

What do you say, FHA?

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Updated Mask Requirements for Massachusetts (via www.mass.gov)

Effective May 29: The Commonwealth's face-covering order will be rescinded. The Department of Public Health will issue a new face-covering advisory consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's updated guidance. Certain restrictions remain suspended, such as open meeting law requirements, special permits for expanded outside restaurant dining and surprise billing protections for COVID-19 patients.



Face-Covering Advisory for Unvaccinated Residents

The Department of Public Health will issue a public health advisory effective May 29 that advises all unvaccinated residents to continue to wear face-coverings in indoor settings and when they can't socially distance.

Face-Covering Requirements in Certain Locations

Effective May 29, 2021, face coverings will continue to be required for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals at all times in the following locations, subject to the exemptions listed below:

1. **On Public and Private Transportation**, including on the MBTA, commuter rail, buses, ferries, and airplanes, and while in rideshares (Uber and Lyft), taxis, and livery vehicles, as required by the [Centers for Disease Control January 29, 2021 Order](#). Face coverings are also required at all times in transportation hubs, including train stations, bus stops, and airports. The requirement applies to riders and workers.
2. **Inside K-12 public schools, collaboratives, approved special education schools** and as otherwise required by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The requirement applies to students, teachers, and staff.
3. **Inside Childcare Programs** licensed or authorized by the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) and as otherwise required by EEC or the Department of Public Health (DPH). This requirement applies to students, teachers, and staff.
4. **In Health Care Facilities and Provider Offices**, licensed or operated by the Commonwealth including nursing homes, rest homes, emergency medical services, hospitals, doctor's office, urgent care settings, community health centers, vaccination sites, behavioral health clinics, and Bureau of Substance and Addiction Services (BSAS) facilities. This requirement applies to patients and staff.
5. **In Congregate Care Settings**, programs operated, licensed, certified, regulated, or funded by the Commonwealth including: assisted living facilities, group homes, houses of correction, Department of Correction prisons, jails, residential treatment programs, and facilities operated, licensed, certified, regulated, authorized, or funded by the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC), the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the Department of Youth Services (DYS), the Department of Mental Health (DMH), the Department of Public Health (DPH), the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), the Department of Veterans' Services (DVS), the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB), the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) and the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC). Additionally, the face coverings requirement applies to emergency shelter programs, including individual and family homeless shelters, domestic violence and sexual assault shelters, veterans' shelters, and shelters funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The face coverings requirement also applies in approved private special education schools, which offer residential services and are approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). This requirement applies to clients and staff.

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6. In Health Care and Rehabilitative Day Services and Programs, defined as programs or services operated, licensed, certified, regulated, or funded by the Commonwealth and authorized under the aegis of the Executive Office of Health & Human Services or one of its agencies. These programs and services include: adult day health, day habilitation, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), psychosocial rehabilitation club houses, brain injury centers and clubhouses, day treatment, partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient programs, recovery support centers and center-based day support programs. This requirement applies to staff and consumers.

7. Home care workers, including Personal Care Attendants (PCA), Home Health Aides, and Home Care Workers provide patient-facing care. The face coverings requirement only applies to the worker. The following persons are exempt from the face coverings requirement:

- Children 5 years of age and younger.
- Persons for whom a face mask or covering creates a health risk or is not safe because of any of the following conditions or circumstances:
 - the face mask or covering affects the person’s ability to breathe safely;
 - the person has a mental health or other medical diagnosis that advises against wearing a face mask or covering;
 - the person has a disability that prevents them from wearing a face mask or covering; or
 - the person depends on supplemental oxygen to breathe.

A Quite Possibly Wonderful Summer

By [James Hamblin](#)
www.theatlantic.com

Families will gather. Restaurants will reopen. People will travel. The pandemic may feel like it is behind us—even if it’s not.

The summer of 2021 is shaping up to be historic.

After months of soaring deaths and infections, COVID-19 cases across the United States are declining even more sharply than experts anticipated. This is expected to continue, and rates of serious illness and death will plummet even faster than cases, as high-risk populations are vaccinated. Even academics who have spent the pandemic delivering ominous warnings have shifted their tone to cautiously optimistic now that vaccination rates are exploding.

Until very recently, Anthony Fauci had been citing August as the month by which the U.S. could vaccinate 70 to 80 percent of the population and reach herd immunity. Last week, he suddenly threw out May or early June as a window for when most Americans could have access to vaccines. Despite some concerns about new coronavirus variants, Ashish Jha, the dean of the Brown University School of Public Health explained that he doesn’t see viral mutation as a reason to expect that most people couldn’t be well protected within that time frame.

If all of this holds true, it would mean that many aspects of pre-pandemic life will return even before summer is upon us. Because case numbers guide local policies, much of the country could soon have reason to lift many or even most restrictions on distancing, gathering, and masking. Pre-pandemic norms could return to schools, churches, and restaurants. Sports, theater, and cultural events could resume. People could travel and dance indoors and hug grandparents, their own or others’. In most of the U.S., the summer could feel ... “normal.”

