

Directors Corner

MELE KALIKIMAKA

Mele Kalikimaka is my favorite non Christmas song. Bing Crosby made it famous followed years later by Jimmy Buffet. Translated it is Hawaiian for Merry Christmas. Christmas 2018 is soon approaching and we are closing out another year.

I hope that as we approach the holidays that we can all be blessed by something. My family as well as many of you have had some challenging and sad times during the past year. I have tried to live by the philosophy “When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.” I have worked with the public for 42 years, 32 as an educator and 10 as a Public Housing Director. I have enjoyed my time in these professions and enjoy working with people. I have interacted with a lot of positive and upbeat people during those 42 years and have also dealt with a few that are angry and negative. The positive folks outnumber the others 10 to 1.

It has been an honor being your Director the past 10 years and I hope to continue in this profession as long as my health allows me to. As we approach 2019 I hope that good health and prosperity are in store for you. Public Housing continues to be an entity that the Federal Government continues to compromise with compliance regulations and funding restrictions. We will rise to the occasion and strive to maintain as a high performing agency. On behalf of the Board and Staff at SHA we wish you all a Merry Christmas .

Bob



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Office closed Monday November 24 at noon..
- Office closed December 25

CHEESEBURGER SOUP

Ingredients

1/2 lb. ground beef (use 1 lb.)
3/4 cup chopped onion
3/4 cup shredded carrots
3/4 cup diced celery
1 tsp. dried basil
1 tsp. dried parsley flakes
4 tbsl. Butter, divided
3 cups chicken broth
4 cups peeled & diced potatoes
1/4 cup all purpose flour
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
1 & 1/2 cups milk
3/4 tsp. salt
1/4 to 1/2 tsp. pepper

1/4 cup sour cream

Instructions

1. Brown ground beef in 3 qt saucepan. Drain & set aside
2. In the same saucepan add 1 T butter & add onion, shredded carrots, parsley flakes, basil and celery. Sauté until tender.
3. Add the broth, potatoes and beef and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 10-12 minutes or until potatoes are tender.
4. In small skillet melt remaining butter (3 T) and add flour. Cook and stir for 3-5 minutes or until bubbly. Add to the soup and bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low.
5. Stir in cheese, milk, salt and pepper. Cook and stir until cheese melts. Remove from heat and blend in sour cream

PEST CONTROL FOR DECEMBER

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 December 10 will be apartments 162 through 204 You do not need to be home for the exterminator. They will always be accompanied by one of our staff members. Secure your animal.





The office will close at noon on December 24 and all day Dec. 25

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

There are a number of organizations that adopt SHA during the holiday seasons. We have put some events on our calendar but will highlight them again in this section.

December 4 Good Shepherd Catholic Church will deliver to the families that they adopted.

December 8 Northland Christmas store will deliver to the folks that signed up.

December 9 The organization that delivers pet treats each year will be here.

December 11 4H Carolers will be here at 6:30 PM

December 12 SHA luncheon at noon

December 22 Methodist Church annual breakfast 8:00 A.M. until 9:30 A.M.

These organizations have been taking care of our residents for several years. We are fortunate to have them. If you are touched by any of these organizations please thank them .

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

E. BLACKWELL	12-6
B. BROWN	12-28
M. FULTZ	12-25
S. GIER	12-25
C. HOFFMAN	12-10
D. LEE	12-7
L. MAYOTTE	12-28
S. RIDENOUR	12-7
B. WADE	12-28



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CAROLERS AND LUNCHEON

The 4H carolers have blessed us for several consecutive years. If you want to make certain that they stop by on December 11 please leave your porch light on beginning around 6:00 P.M. these are a wonderful bunch of young people that love singing for you.

We will provide a luncheon here on December 12th at noon. Please come up for a time of good food and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday the 12th.



“I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph.” Shirley Temple

COMPLIANCE CORNER

HUD has been keeping all the public housing directors swamped with new notices. The most recent notice records Marijuana use in public housing. On November 6 some of the states, including Missouri legalized the use of medical marijuana. Although these states have voted to legalize the use of marijuana to some degree, the Controlled Substance Act continues to list marijuana as a schedule 1 drug that is banned at the federal level. This means that the federal government considers marijuana as a “substance with a very high potential for abuse and no medical use in the United States. Currently

HUD has not released any guidance specifically relating to the use of marijuana in public housing. It is currently illegal to use marijuana in any form in public housing, this includes medicinal and recreational.

There is no flexibility as the rule stands. The smoke free rule established by HUD can be strictly enforced because it is a federally mandated initiative.

Thanks to all of those that adhere to the HUD federal mandates.

