

Directors Corner

CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR

Last Sunday I was watching the Chiefs play New England for a chance to go to the Super Bowl February 3rd in Atlanta. We started out in a hole but took it to overtime. Even though the Chiefs lost I held out hope until the last play of the game. I kept thinking that the 49 year drought had been broken. The chiefs last Super Bowl appearance was in 1970. Even though we didn't win the prize we had fun grasping for the ultimate reward. I use a lot of sports analogies because it is something that I have enjoyed for a number of years.

When goals are set and the effort is made to achieve these goals it can be challenging, yet fun. In January people make a lot of resolutions for the new year but one article I read said that only about 8% of those making resolutions stay the course. My goal for 2019 in my personal life is to walk 1,000 miles or more in my exercise regimen. 84 down and 916 to go. My goal in my professional life is to keep SHA as a high performing agency. I will begin writing our 5 year plan that the government requires. HUD wants an occupancy rate of over 98% and an inspection score of over 90%. These are attainable if we work together as a cohesive group.

February is a cold month but it only has 28 days putting us closer to spring. Let's hope that on February 2 the Ground Hog doesn't see his shadow. Try to stay warm and safe and I hope all of you have a healthy and prosperous 2019.

Bob



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Office closed Feb. 18
- Harvesters Feb. 2

BEEFY CORN AND BLACK BEAN CHILI

Ingredients

1. 1 lb. ground round
2. 2 teaspoons salt-free chili powder blend (such as the spice hunter)
3. 1 (14-oz.) package frozen seasoned corn and black beans (such as Pictsweet)
4. 1 (14-oz.) can fat-free, less-sodium beef broth
5. 1 (15 oz.) can seasoned tomato sauce for chili (such as Hunt's Family Favorites)
6. Reduced fat sour cream (optional) & sliced green onions (optional)

How to make it:

Step 1 combine beef and chili powder blend in a large Dutch oven. Cook 6 minutes over medium-high heat or until beef is browned, stirring to crumble. Drain and return to pan.

Step 2: Stir in frozen corn mixture, broth, and tomato sauce; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 10 minutes. Uncover and simmer 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Step 3: Ladle chili into bowls. Top each serving with sour cream and onions, if desired.



PEST CONTROL FOR FEBRUARY

The Housing Authority has a pest control company come in every month to our facility and usually covers 1/3 of our apartments and inspects other areas reported by our staff.

Due to changing weather patterns and environmental issues pest issues are ever changing. Please do not leave garbage or trash outside on your porches and please make certain to keep food in your homes (both human and animal) sealed and get rid of spoiled and outdated items.

The exterminators primary job is to inspect the apartments to see if any treatment is needed. If you do not want them to spray please notify the pest control specialist. If there are roaches or other infestations due to housekeeping issues that will be reported to our office. Please contact us with any questions.

Pest control on February 11 will be apartments 117 through 148 You do not need to be home for the exterminator. They will always be accompanied by one of our staff members. Secure your animal.





Happy Valentines

LAUNDRY ROOM

Last month we had an article regarding the laundry room. Most of our folks take care of the room and the machines but we have had some issues recently that need to be addressed. The main problem is the **Over use of detergent.**

We had to have service calls because a couple of the machines were so full of detergent that they wouldn't run. It only take 2 tablespoons of HE detergent to get your clothes clean. Too much soap causes the machines not to rinse properly and things start getting clogged up.

Pods are not at all good on the machines. Please try to help us keep costs down due to service calls and abuse of the machines.

Please remember that a little goes a long way in these commercial high efficiency machines.

Thanks to those of you that are helping out.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

M. GUHL	2-1
M. FIELDS	2-2
M. JONES	2-2
C. GREGG	2-4
C. MILLER	2-11
C. STEPP	2-12
R. MCDONALD	2-14
J. WELLER	2-15
L. MATEAU	2-17
J. ERICKSON	2-20
M. HOWARD	2-21
T. WRIGHT	2-21
G. BACKS	2-23
K. COLE	2-24
D. DRYDALE	2-24
E. EARLYWINE	2-25
C. JENSEN	2-27



HARVESTERS AT SHA FEBRUARY

The group Harvester's has been working with various food pantries in the KC Metro area for quite some time. The folks from North Lake Church, Smithville First Baptist, Smithville United Methodist, and Smithville Christian Church will be working in the Smithville area on **February 2nd**. Pick up on our site will be at **9:00 A.M.** We are going to have a truck park by the garage on our property.

This is a wonderful outreach program. A number of volunteers give of their time to help folks in the Metro.



*“All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.”
Charles M. Schulz*

COMPLIANCE CORNER/HUD SPEAK

As I write this article the United States is in day 35 of a shut down. There is no communication from HUD. Our Field office workers in Kansas City are on furlough and many government workers are without pay checks. Our Housing Authority is sustainable for a while due to some prudent financial planning and keeping current on building and grounds upkeep. HUD has massive compliance issues and if Housing Authorities stay on course and plan they can survive situations like we are in now. The future of Public Housing is

always subject to legislation and the leadership on Capitol Hill. Even though Uncle Sam is partially shutdown we are still required to do recertifications, budget planning, file maintenance and being inspection ready. We are fortunate to have such a great group of residents and experienced dedicated staff. Hopefully in the March Newsletter we can be celebrating an open and fully functional government. We will keep you posted.

