



Winchester Housing Community News

Chestnut Grove • Greenwoods Garden • Laurel Commons

Spring is Coming

Enjoy the sights of renewal, the smell of the Earth and the songs of the birds.

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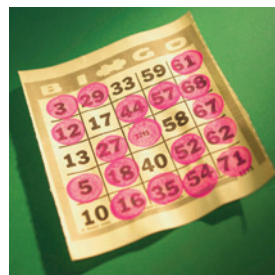
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There's been lots happening at the Winchester Housing Authority. The never-before volume of activity is part of the reason in the delay in the newsletter.

At **Chestnut Grove** they've finally got a new bingo machine. We spent months, if not years putting off the expense of a new machine. We're told that the game is now on track and everyone enjoys Lydia's consistent calling now that the machine is no longer jamming.



The recent HUD scoring for **Chestnut Grove** has us as a "High Performer" once again. Scoring is based on management, finances, quality of life, and forward planning.

The best news yet for 2010 is that **Chestnut Grove** is once again "Designated" by HUD. There is an involved application process that must be produced every two years by the Housing Authority. Designation is an approval by HUD for allowing only seniors, aged 55 or older to reside at Chestnut.



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Pantry Store

Our three tenant services committees are hard at work again and doing a wonderful job as usual.

Chestnut Grove has started a "Pantry Store" which means they open once a month and sell at a little profit, items that residents may need and can't get



out to the store to buy. Items like bread, milk, eggs, soup, crackers, etc go really quick. It is becoming very popular and provides a convenience to our residents. Thank you all for a job well done!

New Neighbors

We have had an extremely large turn around at **Chestnut Grove** and **Greenwoods Garden** to the tune of 21 residents since July 1, 2009. If you see a new face at your community please say "Hello!" and welcome them to your community. It is always nice to be nice!



Rent Rebate

...time is approaching. I will calculate the rent paid by our residents at **Chestnut Grove** and **Greenwoods Garden**. Once your rent is calculated I will type a letter for each of you and bring them over to Ellen Schroeder in a file. She will have them available when you sit with her and provide her other information she needs to complete the rent rebate process.

It Is Renewal Time!

...for **Chestnut Grove** and **Greenwoods Garden**. Many of you have received the notices to renew for May 1st and June 1st. This is an urgent matter and you should gather your information together promptly and make your appointment to recertify with me now.

OFF-HOURS SUPERINTENDENTS

...are a very important feature that the Winchester Housing Authority utilizes. I believe we are about the only Housing Authority in the Country that uses "Off Hours Superintendents." The Off Hour Superintendent at your facility has a unique responsibility. The many benefits include: **One)** Someone to call in the community you live in, who understands and can respond quickly should it be necessary. **Two)** They are on call during the weekend and after hours. **Three)** They are in contact with Fred at any hour of any day. **Four)** They know the trades people to call should it be necessary. **Five)** In some instances they can offer a reassuring opinion whether the problem can wait until the next day or on Monday. Please be kind to these individuals, they're here for us with very little compensation.

If you live at **Chestnut Grove** you can call Carol Franz (APT 4-X) at 860-379-6525

If you live at **Laurel Commons** you can call John Navin (APT 2-6) at 860-379-3716

If you live at **Greenwoods Garden** you can call Dale Sargent (APT 26) at 860-379-6987

You are urged to NOT call anyone else. Because these Superintendents have been given special information and they are the only residents to contact if you have a problem during off hours. Please don't bother anyone else.