

# OPPORTUNITIES

Housing Nantucket's Resident Newsletter



## *Resident Association Still Seeking Participants*

Housing Nantucket's Resident Association (RA) is composed of current tenants and will be used to discuss issues facing tenants, decide new ideas for resident programs (such as adult education, children's programs, or special events), and generally interface with the organization. The organization has set aside a small budget for "resident services" to plan for special events or programs. If you are interested in participating, please call or drop an email!

### *CLASSIFIED AD*

*Unit Available - 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath unit available on Monohansett Road. Rent - \$1500, electric heat. Contact the office to discuss.*

## *Housing Nantucket*

*Creating sustainable housing opportunities for Nantucket residents...*

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## *Can you believe it's almost SPRING?*

Since it's almost spring, we figured it was time to start to get everyone thinking about Spring Cleaning! We know isn't easy to think about cleaning out your unit and around your apartments, but just as we come around to check on units for the spring, you should take a few minutes to think about ways to make your units a bit better. Here are a few tips:

**Check the yard** – Are there fallen branches? Did you get a chance to rake the yard before the snow came? What about trash that might have blown into your yard this winter? Take a few minutes to walk around outside of your unit and look for these issues. If you have any interest in planting flowers or installing flower boxes, please see the staff so we can approve these changes.

**Cleaning up inside** – Its never much fun, but a good scrub for spring cleaning can help your energy and outlook on life. We suggest "going green" this year for your spring cleaning. Quick cleaning tips start with three important parts – white vinegar, baking soda, and hydrogen peroxide.

- If you have a ceramic/glass top stove, try wetting down a few paper towels and letting them sit on the top of the stove for a few hours. This will loosen up the starches that leak out

## *Looking for YOUR input!*

Do you have an idea on how to make your home more energy efficient? Housing Nantucket would like to help. We're looking for input from you on how to lower your utility bills and make your home a better place to live. Perhaps your heat is electric or you have an old appliance that needs to be upgraded. Let us know! Contact Anne for more details and an application – [anne@housingnantucket.org](mailto:anne@housingnantucket.org) or 228.4422.

during cooking. The surface should look like brand new.

- Hydrogen peroxide is a great cleaning tool. Of course it will lift out blood stains on clothing, but it will also kill mold and mildew. A standard three percent solution (what you get in the bottle) is best for general cleaning.
- Of course, white vinegar is a great product for clean windows. Use some old newspapers and vinegar and have a clear view.
- The grocery stores now have plenty of natural options for dish soap, dishwasher power, and laundry soap - including 7<sup>th</sup> Generation and Ecover.

Have a great Spring Cleaning! As always, let the staff know if you have any questions or concerns.

### *Anne is Back!*

Some of you may remember that Anne left us to go on maternity during the winter. By now, you have probably noticed that she has returned as our Community & Resident Services Manager. Although she will have limited hours in the office, Anne will be our primary contact for any issues you might have related to tenancy. (Maintenance issues will still be handled by Aaron.) Anne will also be charged with further developing the Resident Association program and providing oversight.

We are thrilled to have Anne back in the office handling the Housing Needs Covenant Program, Resident service programs and general outreach. We hope you find a moment to welcome her back!

## *Volunteers Needed for Open Houses*

In our last issue, we reported that Housing Nantucket is currently building an energy-efficient, two-bedroom house on Clarendon Street in Tom Nevers. We have also started a second unit on 3 Norquata Drive – a one-bedroom, energy-efficient unit. Both of these units will be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rated.

On Daffodil Weekend this year, we will be opening up the Clarendon House for tours. We are seeking a few residents who might want to put in an hour or two to welcome visitors, point them in the right direction, and generally be the public face of the organization. We will have a few educational posters which visitors can read and someone from the staff will be on site.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Aaron at 228.4422 or [aaron@housingnantucket.org](mailto:aaron@housingnantucket.org).



### *What's that Name Again?*

Remember, while we operate with the name “Housing Nantucket” - our legal name is NHA Properties Inc. You should always use our legal name on any rent checks. Thanks for your cooperation!

*How did you like it? Do you have new ideas for a story?*

*Then Contact Us!*

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