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Special points of interest:

- Congratulations to all Graduates!!!
- Reduced Rate at Children's Museum
- Community Gardens
- FSS Residents Wanted
- Like us on Face book!
- SOS Help Available
- Whittier Falls Beach Day

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Summer Fun Begins



AND THEY'RE OFF: Over 50 children took part in last month's Egg Hunt on Mineral Park Drive celebrating the first of several Whittier Falls neighborhood events planned for 2017. Other upcoming events include the newly-organized family day at the beach (see additional information in this newsletter), the annual bike parade, neighborhood games, community dinners and more.

SOS Recovery Center Opens

For individuals looking for recovery from substance misuse there's a new recovery community center in downtown Dover, at 4 Broadway. The SOS Dover Recovery Community Center will be the third opened in Strafford County with others in Rochester and Durham.

The Center will provide peer-based addiction recovery support as well as resources, programming and information for people looking to find recovery from alcohol and other drugs. The mission of the SOS Recovery Community "is to reduce stigma and harm associated with addictive disorders by providing safe space and peer based supports for people in all stages of recovery".

For additional information call 603.841.2350 or go to www.SOSRCO.org

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Rent Checks Due; Community Gardens Return; Children's Museum

Rent Checks: Residents are reminded that all rent checks are to be made out payable to the *Dover Housing Authority* and are due on the 1st of each month. *Late payments will incur a \$15 fee.* Households that are late in payment will proceed to eviction for non-payment of rent - we are experiencing a lot of late paying households.

Neighborhood Hot Spot: Take an active part in keeping Whittier Falls and Dover safe and drug free. Report all suspicious activity and help keep our city and neighborhood a nice place to live, work and play. Use the attached Dover Police Hot Spot Card to report suspicious activity.

Spring Planting? Community Gardens Available: The 2017 Whittier Falls Community Gardens are open. Residents are invited to reserve their own garden plots at "Fenway Gardens" (located off Mineral Park Drive). The 4' by 8' plots are available for growing both vegetables and flowers during the 2017 season and a limited number of vegetable plants will be available free of charge for residents signing up for a garden plot. Reservations can be made by contacting Stacey at the SOCC 749-6692. Residents are reminded that all vegetable gardening must be done in the community gardens.

Food & Clothing Available: A mini Food Pantry and Clothing Closet are available at the SOCC by making an appointment with Stacey at 749-6692.

Avoid the Ban: Residents are reminded that the lease states they cannot allow persons to stay more than 14 nights in a calendar year. Non-DHA persons found staying beyond this time limit are subject to being banned from the property and DHA residents who allow banned persons on the property are subject to eviction.

Playground Coming: Staff will be installing a playground near the Community Gardens off Mineral Park Drive.

Children's Museum Reduced Rate: The Children's Museum of New Hampshire offers \$1 per person admission to those who show an **EBT card and a valid ID** at our front desk. This discount is valid for up to two adults (the EBT cardholder, his/her spouse/partner or co-parent) and their dependent children. The Children's Museum of New Hampshire accepts valid EBT cards from NH and other states. **Note: EBT cards are NOT accepted for payment.** Questions? Please contact Paula Rais at 603-742-2002.

The time to Join the Family Self Sufficiency Program is Now: Do you have dreams that you're waiting to get started on? Several original members of the Family Self Sufficiency recently graduated and made room for new members. As a participant of the FSS Program your program you'll have a personal coach to help you create a plan to get you where you want to be in life and connect you to the resources you need to get there. The Family Self Sufficiency Program can help you turn your dreams into a reality. Sign up to attend an FSS Orientation at the substation June 6th at 6pm and your name will be entered into a drawing to win a Basket of Gardening Goodies. Don't wait any longer to get started on a plan to reach your goals. The time is now! For more information: Call Cyndi Miller at 603-742-5804 Ext. 104



Free Family Beach Day at Fort Foster Maine: What is better than a day at the beach, playing games, relaxing with family and friends and having a cookout? Join your neighbors and SOCC Staff at the Whittier Falls Day at the Beach on July 16. This all-day family-fun free event for Whittier Falls residents is sponsored by Dover Police Charities and includes transportation, food and entrance fees to Fort Foster on the Maine coast in Kittery. If you're interested in joining us for a great day at the beach contact Stacey at the SOCC 749-6692 or Mark at the Neighborhood House on PVC 742-5804 X 141 to sign up. See you at the beach!