

Recipe of the Month

Pico De Gallo– for all those fresh garden tomatoes!

- 2 medium tomatoes diced, or 4 cups cherry tomatoes
- 1 medium white onion, diced
- 1 fresh jalapeno pepper, seeded & chopped
- 2-3 springs of fresh cilantro, chopped
- The juice of 1 lime
- Salt and pepper to taste



In a medium bowl, combine tomato, onion, jalapeno, and cilantro. Squeeze the juice of the lime over the top. Add a dash of salt and pepper and stir until combined. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour

September Sudoku

	2							
			6					3
	7	4		8				
					3			2
	8			4			1	
6			5					
				1		7	8	
5					9			
							4	

<http://dingo.sbs.arizona.edu/>

BATH HOUSING

September 2018

80 Congress Ave, Bath ME

207.443.3116



SCUTTLEBUTT

Happy September! This is by far my favorite month in Maine with the cool, dryer weather and still plenty of sunshine. It is a perfect time to spend in the garden, harvesting this years' bounty. I have been around to all the properties and resident gardens are filled with ripe tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots and more. Please take some time to harvest your garden this month or join myself and Master Gardener Alicia Romac on September 13th for a large harvest. A big thanks to everyone who joined us at Reid State Park last month! As you can tell from the photo above, it was beautiful weather and we had a blast!

The following are some important events taking place this month: RAB (Resident Advisory Board) meetings will be held this month at each property. Please take this opportunity to offer your feedback to

Bath Housing staff! A more detailed description of these meetings can be found on the second page.

Li-heap sign-up sessions will occur at each property in two hour increments. For more details, see page 2. RSC's Donna and Marie will be available in the community room to help residents schedule their phone interview online. **This is only the first step in the process!** We will provide a detailed list of instructions on how to complete the full application.

Don't forget to get your flu shot this month! Influenza is becoming more and more prevalent each year. Last year Maine reported 1,187 cases of the flu and at least 21 deaths, many more that were unrecorded. CHANS will be onsite offering flu shots on September 20th. See calendar for specific times at each property. Have a great month!

Staffing Updates

It's with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Property Manager Kris Stinson. We appreciate all of the work she did here at Bath Housing and wish her and her family all the best in their next move! After an extensive interview process with many qualified candidates, we are pleased to announce that Kevin Boyle has officially accepted the Property Manager position. His first day will be September 5th and we are thrilled to have him on board! Stay tuned for Kevin's full bio in the October Scuttlebutt.

Nick the lawn care maintenance technician has returned to school for the fall. His position has been replaced by Paul Buonadonna who began working with Bath Housing on Monday August 13 as a Part-Time Grounds Maintenance Technician. The position is budgeted to continue until October 15, 2018. Please give Paul a warm welcome!

Sweetser Partnership

We are very excited to offer a brand new partnership with Sweetser to help residents connect with important mental health services in the community. Last week, myself, Donna, and Housing Director Jess Irish met with clinicians and decision makers at Sweetser to collaborate on how to make services more accessible.

Are you interested in seeing a therapist or case manager? Are you struggling with transportation to appointments or just simply overwhelmed by the process of setting up services? Talk to Donna or Marie and they will help connect you with Health Specialist at Sweetser who can meet with you onsite to complete an intake. All meetings will be held in a private, confidential space at either the Bath Housing Administrative office, or one of the RSC offices at the Moorings and Seacliff. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact RSC Marie at 443-3116.

Bath Housing Annual Planning

Notice of Public Hearing

Bath Housing Authority, pursuant to the Public Housing Reform Act, has amended its Five-Year Action Plan and developed an Annual Public Housing Agency Plan for the period beginning January 1, 2019. The public review period for these Plans begins August 13, 2018 and ends with a public hearing on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 8:15 am at Bath Housing Authority, 80 Congress Ave, Bath, ME. During the period, the draft Plan will be accessible for review and public comment at the same location during normal business hours.

