Laurelwood Homes Newsletter

Summer 2019

Breaking News! Breaking News! Breaking News!

HOT OFF THE PRESS!!!!!!!!!

Its fireworks fundraiser time!

Volunteers Needed!

Laurelwood Resident Group will be selling fireworks to raise money for our yearly events.

We need people to help sell fireworks and set up the booth!

We will be open June 26th- July 4th then, clean up, and pack up on July 5th. Kids can help too!

Planning and training Meeting

Tuesday July 18th @ 6:30 PM

Please call if you want to volunteer but can't get to the meeting.

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Regular Happenings at Laurelwood

- 2nd Friday is **Senior Grocery** delivery day
- **Resident Meeting** is the 3rd Thursday of the month from 1-3pm.

What's Inside?

-Local happenings

-NNO Evemt

- Friendly Reminders

and MORE!

Local Happenings in Florence

2019 Season: Tuesdays, May 14 – Oct 16, 2019, from 3-6 p.m.

Location: Corner of Bay and Kingwood streets, on the south side of Bay Street, in Old Town Florence. Next to the Veteran's Park.

Bring your bags (or pick one up from the Master Recyclers) and join us at the Florence Farmers Market for a variety of food grown or produced using organic practices within a 60-mile radius of Florence: fresh picked produce, baked goods, meat, poultry, eggs, mushrooms and more! You'll also find friends, cooking demonstrations, education, and entertainment!

E-mail- *contact@florencefarmersmarket.org*

Florence Independence Day Celebration

July 4 at Historic Old Town on Bay Street.

Local Announcements:

The Florence Senior Center is a focal point for people of all ages promoting dignity, nutrition, health and wellness, security and independence, recreation and social services, through the provision of education and information.

Singing Pines Café now has a new menu and price.
Lunch meals are provided by the Florence Senior Center in the Singing Pines Café. These are low cost, nutritional meals available to everyone, served between 11:30 and 12:00. Although reservations are not required, to be assured of seating, you are strongly urged to call for a reservation at least one day ahead. The reservation cut-off times for the following day meal are 4:00 PM Monday and Wednesday. Also, if you are unable to attend, please call and advise us at 541-997-8844.
The Tuesday and Thursday menu now includes soup and sandwich for only five dollars ($5.00).

Friendly Reminders Continued:

Have a Kitty? Please remember that all cats must remain indoors at all times, or on a leash when outside. They are not allowed to roam free in the neighborhood. For further questions about this policy and how it relates to your lease, contact your Property Manager. *Thank you for your understanding.*

RideSource

ADA Service

ADA service, required through the Americans With Disabilities, is an origin-to-destination transportation for people who are unable to use the bus due to a disability. The service operates within the Eugene/Springfield metropolitan area, and operates the same hours as the bus.

To learn more about or apply for ADA service, contact RideSource at 541-682-5566, toll free at 1-877-800-9899, or 7-1-1 (TTY) to request a transportation assessment. Staff from a partner agency will come to your home and discuss your transportation needs with you. You may be asked to take a walk, go up and down stairs, and answer questions on what you know about the bus. It can take up to twenty-one (21) days to determine what services you can use.

Once you have received an approval letter from RideSource you can call in to schedule a ride, let us know if you need to cancel a trip, or ask about the status of your ride. Rides can be scheduled Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm, and on Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 5pm. You can request a trip up to 5pm the day before. **RideSource ADA service does not provide same day assistance.**

Friendly Reminders:

Grievance Policy Reminder

Grievance Definition– any dispute which a tenant may have with respect to PHA action or failure to act in accordance with the individual tenant's lease or PHA regulations which adversely affect the individual tenant's rights, duties, welfare or status

HUD regulations state that any grievance must be personally presented, either orally or in writing, to the PHA office or to the office of the housing development in which the complainant resides so that the grievance may be discussed informally and settled without a hearing.

Homes for Good Policy

Homes for Good will accept requests for an informal settlement of a grievance either orally or in writing, to the Homes for Good's office within 5 working days of the Homes for Good non-payment of rent notice, 5 working days for lease termination notice, and 14 calendar days for any other grievable event.

Within 14 calendar days of receipt of the request Homes for Good will arrange a meeting with the tenant at a mutually agreeable time and confirm such meeting in writing to the tenant.

If a tenant fails to attend the scheduled meeting without prior notice, Homes for Good will reschedule the appointment only if the tenant can show good cause for failing to appear, or if it is needed as a reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities.

Good cause is defined as an unavoidable conflict which seriously affects the health, safety or welfare of the family.

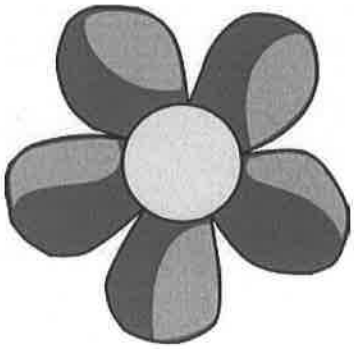
Our full Grievance Policy & Procedure can be found in the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan (ACOP) available on our website or in our administrative offices.

