### **Johnston Housing News**

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### Medicare Open Enrollment Period

You can make changes to your Medicare coverage each year during Medicare's Open Enrollment Period, which runs October 15 to December 7. Around September, you will start to receive notices with information about any changes to your coverage for the coming year. It is important to read and understand these notices so that you can decide if your coverage will continue to meet your needs or if you should change it

#### Take action:

- Review any notices you receive from Medicare or your plan. Make note of any changes that will affect you in 2020. Contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) if you have any questions about these notices. SHIP counselors provide unbiased counseling to help you understand and assess your Medicare options.
- 2. If you are unhappy with plan changes, you can look for a new plan. You can change your plan during Medicare's Open Enrollment and your new coverage starts on January 1, 2020.
- 3. Contact your Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) if you suspect plan marketing violations or enrollment fraud. For example, contact your SMP if you receive a notice but are not sure if it is from your plan or not.

Open Enrollment ends December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, once Open Enrollment closes you will not be able to change your health plans!

You will be receiving your Social Security Benefit letter in the next few weeks. Be sure to put it in a safe place as you will need it to apply for services. Including SNAP benefits and SNAP recertification!



#### **Forand Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 1-5pm

Call Bev by December 9th 618-6808

Entertainment by Celebrations
Members \$5, guest and
non-members \$20
Must be paid by Monday
December 9th

#### **Pell Christmas Party**

Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Sign up will be posted in the foyer Soup, pasta and choice of Stuffed Chicken, Scrod or Veal.

Coffee and

Dessert!

Entertainment by Debra Celletti Members \$10, non-members and guests \$25

We will be collecting hats and gloves for St. Mary's Children Home

Rents will be collected at Pell On

Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 2:30-4:00pm

# Happy Birthday!

Jackie Angell
Allan Cardinal
Guido Castelli
Robert Difillipo
Linda DiPetrillo
Stephaine DiSanto
Tracy Duhamel
Guy Forte
Lori Lyons
Claire Magnani
Joseph Tallo
Ann Marie Vellucci

#### **Tenant Association Meeting**

Forand- December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 1pm Pell- December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 6pm

> MONDAY NIGHT BINGO at FORAND DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 BINGO STARTS AT 5:30. BINGO!!!



## Fun Facts:

- "Jingle bells" was composed in 1857, and not for Christmas it was meant to be a Thanksgiving song!
- December is the month with the shortest daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and the longest daylight hours of the year in the Southern Hemisphere.
- Each year more than 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the U.S. alone