOUND ON GATRA'S WEBSITE. [WWW.GATRA.ORG](http://WWW.GATRA.ORG).

\*IF CHANGES IN FUNDING AVAILABILITY OCCUR, THIS DATE MAY HAVE TO CHANGE. CHANGES TO THE PLANNED DATE WILL BE POSTED ON FIXED ROUTE BUSES AND ON GATRA'S WEBSITE.

 **800-483-2500**  
[WWW.GATRA.ORG](http://WWW.GATRA.ORG)

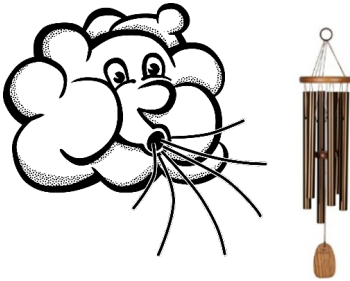
## TAKE NOTE!



If you've been assigned a parking spot, please **do not** park in a visitor's spot! There are a limited number of visitor spots for homemakers, family, and friends.



Additionally, make sure you don't take up more than one spot! Park inside the lines!

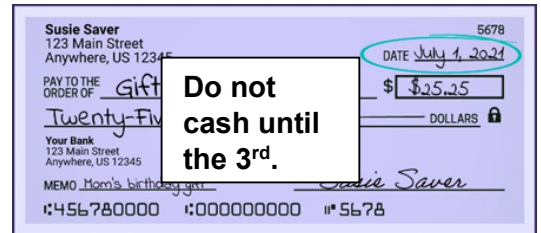


### Wind chimes ...

Some enjoy the calming sound of wind chimes, but many find the constant noise bothersome and distracting. Please remove your outside wind chimes! We appreciate your cooperation!

## POST-DATED CHECKS

If you post-date your rent check, attach a sticky note ON THE CHECK that says 'PLEASE DON'T CASH UNTIL \_\_\_(date)'' to help prevent it from being cashed early. A note on the envelope is often overlooked or thrown away.



## A WALK ON THE WILDSIDE!



We have footage of wildlife, such as coyotes and foxes, roaming our properties in search of food. As opportunistic feeders, these animals need only basic resources like food, water, and shelter. Their typical diet includes squirrels, cats, small dogs, and rabbits, but they also look for easier food sources. To avoid attracting them, do not leave food outside. Feeding squirrels, pets, or other animals puts them at risk by attracting coyotes or foxes. Never feed the wildlife or leave food out for animals!



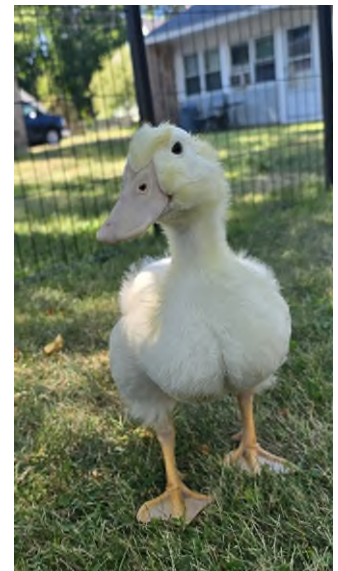
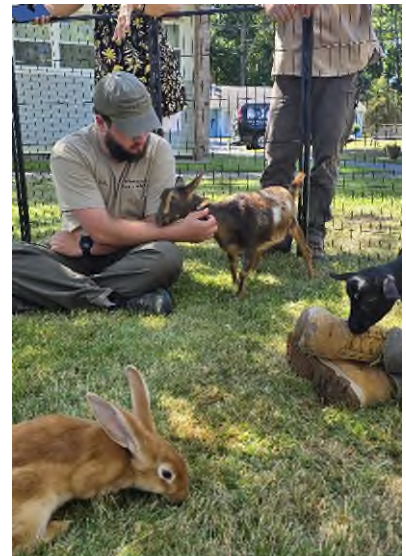
## LOTS OF FUN!

Another cookout is in the books! The weather was beautiful, the barn animals were adorable, and the food was fantastic. Thank you to all who joined in the fun!

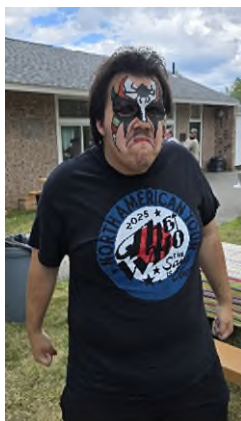
Special thanks to our outstanding maintenance staff who doubled as chefs!



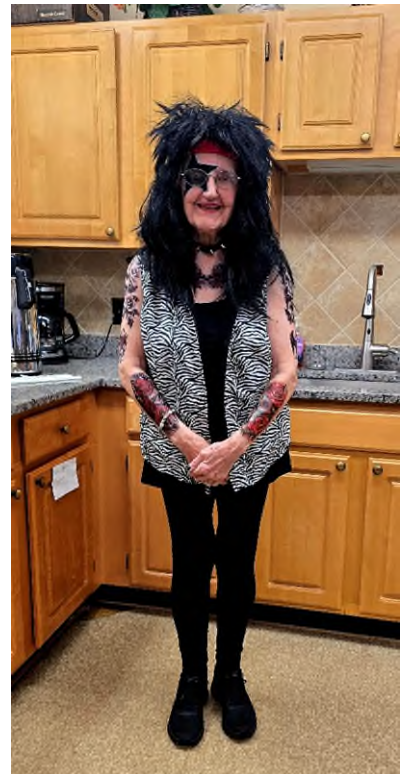
## Traveling Petting Zoo! The Farm came to us!