Summer Time and the Yard Sales Are Here!

While the weather is good, you may consider doing a yard sale! Please be aware that you may need a permit from your city and that you could be fined if you do not get one. Also, depending on your property, you may need a community space so check with your Property Manager before hosting one.

Want another idea? Community Yard sales can be loads of fun, and a great way to make a little extra cash for your resident group or yourself. Contact your Resident Services Specialist (on the back page of this newsletter) or your PM for more details!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS COMING SOON!!!



Hey there friends and neighbors! Homes for Good is putting on our 2nd Annual National Night Out Event at Alton Baker Park on August 6th from 4-6pm!

There will be all kinds of fun activities for everyone, *and we mean everyone!* Raffles, Prizes, Games, BBQ! ALL HOMES FOR GOOD RESIDENTS ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!

Contact Resident Services if you may need assistance with bus fare or are interested in volunteering. Save the Date for this AMAZING and FUN FILLED EVENT!!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6TH @

ALTON BAKER PARK 4-6PM

Resident Meeting Minutes
Laurelwood Apartments
April 18, 2019
Homes for Good staff present: Frankie LeeJohnson/Resident Services Specialist; Jon Wild/Property Manager

Updates from Resident Services:
Frankie attended the resident meeting to introduce herself and to inform residents that she can be more involved with Laurelwood now that we have a second RSS Katie. Frankie will attend the meetings quarterly, and her goal is to bring more resources to the community room and support where needed to residents.

Gift cards- Frankie asked residents what they wanted to do with the allotted $360 a year that is all of Laurelwood's Resident Participation Fund budget from Homes for Good. This is money that is supposed to go to all residents in a fair manner. (This is different from the Laurelwood Resident account fund). Currently the $360 is being spent on $30 worth of gift cards for a handful of residents at the resident meetings every month through a raffle. At the meeting residents expressed that they do plenty of events with their own resident money and that currently they don't want to give up the gift cards. Residents also request having more access to services like bus passes or gas money to utilize more resources. In the future months Frankie encouraged residents to think about how this money could be better utilized for all residents. Also, the Duck Parking fundraising opportunity is going to end after this year, which is something to think about as well regarding Laurelwood's budget for activities and classes etc.

Resources or ideas for the community room- Frankie asked the group what kinds of classes or things the community would like to see in the community room space. People requested young kids and parenting groups, DV support, a yearly lease course and more resources and access to transportation and funding for fare to Eugene for classes and workshops.

Property Management Updates:
Jon talked about lease enforcement and took resident concerns.

Well water system will be put in at Laurelwood but it is still far away from being installed.

Comment/Complaint form should always be available in the community room at Laurelwood. You need to make a formal complaint to the property manager if there are concerns, otherwise it is not a complaint and won't be looked into and there will be no paper trail which doesn't hold up in court.

Code Enforcement- Please call Dan Frazier if you see any code violations. His number is 541-997-3575

Other Topics:

Newsletter- residents expressed the desire to have more relevant and local events in the Laurelwood newsletter.

Action Items:
1. Continue exploring Laurelwood's RPF budget
2. Find more resources and classes to host in the Community Room that are free unless funds become available.

HOMES FOR GOOD
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Homes for Good Complaint Form

Your Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	

Date & Time of Incident: _____

Were Police called: Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, Police Dept. & Officer Name: _____

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT (Please describe what happened, who was involved, where they live, where it occurred, vehicle plate numbers, or other important information.)

Facts Only Please

Who was involved?

Where do they live?

Where did it happen?

What happened? ***(facts only, no opinions, please)*** Use back of form if more space is needed

Did you actually witness the incident? Yes ☐ No ☐ If not, who did? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Blueberry Zucchini Bread

Prep- 15 minutes

Cook - 50 minutes

Ready in – 1 hour 15 minutes

Recipe By: Laura Moody
"Blueberries and zucchini baked up into delicious little summertime bread loaves!"

Ingredients

- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 3 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 1/4 cups white sugar
- 2 cups shredded zucchini
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 pint fresh blueberries

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease 4 mini-loaf pans.
2. In a large bowl, beat together the eggs, oil, vanilla, and sugar. Fold in the zucchini. Beat in the flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, and cinnamon. Gently fold in the blueberries. Transfer to the prepared mini-loaf pans.
3. Bake 50 minutes in the preheated oven, or until a knife inserted in the center of a loaf comes out clean. Cool 20 minutes in pans, then turn out onto wire racks to cool completely.

Hey There!

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

Agency Spotlight

Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that serves Western Lane County. Located in Florence, Oregon, Siuslaw Outreach Services provides a wide variety of free services for individuals, specifically including Domestic Violence, Emergency Aid Assistance, and a Safe House Shelter.

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