

Happy 4th of July! With all that has been happening in our world we still can celebrate our independence. It is my hope that we all do that. Independence doesn't always mean the "war" situations, it also means personal situations. We all work hard to earn our independence in life, have our own family, homes, a good job, and life just in general. An example was when Julie, who spoke at our June meal, told us how Lifehouse works with those who are working hard to earn and keep their independence. We wonder sometimes why some people have to work so hard to get that, while others seem to get it handed to them. Most of the time that is because of no fault of their own, and yes some of it is their fault, but who are we to judge.

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There have probably been times in our lives when we thought we would never gain that independence we wanted. Lifehouse is working hard to help those people, and many have been helped, building the homes like those near us is one of their ways. The food pantry, lowincome store, the homeless shelter, educational classes on health and financial management are all part of that. We who are able to enjoy that independence daily without as many worries, are here to help. So, what can we do? Support, encourage, share, & pray, and so much more.

Our monthly meals have been a real success, thanks to all of you and to the Farm to Family Boxes we received, as well. If anyone would like to continue to get a food box now and then you can inquire at the Food Pantry at 6th and H Street or call them.

Our monthly meals will continue as of now the schedule is: July 10^{th} will be hosted by Shirley P. and her family. They will serve BBQ Pork, salad, and dessert. The sign-up sheet is at the club house. Please sign up by the 5^{th} , the cost is \$2.00.

August 12th will be hosted by the card playing men. Their menu is sloppy joes, and macaroni salad, \$1.00 cost.

September will be hosted by some of the Somer Point II residents, it will be a spaghetti casserole, \$1.00 cost.

In October we will once again have a potluck dinner, this will be our last evening meal for this season. Each resident is asked to bring a favorite dish. Ivy Z. and Shirley O. will host.

We will also plan to hold our annual Thanksgiving dinner in November at noon on the 11th. Mark your calendars. Funds from the monthly dinners are

used for supplies needed above what we received from the food boxes, which are no longer available. Any funds left after our October dinner will go toward our Thanksgiving meal, of which the main dishes are catered.

There has been some discussion on using the dishes in the cupboard at the clubhouse, although those dishes were bought with great intentions, people feel that they create a lot of heavy work. We will continue to use disposable plates, but still use the coffee cups and dinner ware when needed. You may bring your own if you wish. Some people have been questioning how serving in your birthday month for Bingo is handled. No one is OBLIGATED. If you are contacted to help serve or provide something toward the treats and you do not wish to, please state that. Remember the cupcakes are provided by Dugan Mortuary, and the extras are the choice of those serving.

We want to send out a special thank you to Norma M. who is faithfully tending the flowers around the flag pole and outside the club house. Don't forget to fly your flag on the 4th. Thanks also to those who so faithfully put out the flags along the sidewalks on the special days. The Somers Point residents wish to say a HUGE thank you to Rachel and Virginia for the awesome job they have done keeping us safe during the pandemic especially sanitizing the clubhouse. Also thank you for the monthly meals, they have been delicious and very much appreciated and, for keeping things running smoothly. You have both contributed many hours to our enjoyment. Bless you.

PLEASE NOTE: The club house will not be open until around 9

o'clock. If you would need to be in there before that, please arrange time with either Gib, Leona, or Rachel. Thanks to Gib and Leona for doing that job for us. It will close between 4 & 5 p.m., unless in use by reservation.

This month's recipe was served at the June Dinner.

Breakfast Casserole

20 oz. frozen shredded hash brown potatoes 1 can cheddar cheese soup ½ cup milk, 8 eggs beaten 2 cups cubed ham or brown sausage.

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Spread potatoes into 9x13 sprayed pan, cover with mixed soup & milk. Pour beaten eggs and meat over potatoes, cover with shredded cheese. Bake at 375* for 45 minutes. This can be frozen or divide recipe in half.

FHA Maintenance will be changing furnace filters on Wednesday, July 7th.

The Fremont Housing Agency has responded to the interest shown in having benches placed at the Somers Point properties. So, as a kind gesture they will be installing 2 new benches in the month of July! One for SP I and the other for SP II. Please enjoy!!