

# The Village Crier



Newsletter of the Housing Authority of Fort Fairfield

Summer 2009

## Directors Corner

Tracie, Paige, Leon, Dale, and I would like to thank all the families that assisted with the Spring Clean-ups at Borderview and Morningview. It goes to prove that many hands, even little ones make light work. I want to give a very special thank-you to all the children that helped with the clean-up.

### *Scheduled Construction*

Construction this summer will be ongoing in Fields Lane III, Fields Lane II, & Borderview. We ask for your patience and assistance as we make improvements to your buildings. If you have any issues regarding the work please contact Paige at 476-5771.

**Fields Lane III** – We are working on replacing the Boilers in Fields Lane III. This project will be completed prior to October 2009.

**Fields Lane II** – We will be replacing the bathroom vanities and toilets this summer.

**Borderview** – We will be starting the second floor improvements to Borderview starting August 2009. We will be replacing windows, siding, and insulation on the 5-6 of the buildings. We will also be reframing the windows and repairing sheathing as needed. We will be continuing the project in the upcoming years.

We are also continuing the replacement of boilers and fuel tanks at Borderview. Nine buildings, (units 2/4, 5/7, 9/11, 10/12, 13/15, 14/16, 18/20, 25/27, and 30/32) will be affected by this project.

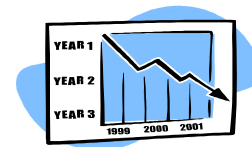
Advance notice will be given to all of our tenants at least two days prior to construction start.



## *Smoke-Free Housing*

**Reminder-** All leases with the properties owned and managed by the Housing Authority of Fort Fairfield include Smoke-Free rules. All tenants are reminded to smoke only outside their units. **Hillcrest Estates (Main Building) tenants may smoke in the designated smoking area only.** The designated smoking area is the porch on the Main St. side of the building, a butt container is provided. Do not throw your butts on the ground or in the gardens.

## *Budgets and Funding Cuts*



- We expect to be only funded at about 89% this coming year. That means a shortfall of about \$35,000 in subsidy then we are authorized, to run Public Housing. It is important that the tenants pay their share of the rent by the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## *New Pool Rule*

The Housing Authority of Fort Fairfield is no longer allowing pools of ANY kind on owned or managed properties. We also are not allowing hoses to be run from the unit for exterior water usage. Please take advantage of the new Fort Fairfield Community Pool, which is available at no cost to residents. Cars can be washed at the car wash in town

**Enjoy your summer!**

Wayne E. Troicke  
Executive Director



## ATTENTION BORDERVIEW RESIDENTS

Are you currently attending college or adult education? Would you like to return to school? The AFIC has limited funding left over from the ROSS Family Grant. This money is available on a first-come first-serve basis. If there is a course of interest that you would like to take, please call Joyce at the AFIC office at 473-0971 or 493-7823. We can pay a stipend for travel, books and childcare as well as the cost of the course. We pay only after Federal Financial Aid, ASPIRE, and other funding. Take advantage of this opportunity to complete a Certified Nurses Aid Program, Driver's Education or other program. Call today with any questions regarding this benefit.



### Notes From Tracie & Paige

- ✚ We would like to remind everybody that our units are Smoke-Free. We just ask that everybody smoke outside their units, and pick up their cigarette butts.
- ✚ Being courteous to neighbors is part of your lease. Due to numerous noise complaints, the Fort Fairfield Housing Authority has set quiet hours at 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM. Not abiding by these quiet hours is a violation your lease and can lead to eviction.



## MARK THE DATES!!!:

BINGO in the Fields Lane Community Room.

If you have prizes to donate, you are welcome to bring them down to the office (this makes a great community service requirement!).

✚ Wednesday, July 8, 2009

✚ Wednesday, August 12, 2009

### Flag Cake (provided by kraftfoods.com)

Prep Time:

15 min

Total Time:

15 min

Makes:

12 servings



#### **What You Need!**

4 cups - fresh strawberries

1 pkg. (12 oz.) frozen pound cake, thawed, cut into 14 slices

1-1/3 cups - blueberries, divided

1 tub (12 oz.) - COOL WHIP Whipped Topping, thawed

#### **Make It!**

**SLICE** 1 cup strawberries; halve remaining strawberries.

**COVER** bottom of 13x9-inch dish with cake slices; top with sliced strawberries and 1 cup blueberries. Spread COOL WHIP over berries.

**ARRANGE** strawberry halves and remaining blueberries on COOL WHIP to resemble a US flag. Keep refrigerated.

# Tidbits

## Summer Advisories

- 1) Children need to be supervised at all times when playing outside.
- 2) If issues arise, please speak to the parents first.
- 3) All complaints or issues must be put in writing to the Housing Authority.
- 4) Please keep your areas cleaned up, if kept clean, blowing trash will be kept at a minimum and no one will have to clean up others messes. This includes properly disposing of trash from the lunch program.
- 5) Pets need to be leashed and with their owner at all times.
- 6) Please follow playground rules and make sure to play properly on the equipment.
- 7) Grills – Please use proper lighting procedures on your grills as you enjoy the flavors of fresh grilled foods. Maintain supervision of the grills while they are in use and while hot to prevent burns to little ones nearby.
- 8) Lawn Mowing - Dale would like to remind family unit tenants to ensure that the lawns are picked up on Wednesday mornings so that the mowing can be done at Borderview, Thursdays for Morningview. Please ensure that the trash and toys are picked up and put away at the end of each day.
- 9) Enjoy your summer and HAVE FUN!

## Insect Protection and Control:



- 1) Avoid leaving uncovered food on countertops.
- 2) Keep all garbage in bins and bags and keep covers on trash containers.
- 3) Make sure sinks and showers don't leak.
- 4) Clean the apartment on a regular basis.
- 5) Don't store garbage in your shed.
- 6) And remember...spraying for insects is the tenant's responsibility!
- 7) Information on other ways to get rid of insets is available at the office.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Multiple volunteer opportunities exist to assist with the Maine Potato Blossom Festival. Sign-up sheets are available at the Housing Authority of Fort Fairfield's main office. President Obama has also called all Americans to serve their communities through volunteer programs. Visit the website [www.serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov) for more information. Check with your occupancy staff to see how these opportunities satisfy requirements for the community service program.