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April Residents' Meeting

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The next All Residents Meeting will be held Monday, **April 8th at 162 Seaver Street**. The meeting starts promptly at **6:00pm**.

Light refreshments will be served.

Summer Camp Preparation

You need to have your child's immunization records, birth certificate, and proof of allergies. Please watch for a flyer referring to the registration date.

Spring Computer Classes

Hello residents. It's almost time for the Spring computer class. This 6 week course will cover many different areas, including Windows 7, Windows 8, Microsoft Office, Internet Use and Safety, Computer Care, and more!

The class will meet **Saturdays from 9 to 10:30am**, in the computer center.

> April 13th, 20th, and 27th May 11th, 18th, and 25th

Please stop by or call Jay at 617-427-7677 for more information, and to register for the class.

Parking Ban

The Parking Ban starts again on April 1st. Please read all signs so you know when there is no parking for street cleaning.



Recycling Program

Franklin Highlands Apartments is participating in Boston's recycling program. There are blue recycling bins in the rear of your buildings for your use. Acceptable items include:

Newspapers, Milk Cartons, Flattened Cardboard Boxes, Empty Pizza Boxes, Glass Bottles, Tin/Aluminum Cans, All plastic Containers.

For the complete list, or questions, contact the management office at 617-442-1500.

World's Best Chocolate

Cake

Prep Time: 20min.

Cook Time: 40 Min.

Servings: 12

Ingredients:

Cake:

1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
4 oz. unsweetened chocolate, broken up
2½ cups all-purpose flour
2¼ cups sugar
1 c. unsweetened cocoa powder
2 tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. baking powder
1½ tsp. salt
1½ cups sour cream
3 eggs
2 tsp. vanilla extract

Frosting:

4 oz. unsweetened chocolate, broken up
½ cup shortening
½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
¼ cup sour cream
½ cup milk
2 tsp. vanilla extract
¼ tsp. salt
1 box (1 lb.) powdered sugar
½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder



Garnish: chocolate curls, berries

Directions:

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour three 9-inch round cake pans.

2. **Cake:** In a microwave-safe glass bowl, melt butter and chocolate together in microwave on HIGH until melted and smooth, 1 to 1½ minutes, stirring halfway through. Set aside. Mix flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda, baking powder and salt in a large bowl until blended.

3. Add sour cream, eggs, 1 cup water, chocolate mixture and vanilla; beat 30 seconds on low speed, until dry ingredients are moistened. Increase to medium; beat 2 minutes. Pour into prepared pans.

- 4. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until cake layers spring back when pressed.
- 5. Cool layers in pans on rack 10 minutes. Remove cakes to rack to cool.

6. **Frosting:** In a microwave-safe small glass bowl, melt chocolate in microwave on HIGH for 1 minute. Stir until smooth. Set aside. Beat shortening, butter, sour cream, milk, vanilla, salt, 1 cup of the sugar and the cocoa powder in a medium-size bowl until creamy. Gradually beat in remaining sugar and melted chocolate until thick and smooth.

7. Place a cake layer on pedestal. Spread mitt about 2/3 cup frosting. Top .with second layer; spread with about 2/3 cup more frosting. Top with remaining layer Frost top and sides, swirling decoratively. Garnish with chocolate cuds and berries.

Computer Learning Center

Come visit the new and improved Franklin Highlands Computer Center!

The Computer Center is open Monday - Thursday. If you have work to do, please feel free to use our facilities. Or, you can simply use the internet for browsing, email, etc. Its free for the use of Franklin Highlands Residents. Also, users are allowed up to 8 pages of free printing per day.

Hours: Monday 8am-3pm Tuesday—Thursday 8am-4:30pm



Located at 162 Seaver Street

No Vou Like Video Games and Animation?

Come with your entire family to learn how to make your own games and animations at Family Computer Science! The program is free and there is no past experience necessary. Join us on May 8th, 15th and 27th from 4 to 6 pm. Call Ms. Pat or Ms. Juanita at 617-527-7677 to sign up!

We'll be located at 162 Seaver Street, in the Community Room

Free Official GED Practice Test

Friday June 14h—12:00 PM

Location: **Dudley Branch Library** 65 Warren Street, Roxbury, MA 02119



In 2014, the test will change, and become harder and more expensive. Earn your credential this year.

Those who pass the practice test will qualify to take the official GED test for free. Information about preparation programs and study materials will be available.

For more information, please contact: Roxbury Community College GED Office: 617-427-0060 x5193 E-Mail: ged@rcc.mass.edu

This program is made possible by the Fellowes Fund of the Boston Public Library

Museum of Fine Arts

Join us for April Vacation Week!

Make art, go on a fun family-friendly tour of the galleries, or listen to stories as part of Cogan Family Foundation Vacation Week Adventures. See intelligent, passionate, and provocative cinematic works for ages 3 to 18 featured in the Boston International Children's Film Festival. Or enroll your child in one or more of our April Vacation Classes for children and teens (registration required; see below for more information).



Please note: The MFA is closed on Monday, April 15.

The MFA is a great place to visit with kids. Kids 6 and under always get FREE admission to the MFA, and kids 7 to 17 are free during non-school hours.

April 16th—19th, 2013 10am-4pm Museum of Fine Arts, Boston 465 Huntington Ave Boston, MA 02115

http://www.mfa.org/programs/special-event/april-school-vacation-week

MFA Studio Art Classes

The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, offers year-round studio art classes and workshops taught by experienced educators and professional artists in a unique setting. Access to a world-class collection of art provides inspiration for studio exploration. Studio art classes and workshops include day, evening, and weekend classes and workshops for all ages.

http://www.mfa.org/programs/studio-art-classes

Sign up your young artists to spend the week creating their own art with our April Vacation studio classes for children and teens. They can discover the legends and lore of Art of Asia, create inventive sculptures of clay and wire, or learn basic drawing and painting techniques.

Please visit this webpage for the full class information:

http://goo.gl/HvwNA



April Holidays & Events

- 3/31/13—Easter Sunday
- 4/1/13—Street Cleaning begins. Pay attention to the signs on each street
- 4/7/13—World Health Day
- 4/8/13—Residents Meeting
- 4/15/13—Taxes are Due
- 4/15/13-4/19/13—April Vacation
- 4/22/13—Earth Day
- 4/26/13—Arbor Day

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- The Management Office will like to remind residents that your rent is due NO LATER THAN THE 6TH OF THE MONTH.
- We have been receiving many complaints regarding noise. Please be aware that quiet time per your lease is between 10:00pm 8:00am.
- All trash should be put inside the dumpsters and not left in any common areas on the property. If we find any trash bags left in common areas, they will be searched and the household will be held responsible.
- UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE, should anyone be buzzing people into the buildings if you are not expecting them. Adhering to this is imperative to keeping our buildings and neighbors safe. If someone should ring your bell stating that they don't have their keys, please refer them to the Management Office or the on-call service.