# Firwood Resident Newsletter

August, 2018

HOMES FOR GOOD
HOUSING AGENCY

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

**AUGUST 7, 2018 | TUESDAY**

**4:00 PM—7:00 PM**

**ALTON BAKER PARK IN EUGENE**

Homes for Good will host their first annual National Night Out celebration on August 7th from 4-7pm in partnership with our residents, participants, staff and community partners. This is a FREE event and will be held in the picnic shelters at Alton Baker Park and will include food, games, music, and information from community agencies such as Eugene Police, NEDCO, Food for Lane County, PeaceHealth Rides, WorkSource Lane, Eugene Ems and more! All Homes for Good residents and participants are invited to join for a fun evening to celebrate community connections!

*Contact Resident Services at (541) 682-2508 for more information, to reserve a free LTD day pass to get to the event, or to sign up to volunteer!*

BBQ and Snow Cones
Visit From Sluggo!
Raffle and prizes!
Face painting
Resource Fair
Yard games and kids activities
Visit From Police and Fire
Food, Family and Fun!

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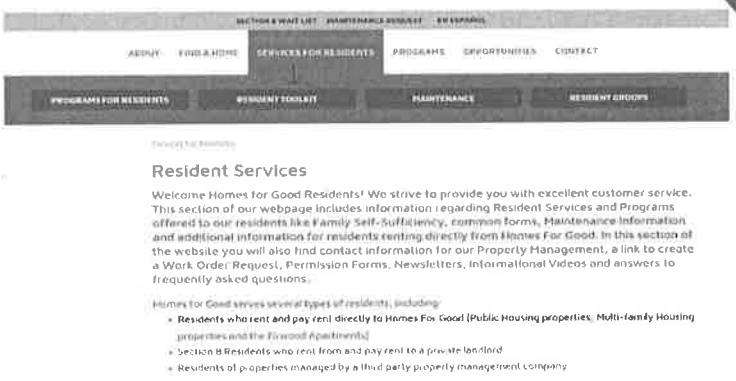
## What's Inside?

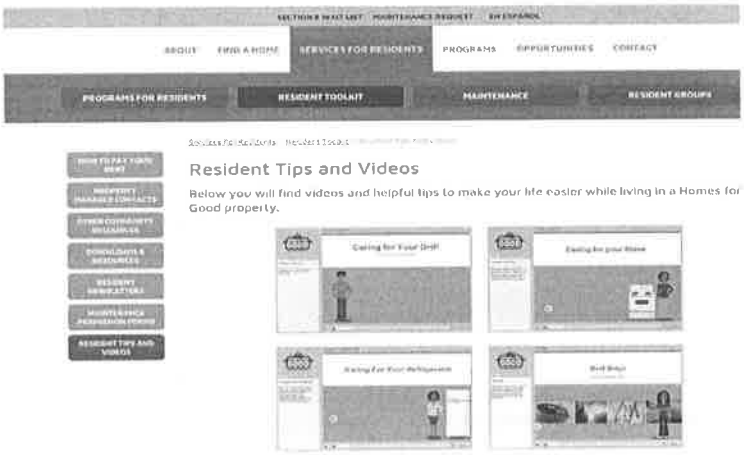

- RAB Resident Recruit
- Rent Well Classes!!
- Who do you call?
- Summer Meal Idea
- Back to School Give away Info.

# News from Homes for Good

## Website Pro Tips!

Did you know that you can find common forms, policies and even videos in the Resident Toolkit area of our new website at www.homesforgood.org? We are adding new forms, policies and videos all the time. Check out our newest videos on caring for your Ductless Heat Pump (DHP) and everything you need to know about Work Orders.




## Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Seeking Leaders

The primary role of a RAB member is to be a conduit of information between residents and Homes for Good staff. RAB members meet 10 times a year to learn and share about changes in policies, updates of the Agency Plan, staff changes, grant proposals being submitted, and general news. Guest speakers from the agency and community are often in attendance too.

