



# Newburyport Housing Authority NEWSLETTER

FALL 2019

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OFFICE HOURS



Monday – Thursday  
8:00am – 4:15 p.m.  
Friday  
8:00am – 12:00 p.m.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

**Dear Residents:**

**It was a busy summer this year! While we had lots of rain we still were able to complete a number of projects throughout the NHA portfolio!**

**Sullivan Building received a new entrance buzzer system and in house cameras this summer! Coming soon there will be new front entrance doors and Charter Street doors!**

**The insulation project went relatively smoothly this summer at Kelleher Gardens. We thank all the residents there for their cooperation throughout that long project! We hope that residents will see a profound difference this year in your heating costs!**

**A number of projects were completed at our group homes this summer as well, new bathrooms, new kitchens, etc. Long overdue improvements to these homes!**

**Phase III of window replacements will not begin until the spring at Horton Terrace but keep an eye out for new trees coming!**

**At this time the Kelleher Gardens Community Building project has hit another bump in the bidding process. However I will be working with Kelleher Garden's Tenant Council closely this fall to rework and retool some ideas so that we can bring an updated building to our residents! A full asphalt project will also be coming to Kelleher Gardens this spring!**

**Please keep an eye out for future notices about our FY 2020 Capital Plan Meeting! More details on projects to follow!**

**I am also happy to announce that in partnership with the Amesbury Housing Authority we will be applying for a grant for a shared Resident Service Coordinator! Please see the attached notice regarding this process. All input is welcome!**

**Fall Cleanup will begin in October and more information will follow regarding that process!**

**I wish you all a happy, healthy and safe fall season! If you find that you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate contacting me!**

*Tracy M. Watson*



The Hairdresser (Denise) is  
@ SULLIVAN BUILDING  
EVERY TUESDAY!!

8th Floor!

She's also @

Horton Terrace  
EVERY WEDNESDAY in  
the Community  
Building!

**Please...**  
**NO FOOD IN**  
**RECYCLING**  
**BINS!!**

**NO LIQUIDS DOWN**  
**THE TRASH SHOOT!!**

**Thank You!!!**

**PETTENGILL HOUSE**  
**INC.**

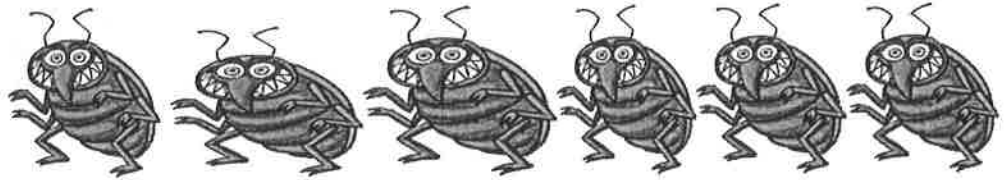
**The Senior**  
**Support**  
**Program**

**Every 2nd Tuesday of**  
**Each Month**

**10am - 12 pm**

**8th Floor**

**Sullivan Building**  
**OPEN TO ALL SENIOR**  
**RESIDENTS!!**



**BED BUGS.....**

*If you even SUSPECT that your home may have bed bugs we are requesting that you please contact us IMMEDIATELY! The sooner we can treat your home the easier it is to eradicate the pest problem.*

**PLEASE do not attempt to take care of the issue on your own!**

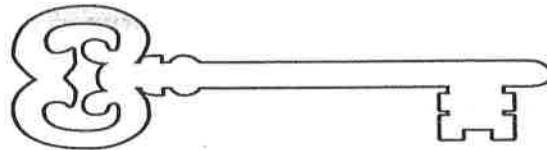
**We are here to help!!**

**Units that may be affected MUST have professional treatments!!**

**Please do not try to fix this**

**on your own! Call us!! We can help!**

**NEW LOCK OUT CHARGES**



There is no charge for a "lock-out" during normal maintenance business hours. The fee for Lock-outs before or after normal maintenance business hours or on holidays as a tenant responsible matter is as follows:

**Non-Holiday 7:00 am - 8:00 pm \$25.00**

**Non-Holiday 8:01 pm - 6:59 am \$50.00**

**HOLIDAYS \$75.00**

will be charged This includes lock-outs for Tenants who have lost, misplaced, or locked-in their key(s). There is no charge for lock-outs due to mechanical problems with the locking mechanism or other mechanical or structural lock or key-related problems unless those problems were caused by the Tenant or his/her guest(s).