The feeling could even go beyond that. The pain wrought by the virus has differed enormously by location, race, and class, but a global pandemic still may be as close as the world can come to a shared tragedy. Periods of intense hardship are sometimes followed by unique moments of collective catharsis or awakening. Pre-pandemic complaints about a crowded subway car or a mediocre sandwich could be replaced by the awe of simply riding a bus or sitting in a diner.



People might go out of their way to talk with strangers, merely to gaze upon the long-forbidden, exposed mouth of a speaking human. In short, the summer could feel revelatory. The dramatic change in the trajectory and tenor of the news could give a sense that the pandemic is over. The energy of the moment could be an opportunity.

The warming weather and longer days should also decrease transmission. In much of the world, summers have proved safer than winters during the pandemic, “apparently by virtue of how much time people spend outdoors, and how likely they are to keep windows open and have fresh air circulating,” says Saad Omer, a vaccinologist and the director of the Yale Institute for Global Health. Light and heat can kill the virus directly, but their main effect seems to be making the world more hospitable for us simply to go outside, be social, move our bodies, and improve our baseline levels of health.

Under no circumstances, however, is the coronavirus simply going to disappear this summer. Cases will drop, and restrictions will lift in many places. But rather than an abrupt end to the pandemic, the coming months will be more like the beginning of an extended and still-volatile tail of the outbreak globally. What that will look like, and how long it will last, depends on how nations cooperate and coordinate—or fail to. Regardless of how quickly the immediate threat of viral illness subsides in the U.S., America’s choices in the coming weeks and months could mean the difference between a pandemic that ends this year and one that haunts everyone indefinitely.

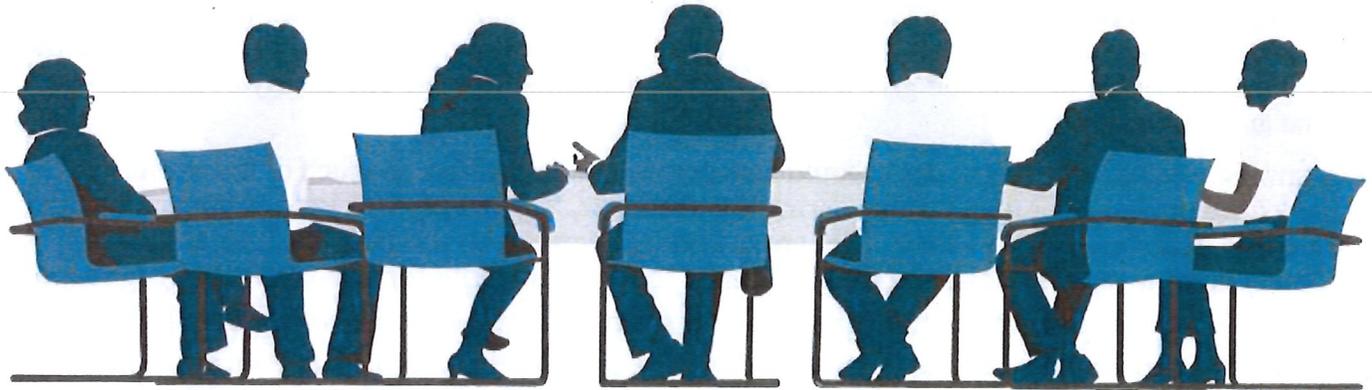
Though projections about herd immunity may sound hopeful, the fact that the U.S. was able to identify such a small fraction of our cases is evidence of profound, persistent failures in detection, communication, and prevention. Rapid testing will be key to containing local outbreaks, especially next fall and winter. This infrastructure is not yet in place, nor do many Americans have easy access to high-quality masks. We also have a far-from-impeccable record of accepting lifesaving vaccines when they are on offer. Even assuming that almost everyone gets their shots as soon as possible, the Columbia researchers estimate that in the U.S. alone, roughly 29 million additional cases could occur between now and July, depending on how Americans decide to act and which restrictions states choose to lift. “We should really be redoubling our efforts to control the virus,” Shaman said.

Variant strains that increase the transmissibility of the virus could also throw these estimates off, Shaman noted. As the virus mutates, the reliability of immunity from prior infections also changes. The recent outbreak in Manaus, Brazil, suggested that even high levels of past infection didn’t necessarily protect a population for long. Fundamentally, we still do not know how herd immunity will work—if it even does. “The most important thing to remind ourselves of is that herd immunity is only relevant to consider if we have a vaccine that blocks transmission,” says Shweta Bansal, a biologist at Georgetown University. If it turns out that vaccinated people can still carry and spread the virus, then a group cannot assume that they are protected because people around them are vaccinated. It would mean that the finish line is not 70 percent, but 100.

If we are lucky, year over year, SARS-CoV-2 will evolve to cause milder disease than it has these past two years. That would be consistent with the virus that spread in 1918, which became the seasonal flu. It never again produced the same level of mortality as it did during its first two years, but the virus continues to evolve and kill hundreds of thousands of people every year. Most of us have come to accept this as inevitable.