FACE PAINT



# HALLOWEEN SHENANIGANS!



# PUMPKIN PAINTING!



**BROUGHT TO YOU BY OCES! THANK YOU!**



## *SNAP Benefits: What You Should Know*

While the shutdown continues, SNAP benefits will not be funded past November 1. DTA will keep processing SNAP applications and recertifications, but the shutdown will delay benefits. Missing deadlines could jeopardize your eligibility when benefits restart. Continue submitting documents on time.

There will be no impact on state-funded programs such as Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC), Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children (EAEDC), and the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP) in November. As of now, WIC and school meals are not affected.

Many individuals and families may find themselves suddenly needing help getting food. Don't be afraid to ask for help and find out what programs might be available to you. Call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333 to find local resources.

## **Maintenance Corner**

### INSPECTIONS CONTINUE



ARCHER COURT INSPECTIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND MAINTENANCE IS WORKING ON THE WORK ORDERS CREATED AS A RESULT OF THE INSPECTIONS.

RIVERVIEW IS NEXT FOLLOWED BY NEMASKET. ALL INSPECTIONS WILL BE DONE BEFORE DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>.

## *POLICY REMINDERS*

### Middleborough Housing Authority's “Standards of Pet Care”



In response to a significant increase in animal complaints, be reminded of the following:

Animals, including cats, should always be restrained when outside of your apartment. Pets should not roam freely in hallways, community rooms, or other common areas.

Don't allow your animals to create a nuisance with excessive barking, whining, chirping, or other unruly behavior. The animal should not interfere with another tenant's health, safety, rights, comfort, or quiet enjoyment.



Email has become the main way most people and businesses communicate today. Because of this, hackers often use email as the first step in their attacks. A single careless click on a link can open the door to serious damage.

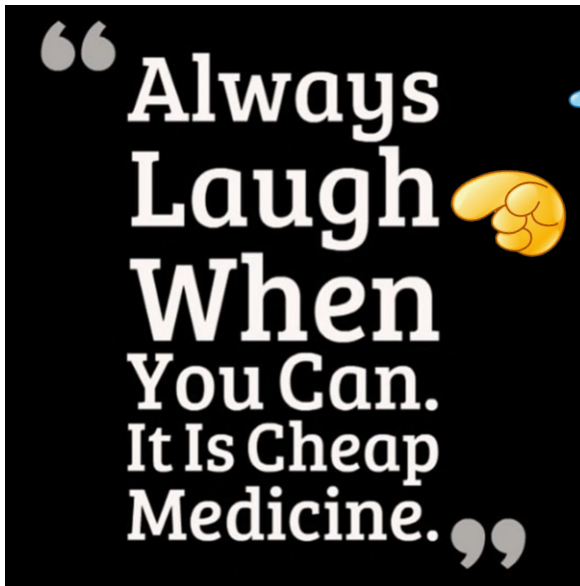
Always take a moment to look closely at the sender's address.

Hackers can create addresses that look almost identical to trusted ones. A missing letter or extra number can be a sign of danger.

Fake addresses are used to trick people into believing an email is legitimate. Double-checking the domain can prevent falling into a scam.

# YOUR HEALTH

## Laugh A Little



JUST FOR FUN



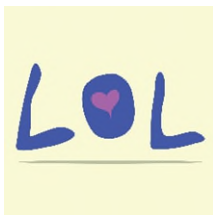
What does a house wear?  
Address!

How does the ocean say  
hello?  
It waves.

You know you're a bad driver when Siri says:

"In 400 feet, stop and let me out."

What lights up a soccer stadium?  
A soccer match.



What creature is smarter than a talking parrot?  
A spelling bee.

How do trees access the internet?  
They log in.

What do you call two monkeys that share an Amazon account?  
Prime mates.



TENANTS CIRCLE



LAUNDRY ROOM ETIQUETTE

- Rinse soiled clothing before washing
- Wipe down the washer and dryer when you're finished.
- Do not use machines to wash or dry pet-related items.
- Avoid overloading the machines.
- Don't leave clothes in washer or dryer for too long.
- Keep in mind that homemakers have limited time, so try to use the machines after hours.



# HAPPENINGS

## MONDAY



Coffee Hour – 10 am at Nemasket (weekly)

NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> -FARMERS MARKET

## TUESDAY



Bible Study – 2 pm at Riverview (weekly)

NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> -VETERANS DAY!

NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> -OFFICE CLOSED

NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> -ART HOUR AT RIVERVIEW 12 PM



## WEDNESDAY



Coffee Hour – 10 am at Riverview (weekly)

Bingo – 1 pm at Riverview (weekly)

TOPS Meeting – 3 pm at Riverview (Weekly)

NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC! -RIVERVIEW



## THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> –HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



## FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> DESSERT POTLUCK AND ART HOUR -NEMASKET 12 PM

NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> -OFFICE IS CLOSED!

*THE END*