New Keys: Tenants will be charged \$15.00 if a new key to their unit must be made and, where applicable, \$25.00 if a new lobby door key is required. If a Tenant who loses a handicapped access opener, he/she will be charged \$150.00 for each.

# **RESIDENT SERVICE COORDINATOR INITIATIVE APPLICATION NOTICE**

September 23, 2019

Please be advised that the Newburyport Housing Authority in partnership with the West Newbury Housing Authority, Amesbury Housing Authority and Merrimac Housing Authority will be submitting a Regional Resident Service Coordinator Initiative Application for the availability of funding to hire a Resident Service Coordinator to work with residents who reside in our state aided housing programs.

The application is available on the bulletin boards located in the Sullivan Building lobby, at the West Newbury Main Street bulletin board, Kelleher Gardens Tenant Council Bulletin Board as well as at the Newburyport Housing Authority office during normal business hours.

You may also view the application online at either of the following websites:

<https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/housing-authority-0>

[www.westnewburyha.com](http://www.westnewburyha.com)

***Residents are encouraged to submit written comments regarding the Resident Service Coordinator Initiative application.***

Written comments may be forwarded to the attention of:

**NHA**

**Executive Director**

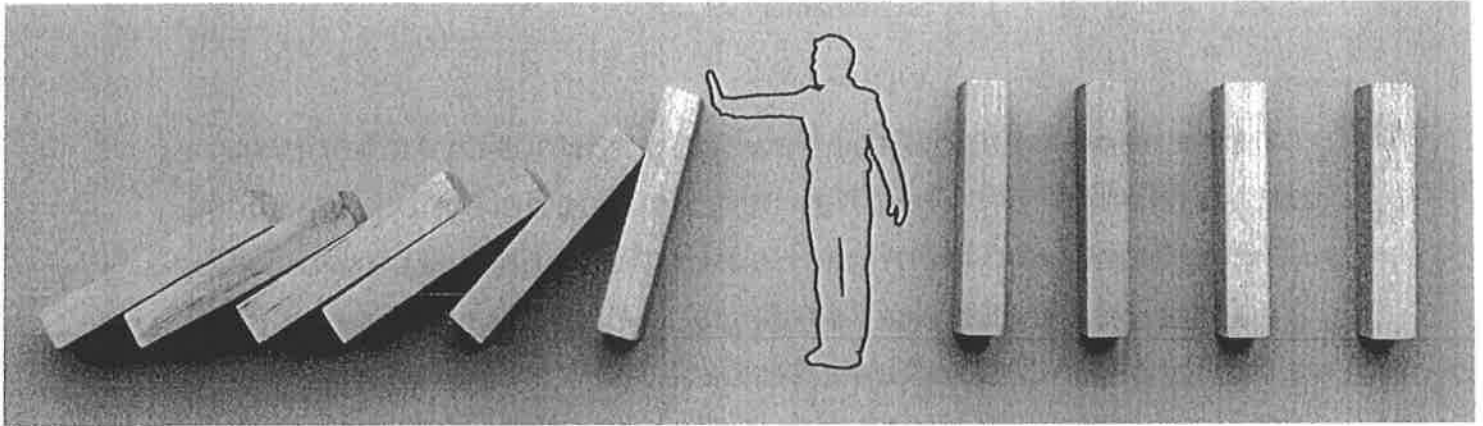
**25 Temple Street, Newburyport, MA 01950**

or email to [tmwatson@nhahousing.com](mailto:tmwatson@nhahousing.com)

Written comments will be accepted until October 4, 2019 noontime.



# SOMETHING TO KEEP YOU SAFE



LEARN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF **FALL PREVENTION** FROM  
ELEMENT CARE'S OT MEAGHAN O'HEARN & PT EMILY GRAZIANO

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> • 10:00 - 11:30 AM**  
**THE SULLIVAN BUILDING • 25 TEMPLE ST., NEWBURYPORT**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM • 8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**

Reserved Seating Deadline: Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

RSVP to Cynthia Smith: 978.722.0171 or [csmith@elementcare.org](mailto:csmith@elementcare.org)

"TAKE-HOME" LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED



Element Care, founded in 1995, is a non-profit, healthcare organization with a simple mission: to help people live safely and comfortably in their homes and their communities for as long as they can.