For the coronavirus, that fate is not yet entirely sealed. It could still be avoided if we can draw as close as possible to *global* herd immunity, not a patchwork of immunized nations. This would require a unified effort of governments and pharmaceutical companies to ramp up vaccine production and coordinate distribution. “The reason we have to do all this careful rationing of the vaccines is that the supply is constrained, and the logistics of distribution weren’t worked out in advance,” says Ed Kaplan, a professor at Yale School of Management who has worked extensively in bioterrorism preparedness. “You need a centralized strategy.”

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If you are interested in serving as a **Board of Commissioner** to the Falmouth Housing Authority, please go to the Town of Falmouth website at www.falmouthma.gov to fill out an application and mail to the Town Clerk, Falmouth Town Hall, 59 Town Hall Square, Falmouth, MA 02540. Information received will be available to all Town Boards and Officials, although the filling out of this form does not assure appointment. If selected for an interview, you may wish to submit a resume or additional information. A form can also be made available to you by calling Resident Service Coordinator, Marie Palmer, at 508-548-1977 ext. 212. **Applications will be accepted through 6/15/21 at the Town Clerk's office.**

Fact Sheet: Establishing a Smoke-Free Housing Environment www.leadingage.org

Beyond the widely reported health impacts of second-hand smoke, senior housing operators have experienced a number of significant events in their facilities stemming from seniors smoking in their beds who fell asleep, and major unit maintenance issues caused by long-term smoke exposure. Regulatory agencies have never been more strongly supportive of efforts to restrict smoking in non-owned residential living environments as now.



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This fact sheet provides a range of resources for all members, including the latest HUD guidance allowing owners of privately-owned multifamily housing to implement smoke-free policies in their communities, and the newest mandate for Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to ban the use of prohibited tobacco products in all public housing units, interior common areas, and outdoor areas within 25 feet of public housing and administrative office buildings.

Background

Smoke-free housing is not a new concept for HUD or other affordable housing providers. But it has been an interesting journey. Back in the 1990s and early 2000s, LeadingAge (then AAHSA, or even earlier AAHA) members were among the first to begin to restrict smoking in their senior housing properties because of the negative impacts on other residents, particularly in public areas, to say nothing of the additional costs of remediation upon preparing units for new occupants. Yet HUD, initially, took issue with the effort, denying many owners the ability to do so, saying it was “discriminatory” – regardless of the fact that smoking was not then (and never has been) a protected class under the Fair Housing Act, nor is it guaranteed under Civil Rights laws.

Various lawsuits occurred in those years, as detailed in an April, 2010 Law Synopsis issued by the Tobacco Control Legal Consortium and written by Smoke Free Environments Law Project (SFELP) staff which discusses smoke-free policies in public and other affordable housing, and analyses the legal issues, HUD policies, and how to adopt smoke-free policies.

In 2006, the U.S. Surgeon General first issued a comprehensive scientific report which concluded that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Nonsmokers exposed to secondhand smoke at home or work increase their risk of developing heart disease by 25 to 30 percent and lung cancer by 20 to 30 percent. The finding was a harbinger of a rising tide of major public health concerns due to the fact that nearly half of all nonsmoking Americans were still regularly exposed to secondhand smoke.

Over the past decade, however, HUD moved forward dramatically. First refraining from disallowing, then supporting, and later encouraging both public housing authorities and multifamily housing owners to establish smoke-free communities. HUD even issued a 63-page toolkit to aid in the process. Most recently however, in February 2017, HUD published a notice that would, for the first time, mandate that public housing authorities go smoke-free to "improve indoor air quality, benefit the health of public housing residents and PHA staff, reduce the risk of fires, and lower overall maintenance costs."

Prohibitions Mandatory for Public Housing; Still Optional for Multifamily Housing

Effective Aug. 3, 2018, all public housing communities are required to have implemented a policy that bans the use of prohibited tobacco products in all public housing units, interior common areas, and outdoor areas within 25 feet of public housing and administrative office buildings. According to Notice PIH 2017-03, prohibited tobacco products are defined as items that involve the ignition and burning of tobacco leaves, such as cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and water pipes (also known as hookahs).

Additionally, though HUD declined in a Dec 2016 final rule to include Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) on the list of prohibited items for public housing, stating that "there is little evidence that ENDS significantly increase fire risks, and there is no conclusive evidence that the vapors emitted by ENDS cause damage to the units themselves," HUD has given PHAs the flexibility to include ENDS such as e-cigarettes, personal vaporizers, vape pens, e-cigars, e-hookah, or vaping devices that produce an aerosolized mixture containing flavored liquids and nicotine on the list of prohibited tobacco products.

However, the new prohibition on smoking in Public Housing is restricted specifically to that, Public Housing (with capital letters) - it does NOT apply to Section 202 Housing or any other privately-owned/operated federally subsidized housing. HUD-subsidized multifamily housing owners currently still have full discretion to establish non-smoking policies or not. As do other non-subsidized senior housing and residential or assisted living environments, as detailed further on in this document.