Li-heap Update

Many residents have expressed how difficult it is to apply for li-heap each year. This fall, Donna and I have decided to streamline the process and make sure that every resident has an opportunity to sign up. Please check the calendar for the specific date and time at your property, then come to the community room and RSC Marie or Donna will help you sign-up for a phone interview. After your phone interview takes place, KVCAP will send you a packet of information and highlight areas that need to be signed. Next you will come into the office and make copies of your social security card & ID. Please ask a staff member to print off a copy of your HUD form. Lastly, you will mail the packet along with all your photo-copied documents back to KVCAP. Why is this important? Li-heap and food stamps are connected. We don't want you to lose your benefits!

Pilot Projects

After a great deal of feedback and discussion we have decided to move toward covered smoking areas. We will be installing the first smoking shelter at the Moorings in September. A decision was made to make sure the product chosen suits resident needs before installing at each property. Let us know what you think!

Seacliff will be the first property to pilot smoking sensors in units. Burgess Technology will be conducting WiFi checks on September 12 so that sensors can be ordered from the company pre-programmed. After successful implementation at Seacliff we will expand use of the product to other Bath Housing properties.

RAB Meetings

Deb Keller, Executive Director and Jess Irish, Director of Housing will be at each property in September for Resident Advisory Board meetings as part of our annual planning process.

The meeting is an excellent opportunity to receive updates and provide feedback and input that is valuable to the organization in the present and as we look to the future.

Events in Your Neighborhood September 2018

The Anchorage

- 3- Coffee and Donuts- 10 am in community room
- 3-Labor Day- Office Closed**
- 5- Li-heap Sign-ups- 1-3 pm in community room
- 13-Master Gardener Harvest Workshop- 2 pm at the garden
- 14- Art Van- 1:30-3 pm at the gazebo
- 19-RAB Meeting- 1 pm in community room
- 20-Flu Shot Clinic- 11:30-1 pm in community room
- 21- Art Van- 1:30-3 pm at the gazebo
- 28- Art Van- 1:30-3 pm at the gazebo
- Oct 2-4 AC removals**

Dikes Landing

- 3- Labor Day- Office Closed**
- 4- Li-heap Sign-ups- 2-3:30 in community room
- 13- Master Gardener Harvest Workshop- 4 pm at the garden
- 17- RAB Meeting- 2:30 pm in community room
- 20- Flu Shot Clinic- 3:30-4 pm in community room
- Oct 2-4- AC removals**

Moorings

- *BINGO every Thursday at 1 pm in the community room**
- 3- Labor Day-Office Closed**
- 6-Li-heap Sign-ups- 1-3 pm in community room
- 13-Master Gardener Harvest Workshop-2:45 pm at the garden
- 17-RAB Meeting- 1 pm in community room
- 20- Flu Shot Clinic- 10-11 am in community room
- 24- Lighthouse Jubilee Choir performance- 3:30 pm in the community room
- Oct 2-4- AC removals**

Seacliff

- *BINGO every Thursday & Saturday from 6-8pm***
- 3-Labor Day- Office Closed**
- 5-Li-heap Sign-ups- 1:30-3:30 pm in community room
- 11- Bath Swing Band performance & Ice Cream Social- 6-7 pm in community room
- 13- Master Gardener Harvest Workshop- 3:30 pm at the garden
- 15-Common Good Day Activities- 1-4 pm
- 17-RAB Meeting- 11 am in community room,.
- 20- Flu Shot Clinic- 2-3 pm in community room
- Oct 2-4- AC removals**

Marie's Weekly Office Hours:
 Anchorage: Wednesdays 1-3 pm
 Dikes Landing: Tuesdays 2-4 pm
 Moorings: Thursdays 1-3 pm
Donna's Weekly Office Hours:
 Seacliff: Wednesdays 1-3pm
Marie is out of the office Sept 11-12
Marie's weekly work schedule is Tuesday-Friday 8-4:30 pm