*Attendance at RAB meetings can count towards any required Community Service hours, and is a great addition to your school or work resume!*

**If you have further questions, or would like to know how you could become a RAB member, please contact Wakan Alferes at 541-682-2508.**

# Rent Well Tenant Education Workshop

**Try it out to learn more!**

Rent Well Mini Workshop

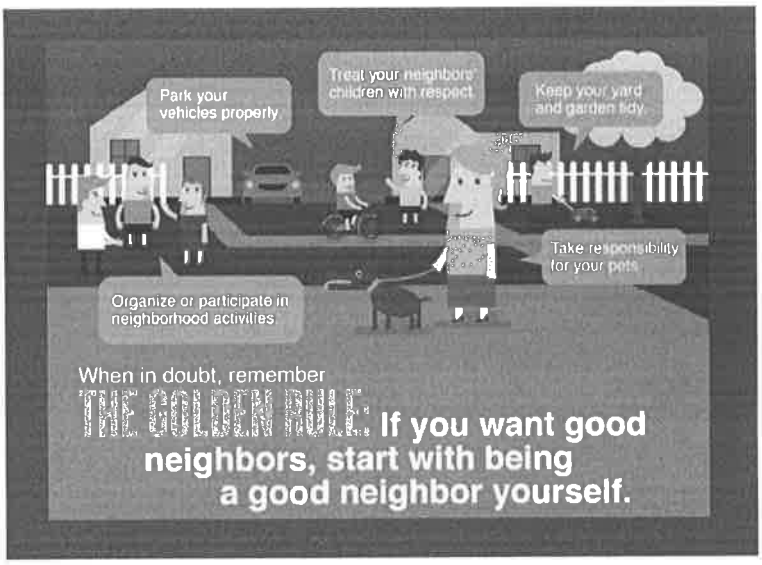
September 20th 5:30-7:30pm

**Rent Well Full Series**

Oct 16th—Nov 20th

Tuesdays 5:30-7:30pm

Rent Well is a 15-hour tenant education curriculum taught by certified instructors covering key information and skills for becoming a responsible, successful and stable tenant!




During this class, participants will learn:

- To identify potential screening barriers
- Create individualized plan for stable housing
- Build a household budget that makes rent a priority
- Communicate effectively with neighbors and landlords
- Review and understand rental agreements
- Understand the eviction process and how to avoid it
- Maintain a clean, safe and healthy home

**Sign up by calling Frankie at (541) 682-2538**

**Do you know who to call when you have a question or concern?**

*Below you'll find a quick chart to help you reach the right person the first time.*

| Who to contact | Things they can help with or when to contact them |
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| Property Manager | • Lease questions<br>• Neighbor concerns<br>• Lease violation concerns<br>• Questions about your home or housing complex<br>• Turn in keys<br>• Giving a 30 day notice to vacate<br>• Notification you'll be gone from your home for 7 days or more |
| Assistant Property Manager | • Recertification questions<br>• Reporting changes in income<br>• Rent<br>• Promissory Note balances |
| Fairview Office Reception (541-682-4090) | • Emergency Work Orders ONLY Mon-Friday between 8 am and 4:30 pm |
| Work Order Line (541-682-4010) | • Submitting a work order for items in your home that need fixed<br>• Remember you can submit a work order on line as well at: www.homesforgood.org |
| After Hours Emergency Line (541-6359-8874) | • Emergency Work Orders, lock outs or other emergencies in your home or at your housing complex after business hours, weekends or holidays. |
| Resident Assistants (RA) & Floor Greeters (formerly called Resident Aides) | • RA's and Greeters are volunteers on your property, they may be able to share information about your property such as; laundry room hours, how to use the community room, when activities are planned. You should not contact a volunteer regarding any specific housing related information or needs. If in doubt contract your Property Manager |

# OPPORTUNITIES:

## BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE:

For information on how to be a recipient of the St Vincent De Paul School Supply Drive Call:

Springfield and Eugene -541-689-6747.

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## LANE COUNTY STAND DOWN

***PROVIDING OUR VETERANS A HAND UP NOT A HAND OUT***

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AT LANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

**796 West 13th Ave, Eugene**

**6:30 am Check In**

**7:30 am Breakfast**

**11:30am Lunch**

**1:00pm DOD Gear**

**Services include limited medical services, eye exams and screening, hearing tests, dental and denture services, two hot meals, haircuts, women's areas, legal advice and aid, family services, DOD Gear and JOB FAIR!!**

# COOK'S CORNER: TUNA MELTS WITH AVOCADO

**Prep Time:** 11 minutes

**Yeild:** 4 Servings

**Ingredients:**

2 1/2 tablespoons olive oil

2 tablespoons thinly sliced shallots

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

1/8 teaspoon salt

1 (6-ounce) can solid white tuna in water, drained and flaked

1 1/2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

1 avocado

1 cup cherry tomatoes, quartered

1/3 cup shredded Swiss cheese

2 (6-ounce) pieces French bread, halved lengthwise and toasted

**How to Make It:**

Step 1

Preheat broiler to high.