Whichever the setting, it is important to understand that multifamily owners and public housing authorities are not prohibiting residents from smoking, and admission cannot be denied to applicants solely because they smoke, but any resident, guest, employee, or vendor will no longer be allowed to smoke in or within 25 feet of public housing buildings, or whatever limits a multifamily housing owner may have elected to adopt.

If you need help to quit smoking please contact FHA Resident Service Coordinator, Marie Palmer, who can provide you with cessation supports and programs within the community. 508-548-1977 ext. 212

Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Programs

www.mass.gov

Details on the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

- The new Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) leverages new federal funding for eligible low-income tenants who are in need of financial assistance. With the launch of the Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program, applicants should not notice significant changes in the application process and may be eligible to receive funds from either ERAP, RAFT, or ERMA.

How does the new Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program differ from RAFT and ERMA? There are key differences in program requirements:

- COVID-19 Impact: Renters must be able to provide a statement attesting to unemployment, decreased wages, or increased expenses due to COVID-19.
- Higher Benefit and Longer-term relief: Households may be eligible for up to twelve (12) months of rental arrears (plus an extra 3 months **if funding allows and need is demonstrated**), as well as overdue utilities arrears up to \$1,500. All rent and utility arrears must have been, accrued after 3/13/20.
- Under RAFT/ERMA, renters and landlords may receive up to \$10,000 during state of emergency and up to \$7,000 for six months after end of state of emergency.
- Higher income eligibility: Renters applying for assistance may earn up to 80% of Area Median Income (AMI). Visit our agency locator to determine a region's AMI.
- For comparison, RAFT has an income eligibility limit of 50% AMI (60% for Domestic Violence); ERMA has the same eligibility limit of 80% AMI.

Use limits: Renters may only receive help with rent and utilities accrued since March 13, 2020.

RAFT/ERMA can help with mortgage payments. Additionally, RAFT/ERMA can also provide assistance regardless of COVID-19 impacts.

RAFT/ERMA applications may also be considered for the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP); no additional or separate application is required. ERAP includes benefits that can exceed \$10,000 and include slightly different eligibility requirements, along with a preference for households with one or more members that have been unemployed 90 days or more at the time of application or who have income below 50% of the Area Median Income. We will match you with the most appropriate program based on your needs and circumstances, and may ask additional questions beyond those in the application.

Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) Program

The RAFT program helps keep households in stable housing situations when facing eviction, foreclosure, loss of utilities, and other housing emergencies caused by loss of income, increase in expenses, or both. RAFT helps all kinds of households by providing up to \$10,000 per household to help preserve current housing or move to new housing.

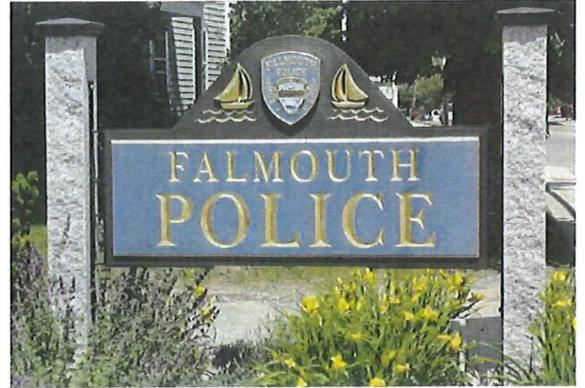
Funding can be used for a variety of needs, including rent or mortgage arrears, security deposits, or other expenses to help households obtain or maintain stable housing. Households with incomes up to 50% of Area Median Income (AMI)*, or 60% of AMI for people who are at risk of homelessness because of domestic violence, are eligible for assistance.

Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program (ERMA)

ERMA can provide rental and mortgage assistance to low-income households who have been impacted by the crisis and may not be eligible for RAFT. This program is available for households within the 50-80% range of Area Median Income (AMI). Like RAFT, ERMA may provide up to \$10,000 for eligible households to assist with rent or mortgage arrears accrued after April 1, 2020 and/or with upcoming rent or mortgage payments.

Crime Prevention & Education Shared with us by the Falmouth Police Department, our Community Partners

By educating the community on crime prevention techniques and by getting citizens involved in crime prevention activities, we can reduce the number of crimes in Falmouth and increase the quality of life for its citizens.



What Do Thieves Do With Your Information?

Once identity thieves have your personal information, they can drain your bank account, run up charges on your credit cards, open new utility accounts, or get medical treatment on your health insurance. An identity thief can file a tax refund in your name and get your refund. In some extreme cases, a thief might even give your name to the police during an arrest.

Clues That Someone Has Stolen Your Information

- You see withdrawals from your bank account that you can't explain.
- You don't get your bills or other mail.
- Merchants refuse your checks.
- Debt collectors call you about debts that aren't yours.
- You find unfamiliar accounts or charges on your credit report.
- Medical providers bill you for services you didn't use.
- Your health plan rejects your legitimate medical claim because the records show you've reached your benefits limit.
- A health plan won't cover you because your medical records show a condition you don't have.
- The IRS notifies you that more than one tax return was filed in your name, or that you have income from an employer you do not work for.
- You get notice that your information was compromised by a data breach at a company where you do business or have an account.

