

# SEPTEMBER 2017

## DIRECTORS CORNER

### *Special points of interest:*

- The Office will be Closed Monday September 4, 2017.

### Rolling On The River

On August 21 shortly after the Eclipse the rains began to fall in our city and the entire Metro area. 7 inches of rain in a short time frame. The Little Platte began to swell as it always does after a hard rain of over 4 or 5 inches at one time. The River has never flooded us since the Dam was built in 1976 and Smithville Lake was created. I am not saying it won't ever happen but I have a lot of confidence in the Corps Dam that was built to protect our City.

We have an emergency evacuation plan in place that all of you should have in the event that we would have to leave the premises. On August 21 the police called me as a pre-caution and I spent the evening here with our staff on stand by. Ken was notified and on alert. As I watched the river flow to the Big Platte it reminded me of the 1971 Ike and Tina Turner song Proud Mary. It is a tune that starts out slow and gets revved up as it progresses. The water level quickly dropped and all was well here at SHA.

We are blessed with some great tenants and a dedicated board of commissioners and staff. Our staff works very hard regardless of the temperature or conditions. A few of our tenants are critical of what we do but the majority is grateful. We have guys working in hot and humid or cold and frigid conditions that make every effort to keep our grounds and buildings in working and presentable order. The office handles a ton of calls daily and sometimes the callers aren't too friendly. As a staff we enjoy our jobs and have a lot of years between us dedicated to the SHA Community.

We appreciate the kind words some of you send our way and appreciate your efforts in taking pride in our community. Our Authority is 46 years old now and we continue to look for ways to keep our facility clean, safe, and affordable.

September 12 is an extremely important REAC inspection and we are working diligently to get the buildings and grounds in order. Some of our residents have made gallant efforts to show pride in their apartments and are gearing toward a perfect score. We appreciate your efforts and our staff goes above and beyond. It is an honor for me to be surrounded by a group of fine professionals.

Have an enjoyable Labors Day weekend and I look forward to receiving a great score on September 12.

Bob

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# Inspection September 12

You have received a couple of letters regarding the inspection and a lot of folks have been getting prepared. We can't express enough the significance of achieving a good score. There is still a lot of work to be done prior to the inspection. Some of the apartments at this point will fail due to poor housekeeping, clutter, and safety issues.

There are 7 or 8 porches that need a lot of stuff removed, put in storage, or thrown away. If you have a non-functioning smoke alarm, an exposed extension cord, or blocked window or door you will automatically fail and have a large point reduction.

You do not have to be home when the inspector arrives. If you have an animal secure them in a kennel. Make certain that your dishes are washed and put away, no charcoal starter, gas cans, or any type of accelerant is in your apartment or on your porch.

If you have a work order issue call it in to the office quickly. We do not set the standards for what constitutes point reductions. We are held accountable for compliance. Some folks here have gotten angry and defensive regarding what the government requires from folks living in public housing. Some of it may seem like an infringement but it is all a matter of code and compliance, Please contact a staff member if you have any questions.

## MAIL

This seems to appear in every newsletter. Please pick up your mail daily. Some folks say they pay bills on line, even if that is the case there are still items sent to your mail box.

The boxes fill up quickly. It seems that the pieces of mail increase quite frequently.

## Trash

Thanks to the majority of you that put your trash in the dumpster on a regular basis. If you put large items in the dumpsters please break them down so that the lid will shut. If you see a non tenant tossing trash in one of our dumpsters please jot down the time and their license number.

## Recycle Bins

We do a better job of keeping the recycle area clean than most places. Price Chopper had to get rid of their recycling because of the mess. Thank you for putting your stuff in the appropriate bin. Remember that the paper bin is for paper only. There is no bin for glass. Price Chopper kept their glass bin.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

MOORE,K	09/17	KINNISON,L	09/17	PROCTOR,T	09/17
FLEMING,C	09/14	DUNHAM,B	09/09	BLACKWELL,A	09/25
AKER,C	09/13	SIMPSON,C	09/30	KELLOGG,D	09/14
FRISBEY,R	09/21	JARVIS,W	09/03	KRAUS,C	09/24
SCHMIDT,J	09/17	MCALLISTER,C	09/05	RIDDLE,A	09/24

# PICNIC BANANA PUDDING

## Ingredients

1 8oz. Block Cream Cheese softened to room temp.  
 1 14 oz. can Sweetened Condensed Milk  
 1 5oz. Package Instant Vanilla Pudding Mix  
 3 cups Milk 2% or higher  
 2 tsp. Vanilla extract  
 1 16oz. Tub Whipped Topping thawed  
 1 11oz. Box Vanilla Wafers  
 5-7 Bananas peeled and sliced

## Directions

1. In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese with an electric mixer on medium speed until smooth and fluffy.
2. Add in sweetened condensed milk, pudding mix, milk, and vanilla extract.
3. Mix until combined well.
4. Finally, stir in 1 cup of the whipped topping.
5. To layer: place one-third of the vanilla wafers in a layer on the bottom of a trifle dish, large bowl or a 9X13 baking dish.
6. Add a layer of bananas
7. Then pour one-third of the pudding mixture on top (enough to cover all the bananas).
8. Continue with two more layers.
9. Top with remaining whipped topping.

## PEST CONTROL

Pest Control for the month of September will be:

**#117 Through #148**

Pest Control is the Second Monday of each month

## Labor Day

We will be closed on September 4 and the building will be locked up. There will not be any mail service. The laundry room will be open the normal laundry room hours.

## Compliance Corner

Several weeks ago we put a HUD form 92006 (supplemental contact information) in everyone's mail box. To date only 70 have been returned. We need the remaining 36 residents to get those in to us. It is required to be in your file. Please call if you have any questions. If there has been a change in family composition or income please notify the office immediately for your status and eligibility to remain compliant. Most of you are keeping up with your paperwork and we appreciate it. There are a lot of rules and regulations when living in or managing a publicly funded housing facility. Thanks again for your efforts.

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**SEPTEMBER 4 — OFFICE CLOSED**

**SEPTEMBER 25 — BOC MTG. @ 5:45PM**



*BOC Mtg. 9/25/2017 @ 5:45PM*



## JOKE'S

Murphy and his wife, Ann, a middle-aged couple, went for a stroll in the park. They sat down on a bench to rest. Then they overheard voices coming from a secluded spot. Suddenly Mrs. Murphy realized that a young man was about to propose. Not wanting to eavesdrop on such an intimate moment, she nudged her husband and whispered, "Whistle and let that young couple know that someone can hear them".

Whistle? Murphy said. Why should I whistle? Nobody whistled to warn me!

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One afternoon Herb was walking on a trail with his infant daughter, chatting to her about the scenery.

When a man and his dog

approached, Herb leaned down to the carriage and said, See the doggy? Suddenly he felt foolish talking to his baby as if she understood him.

However, just as the man passed, he reached down, patted his dog, and said, See the baby?

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My husband works as a service technician for a large exterminating company. One of the rules of the company is that he has to confirm each appointment by phone the night before his service call to that household.

One evening he made such a call, and when a man answered the phone, he said, Hi, this is Gary from A to Z Pest Control Company. Your

wife phoned us. There was a long silence, and then Gary heard the man on the other end say, Honey, it's for you. Someone wants to talk to you about your relatives.

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One day a little girl came home from school and said to her mother, Mommy, today in school I was punished for something I didn't do.

The mother exclaimed, That's terrible! I'm going to have a talk with your teacher about this. By the way, what was it you didn't do?

The little girl replied, My homework!