Step 2

Combine first 6 ingredients in a medium bowl, stirring well to coat. Place juice in a small bowl. Peel, seed, and chop avocado. Add avocado to juice; toss. Add avocado mixture and tomatoes to tuna mixture; toss well to combine. Sprinkle cheese evenly over cut sides of bread, and broil for 3 minutes or until cheese is bubbly. Place 1 bread slice, cheese side up, on each of 4 plates, and divide tuna mixture evenly among bread slices.

Step 3

Sustainable Choice: Solid white tuna is albacore, the most sustainable choice among varieties of tuna.

## CHEAP TRICK OF THE MONTH

### Clean Out Those Closets.

Go through your closets and find anything and everything you no longer use. Then, don't just get rid of it, *use it to your benefit!* You can have a yard sale with it, sell it on eBay or Craigslist, take it to a consignment shop, or even donate it for the tax deduction. All of these options can turn old stuff you don't want anymore into money in your pocket. Not only that, it's a load off your mind!

# OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR

Some of the animals in the list below can be seen near your home. Find and circle the animals in the puzzle. The words can be in any of these directions: cat → ← tac t a c ↑ c a t ↓ c a t ↗ c a t ↘

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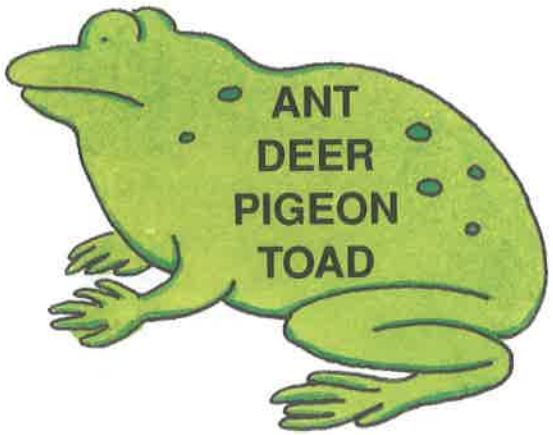


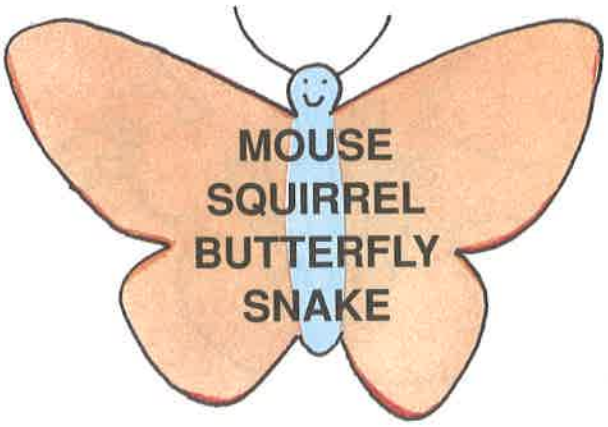


Two more neighborhood animals are in the puzzle. They are hidden in either of these directions: cat → c a t ↓ .
Can you find them?

**Hey There!**

**What do you think of the Firwood newsletter? Have an idea for the next issue? Let us know your thoughts! Contact Frankie at 541-682-2538**

## Opportunity SPOTLIGHT

**The Family Self Sufficiency Program (FSS)** is a program offered by Homes for Good to help participants of our Section 8 and Public Housing programs get support, set goals, save money and work towards greater economic self-sufficiency. Participants can be in the program for up to five years and work with a coordinator to make big and small changes in their lives. Participants receive access to a life coach, connections to local resources, ability to build savings in a tax free escrow account and access to matched savings through our IDA programs. ***Stability and self-sufficiency are within reach!***

**For more information contact:**

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Property Management Division Director
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Work Order Line: 541-682-4010
*(Submit a work order online at www.homesforgood.org)*
**After Hours Emergency:**
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