Actions to Take if Scammed:

Check your credit report to ensure no one is trying to open credit using your credentials. The three major credit reporting companies are Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion.

- Put an initial fraud alert on your credit report. This alert makes it harder for someone to open an account in your name because a business must verify your identity before it can issue credit. The alert stays valid for 90 days.
- Check your bank account and credit card statements for any unusual activity.
- Contact a financial institution directly if you think an account there may have been breached.
- Report the crime to your local police and the Federal Trade Commission by logging onto www.reportfraud.ftc.gov

When you file a report with the Fair Trade Commission, www.reportfraud.ftc.gov, it is estimated that your report is shared with more than 3,000 law enforcers. Protect your community by reporting fraud, scams, and bad business practices.

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This is what could truly make the summer historic. Instead of aspiring to go back to the way things were, we go forward to how things could be. This summer could bring cause for celebration over not simply having made it through this morbid winter alive but having built a system that can end this pandemic—and stop the next one. It could be when we ensure that no plague of this magnitude

Falmouth Public Library—Book Bike

Please join Laura, Meg and Jen from that Falmouth Public Library at Rose Morin and Harborview this month. They will be providing a large selection of free books, DVD's, a variety of puzzle books (Sudoku, word search, and large and regular print crossword puzzles), and some great company! Keep on the look out for the library bike in your area:

Rose Morin Apartments:

Friday, June 4th at 11:00 AM

Harborview Apartments:

Monday, June 7th at 10:30 AM



Community Health Center Zoom Yoga Class

We would like to invite you to participate in Zoom Yoga classes taught by Community Health Center's Di-na Irwin, Certified Yoga Instructor. The classes will take place on Fridays, June 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th at 11 AM, in the convenience of your own home.

Join the meeting by logging onto Zoom and enter **Meeting ID# 268 755 316.**



Board of Commissioners Meeting

The Falmouth Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Meeting will be held via Zoom on June 15th, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. You may join in the meeting by going to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89246023147> or DIAL BY PHONE: 1-646-558-8656;

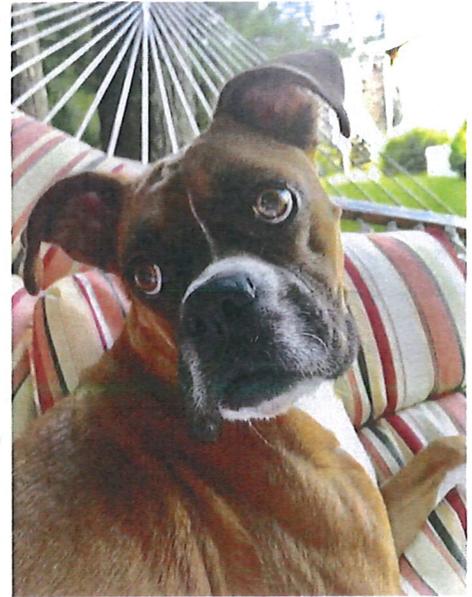
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Who Rescued Who?

By Marie Palmer

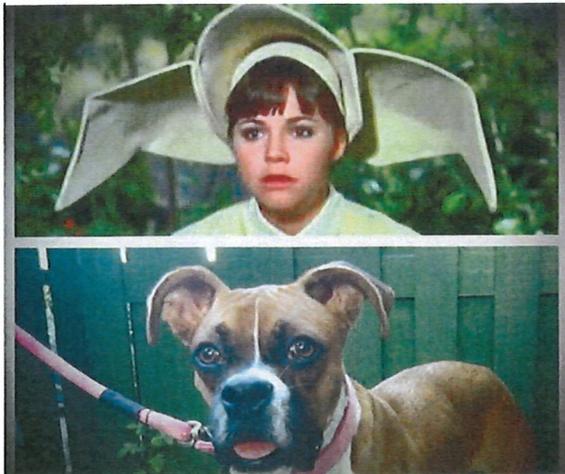
Shay is a Boxer mix... part Boxer, part fabulous and full-fledged member of the Palmer household.

We adopted her through **The Boxer Rescue, Inc.**, a New England based rescue agency. The Boxer Rescue saves and finds homes for Boxers in New England and is also partnered with *All Sato Rescue* in Puerto Rico (a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving the lives of abandoned and unwanted dogs.) Shay was a rescue from Puerto Rico. In fact, she was the 105th Boxer rescued from the Island.



We got her at the age of 7 months and luckily for her she left the area 10 months before Hurricane Maria hit. She most likely wouldn't have made it. When she arrived in Massachusetts she was quite skinny and very anxious. She required a lot of positive reinforcement and needed to develop trust in us, her fur-ever family. We looked at everything as a training opportunity and believe that the best thing we could have done for her was talk to her all the time. She has an extensive vocabulary and hangs on every word we say.

Shay is our third Boxer; we have fallen in love with the breed. The first Boxer we got from a "back yard breeder", the second came from a very reputable breeder who raised Boxers for the Westminster show, and this time around we decided to go with a rescue and are so glad we did. Shay is a member of our family and is showered with love every day. We believe she was meant to be with us; she even has a flash on the back of her neck in the shape of Cape Cod.



