

Happy  
New Year  
2016

# Berwick Housing Authority

## NEWSLETTER

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The Berwick Housing Authority office will be closed January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's and the 18<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King, Jr Day. If you have a maintenance emergency please call the office and listen to the message for the phone number to the maintenance guy on call.



January 13<sup>th</sup> which is the 8<sup>th</sup> working day of the month. If you do not pay by the 13<sup>th</sup> a \$10 late fee will be applied. If you signed a contract then your rent is due January 15, 2016, but a late fee is still applied after the 13<sup>th</sup>. **The absolute last day to pay rent is January 20<sup>th</sup>.**

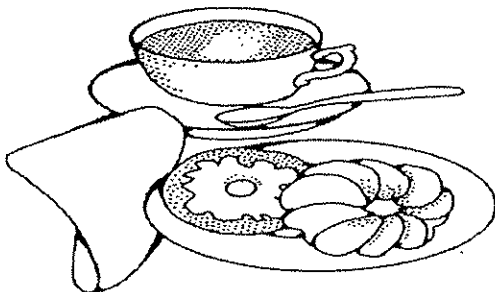
What are  
your New Year's  
Resolutions?



A **New Year's resolution** is a decision to do or not do something in order to accomplish a personal goal or break a habit. It comes at a time when people look back at the past year and make an effort to improve themselves as the new year begins. Adults often make New Year's resolutions to lose weight or exercise.

#### TOP 10 COMMONLY BROKEN NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

1. Lose weight and get fit
2. Quit smoking
3. Learn something new
4. Eat healthier and diet
5. Get out of debt and save money
6. Spend more time with family
7. Travel to new places
8. Be less stressed
9. Volunteer
10. Drink less



### RESIDENT BREAKFAST

Berwick Housing Authority Resident Center

January 7, 2016 @ 9:00 am

Come join us for breakfast and participate in an open discussion about what's going on at the housing authority

I HAVE  
A DREAM

MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY** is Jan. 18, 2016. Born on Jan. 15, 1929, Martin Luther King, Jr. grew to become one of the greatest Social Activists the world has ever known. At 35, he became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize. He was assassinated April 4, 1968 while making a speech from the balcony of his hotel room in Memphis, Tennessee. His birthday became a National Holiday by an act of Congress in 1983. Many consider it as a day to serve your community.

### FUN NEW YEAR'S FACTS AND TRADITIONS

- The first New Year's celebration dates back 4,000 years. Julius Caesar, the emperor of Rome was the first to declare Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> a national holiday.
- 45% of Americans make New Year's resolutions and 25% of them give up their resolutions by the second week of January.
- Tradition says the more leafy greens a person eats, the more prosperity he or she will experience. Tradition also says that legumes bring prosperity because beans and peas look like coins.
- Many people ring in the New Year's by popping open a bottle of champagne. Americans drink close to 360 million glasses of sparkling wine during this time. The bubbly stuff dates back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century when the cork was invented.
- About 1 million people gather in New York City's Times Square to watch the ball drop. The Times Square New Year's Eve ball drop came about because of a ban on fireworks. Today, it is covered in 2,688 crystals, is lit by 32,000 LED lights, weighs 11,875 pounds and is 12 ft. in diameter.
- Auld Lang Syne is a song traditionally sung at the end of New Year's parties. Poet Robert Burns wrote it in 1788. Though most people do not know the words to Auld Lang Syne, it roughly translates to "days gone by".
- Baby New Year is the symbol most commonly associated with New Year's. Baby New Year's is often seen in a diaper, black top hat and a sash showing the numbers of the new year. Myth states that he matures into an old man during the year.

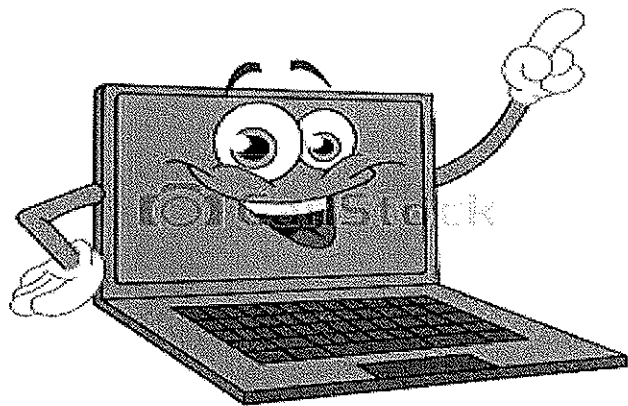
**PAID  
IN FULL**

We will no longer accept or post partial payments. The full rent amount must be paid as well as any late agreements or work order charges you may have. Your balance is on the statement you receive each month. If full payment is not received by the due date a \$10 late fee will be applied as well a strike.



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In December's newsletter it stated that the tutoring center would re-open after the holidays on Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, but the correct date is **Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**.



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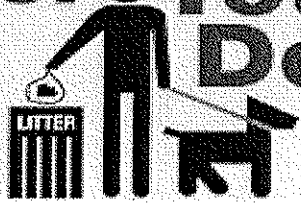
### RESIDENT CENTER COMPUTER HOURS:

Tuesdays 9:00 am-11:30 am

Thursdays 1:30 pm-3:30 pm

**SEARCHING AND APPLYING FOR JOBS ONLINE  
COUNTS TOWARD YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE  
HOURS.**

PLEASE  
**Clean Up  
After Your  
Dog**



We have been getting numerous complaints about residents not cleaning up after their dogs. We referred to the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Berwick and this is what it states:

(Ord. No. 348, 1-9-89; Ord. No. 355, 4-9-91)

Sec. 4-6.3.-Soiling of sidewalks, squares, lawns by dogs.

If any part of public or private property shall be soiled or contaminated by a dog, whether such nuisance shall take place in the presence of the owner or keeper or not, the owner or keeper of the dog, or if the owner or keeper is a minor, the parents or guardian thereof, shall be deemed guilty of violating this article. For purposes of this section, the soiling or presence of dog excretion on any public property, public right-of-way, or private property shall be declared to be a public nuisance.



**"Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity".**

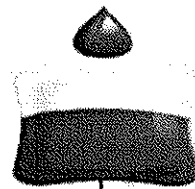
Martin Luther King, Jr., Strength to Love 1963

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As the New Year approaches us with new hopes, here is wishing you and your family a wonderful year ahead. Happy New Year.

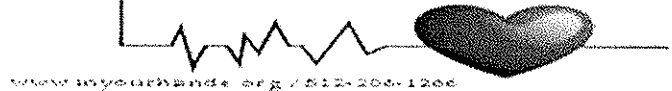
**Community  
Service**

**REMINDER:** Anyone who is 18 years of age or older must complete 8 hours of community service every month if you are **NOT** in school, employed, over age 62 or disabled. If you have any questions or need community service forms please call the office.



**January is  
National Volunteer  
Blood Donor Month**

**Donate blood  
& save lives!**



January has been designated as National Blood Donor Month to encourage donors to give or pledge to give blood. January, in particular, is a difficult month for blood centers to collect donations. Blood is traditionally in short supply during the winter months due to holidays, travel schedules, inclement weather and illness. A reduction in turnout can put our nation's blood inventory at a critical low.

**Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it.**

Martin Luther King, Jr.