This is the first picture we saw of Shay, taken by her foster Mom in Puerto Rico. We thought she looked just like Sally Field in "The Flying Nun". As we waited about a month for the paperwork to go through and for her to arrive in Massachusetts, we joked that she didn't need a ticket for an American Airlines flight she could have flown up using her aerodynamic ears.



We would love to hear your stories about your four-legged friends and what they mean to you. Please contact Marie Palmer, (508) 548-1977 ext. 212, if you would like to share your story. You could provide a little write up or Marie could interview you and take a photo to share in a future newsletter.

FREE SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC FOR DOGS

June 8, 2021

Includes free microchip and rabies vaccination

Call 508-548-7742

Sponsored by Friends of Falmouth Dogs

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*Location will be given upon registration



Maintenance and Housekeeping issues:

- ◇ Please refrain from using the laundry room trash receptacle to dump your household trash bags and other disposable items, and please inform your homemakers of this request. It is important that you dispose of your trash in the designated garbage rooms and dumpsters on each property.
- ◇ We also ask that you be respectful of the property and not throw trash. It becomes an eyesore and is very upsetting to neighbors.
- ◇ All FHA properties are **NON-SMOKING**. Be cognizant of your lease protect your tenancy and be considerate of your neighbors.
- ◇ During lawn mowing season, it is helpful if personal items such as outdoor furniture and potted plants are not placed in the middle of the grassy areas as it affects FHA's ability to mow the lawns. Please move items closer to the unit so that the maintenance teams can cut the grasses and easily go around your items. Also, outdoor grassy areas are not designed for personal storage – if you are storing personal items that should be moved to a storage unit, please move them immediately. Storage items may be removed by the housing authority and disposed of.

The Falmouth Farmers' Market

When: Thursdays, noon to 6 PM, May 27th through October 14th

Where: Marine Park overlooking Falmouth Harbor, Scranton Ave, Falmouth

The Falmouth Farmers' Market is back! Thursday afternoon markets feature vegetables and fruits from farms in Falmouth, on Cape Cod and around Buzzards Bay and southeastern Massachusetts, local smoked fish, eggs, artisanal cheeses, breads, apple cider donuts hot out of the fryer, pies, pastas, meat, herbs, flowers, and a hot dog and Polish sausage cart with a Chicago flair.



The Falmouth Farmers' Market has two HIP (Health Incentives Program) certified farmers. When you use your SNAP card directly with them, you will receive \$1 back on your EBT card for each dollar spent on eligible fruits and vegetables, up to a monthly limit—it's like getting FREE fruits and vegetables!

The Falmouth Farmers Market also offer a SNAP bonus match of up of up to \$10—so if you swipe your card for \$10, you'll receive \$20 worth of tokens to spend at the Market.

!! Stop by the green tent for more information. They'll be happy to chat about how to make your SNAP benefits go far at the Farmers Market !!

WHAT IS JUNETEENTH?

Juneteenth (a portmanteau of *June* and *nineteenth*)— also known as **Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day, and Emancipation Day**— is a holiday celebrating the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States. Originating in Galveston, Texas, it is now celebrated annually on June 19 throughout the United States, with increasing official recognition. It is commemorated on the anniversary date of the June 19, 1865 announcement of General Order No. 3 by Union Army General Gordon Granger, proclaiming freedom from slavery in Texas.



Governor Baker
Issues
Proclamation
Marking
Juneteenth

6/19/20 - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Office of Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Governor's Press Office

BOSTON — Governor Charlie Baker today issued a proclamation declaring June 19, 2020 as “Juneteenth Independence Day” in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Celebrated each year on June 19th, Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States, and is an opportunity to reflect on the need to continue working toward racial justice.

“Juneteenth is a chance for us all to reflect on this country’s painful history of slavery and the systemic impact that racial injustice continues to have today,” **said Governor Charlie Baker**. “It is also an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the goal of creating a more equal and just society. As our country continues the national conversation around racial injustice, it is especially important that we recognize Juneteenth. I look forward to working with our legislative colleagues to recognize this important day more widely going forward.”

“Juneteenth celebrations in Massachusetts and across the country mark an important moment in our country’s history and afford us a chance to reflect on the need to make progress toward racial equality,” **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**. “That reflection is more important now than ever, and we are glad to mark Juneteenth with today’s proclamation.”

Juneteenth is recognized each year on June 19. On that day in 1865, Major General Gordon Granger and his Union troops landed in Galveston, TX and announced that the Civil War had ended. Major General Gordon read a proclamation declaring that all enslaved people were free. The first Juneteenth was celebrated a year later in Texas and today is recognized across the country to mark this important milestone.

M.G.L. Chapter 6, Section 15BBBBB states, “The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the nineteenth of June as Juneteenth Independence Day, **to be observed on the Sunday that is closest to June 19th of each year**, in recognition of June 19, 1865 when Union General Gordon Granger announced freedom for all slaves in the Southwestern United States and in recognition of the end of slavery in the United States as well as the significant contributions individuals of African descent have made to the Commonwealth and to the United States and recommending that said day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.” ###

**IN OBSERVANCE OF JUNETEENTH FALLING ON A SUNDAY THIS YEAR,
FHA WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021**

FALMOUTH HOUSING AUTHORITY REOPENING PLAN

The Falmouth Housing Authority is in the processing of finalizing its plans to reopen its Administrative Office as well as the community areas at the public housing sites. It's been a long time since we have seen you in-person—and we look forward to saying H-E-L-L-O.

While these plans are fluid, **as of Monday, July 6, 2021**, please note the following:

Administrative Office—Will reopen to the public with limited capacity. During the last year, the configuration of the Admin office has changed to implement additional safety guards and protocols. As with the Town of Falmouth (see notice insert in this newsletter), in furtherance of extended care and caution for the health and safety of both FHA employees and visitors, the Administrative Office building will continue to have a posted requirement for the wearing of masks by those who visit until further notice. Visitation will be limited to two (2) persons and access to the building will be monitored by the front desk receptionist. The visitor lobby will be limited to two (2) persons at each time. To ensure that social distancing practices are maintained, please schedule an appointment to come to the office when able. We may be able to also address your concerns via telephone or via virtual conferencing. Regular work order completions, including non-emergency work orders from inspections, will resume—please social distance from maintenance when they enter your unit.

FOR ALL PROPERTIES: Signage that masks be worn in common areas until further notice will be posted. It is expected, but not mandated, that all persons follow the signage guidance. Regular work orders, including non-emergency work orders from inspections, will resume. All activities held in community rooms will need to observe social distancing measures. Food sharing from single containers is discouraged; wrapped snacks and individually packaged beverages are encouraged.

Harborview—Upon completion of the piping project, the common areas (concrete patio, community room) will reopen for general use. Due to the presence of construction, no common areas may be used at this time for congregating. We encourage (and can provide upon request) chairs to be located in grassy areas. Planned renovations include a parcel center installation within the next year. When determined, the mail area may be affected.

Rose Morin, Choate and Salt Sea—Signage that masks be worn in common areas (i.e. laundry room/community room) until further notice will be posted. Rose Morin—Safety & security cameras will be installed within the next few months.; a grant was submitted for additional safety & security implementations. At Choate and Salt Sea, boilers will be replaced within the next year.

Tatakot—Planned renovations include flooring and furniture replacement within the next year. A parcel center will also be installed. When determined, the community room will be closed for installation/ areas where the mail is received may also be affected. The piping repair project is being prepared to go out for bid; repairs are expected to begin by year-end.

Finally, please remember that you may wear a mask whenever you are around others; so make the decision that is best for you and your health.

JUNE BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

IN- PERSON BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE JUNE MEETING

Choosing Safer Activities

Accessible link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/participate-in-activities.html>

	Unvaccinated People	Examples of Activities	Fully Vaccinated People
		Outdoor	
Safest		Walk, run, wheelchair roll, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people, particularly in areas of substantial to high transmission	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
Least Safe		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	
		Indoor	
Less Safe		Visit a barber or hair salon	
		Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
Least Safe		Go to an indoor movie theater	
		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in an indoor chorus	
		Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	
		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

Get a COVID-19 vaccine



Prevention measures not needed



Take prevention measures

Wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.



cdc.gov/coronavirus

PUBLIC NOTICE

Friday, May 28, 2021

Effective May 29, Governor Baker is removing the mandate for the wearing of masks in outdoor and most indoor public settings. Both the Falmouth Board of Health and the Falmouth Select Board have voted to remove their previous voted indoor mask mandates and the mandatory outdoor mask zones for the Main Street area downtown and the Water Street area in Woods Hole. Private businesses will make individual decisions as to any requirement for the mandatory wearing of masks by customers who visit their premises.

Town Hall and Town administrative buildings will continue to have a posted requirement for the wearing of masks by those who visit for the time being. This is in furtherance of extended care and caution for the health and safety of both Town employees and visitors during this time of transition. I thank all for their understanding and support as we pursue the important work of delivering basic municipal services to all Falmouth residents and visitors which has continued uninterrupted during this pandemic.

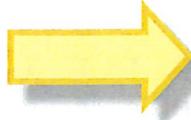
Julian M. Suso
Falmouth Town Manager

FHA Activities Packet, June 2021

By Marie Palmer, Resident Service Coordinator

Last months riddles:

What year of the 20th century is the same when the number is turned upside down?

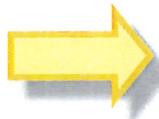


Answer:

1961

Riddle of the month

What year of the 19th century is the same on it's inverse?



Call into the housing authority at 508-548-1977 with your answer.

If you leave a message make sure you give your name and phone number, also leave the time and date that you call.

The first five people with the correct answer will get a prize!

"LOVE IS A PARENT"

By John Mendoza,
Tatakot Apartments

Life is Love
And Love is a Parent

Been given the gift of life
The greatest gift

Good times, bad times
Downturns and uplifts

Getting us through
Is what they do
And out did

We will always be
Or parents kid

"Father's Day in June"

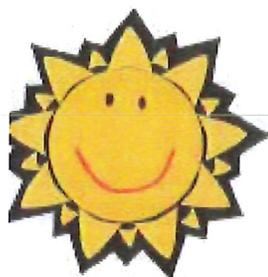
By John Mendoza,
Tatakot Apartments

From Mother's Day in May

We change our tune
To Father's Day in June
From Maternal to Paternal

This joyous June
Let't celebrate Fatherhood
Let's accentuate the Good

Let's recall our best
"Memories of Dad"
And have the best Father's Day
We've ever had!!



WELCOME SUMMER

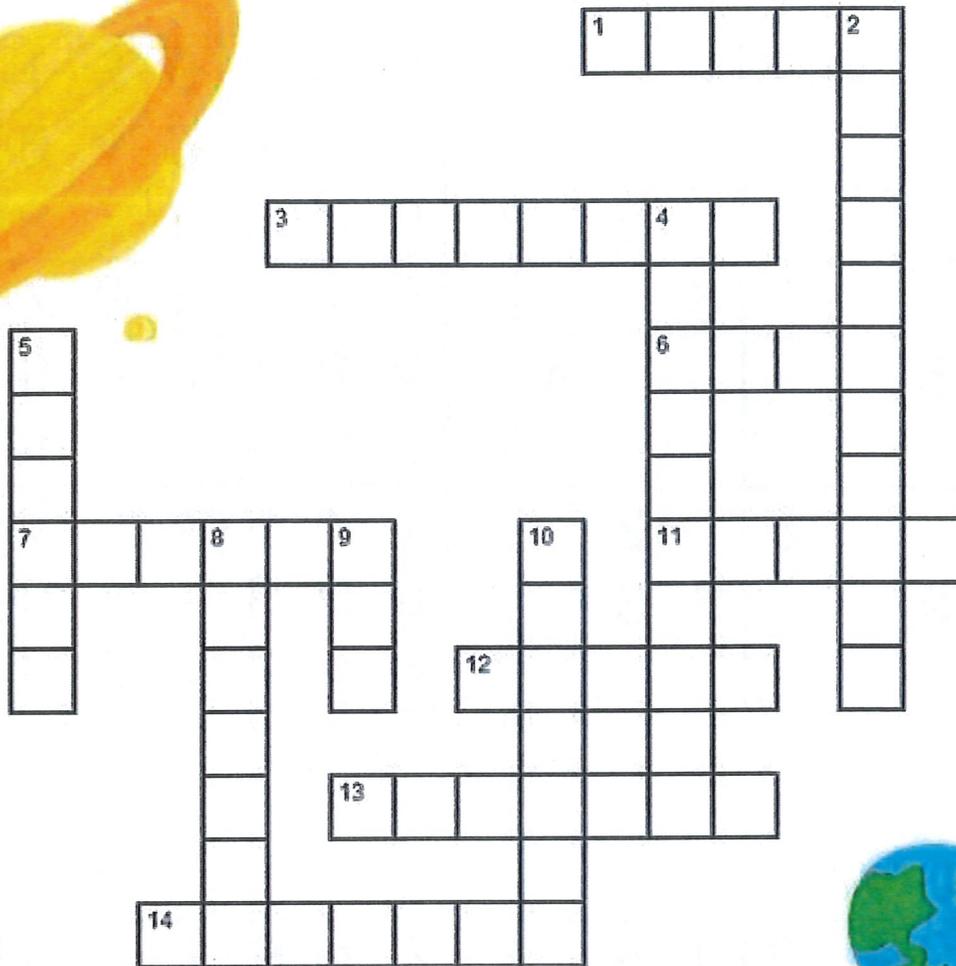
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AUGUST
 BEACH
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 CAMPING
 CARNIVAL
 COOKOUTS
 FIREFLIES
 FIREWORKS
 FISHING
 FLIPFLOPS

FUN
 HULA HOOPS
 ICE CREAM
 JULY
 JUMPROPE
 JUNE
 MOVIES
 PARADES
 PARTIES
 PICNICS
 POOL

POPSICLES
 ROLLERCOASTER
 SANDALS
 SPLASH
 SPRINKLER
 SNOWCONES
 SUNGLASSES
 SUNSCREEN
 SWIMMING
 THEME PARK
 VACATION

Our Solar System



ACROSS

1. Planet named after the Roman goddess of love and beauty
3. Our solar system is part of this galaxy
6. Nicknamed "the red planet"
7. Third largest planet in our solar system
11. Now called a dwarf planet
12. Covers 70 percent of the Earth's surface
13. Largest planet in our solar system
14. Planet closest to the sun

DOWN

2. A star and the planets orbiting around it
4. Layer of gas that surrounds a planet
5. Planet named after the roman god of agriculture
8. Planet furthest from the sun
9. Closest star to Earth
10. Force that keeps a planet moving in orbit

Sudoku

Level: Intermediate

Puzzle

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

Solution

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

Level: Difficult

Puzzle

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

Solution

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