



# The Watervliet Housing Authority Welcomes you to the City of Watervliet



*Prepared for the residents of the  
City of Watervliet*

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# A Message From the Mayor



On behalf of myself, Mike Manning, and the staff of the City of Watervliet we would like to welcome you and encourage you to visit our website which contains useful information regarding our city’s operational policies, regulations, departments and personnel information and activities happening in the city.

My personal interest in city government is to promote a shared belief that Watervliet is a great city and my hope is this website will be one of the tools used by everyone to help achieve this mission. Like all small upstate cities, we have our challenges. My staff and I feel these challenges can be solved with a straightforward approach and a “can do” attitude. We have already been working on a variety of issues to move Watervliet forward and I believe that 2012 will be a year of progress for our great city.

We cannot do this alone so please feel free to contact me at [mikemanning@watervliet.com](mailto:mikemanning@watervliet.com) if you have suggestions or comments on making this website more useful and informative. (This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it)

**HELP MAKE WATERVLIET GREAT!**

## Important Phone Numbers

Watervliet Housing Office .....	273-4717
City Hall.....	270-3800
Police Department.....	911
Fire Department .....	911
City Garage .....	270-3821
Watervliet Elementary School .....	629-3400
Watervliet High School.....	629-3200
Watervliet Post Office .....	273-0423
Watervliet Building Department .....	270-3800 ext 107
Watervliet Refuse & Recycle Dept. ....	270-5093

**\* Watervliet now uses 911 system for ALL police, fire, and medical issues. If you need any of these services call 911.**



# A WORD OF WELCOME

The Watervliet Housing Authority is very proud to offer quality, safe, and affordable housing to its residents. We work very hard to offer nothing but the best to our tenants. Everyone can make promises; the WHA has a reputation of keeping our promises and never accepting good as a standard. We interview tenants for apartments who have good histories as tenants, demonstrate that they have good rent payment histories, can properly maintain an apartment, and are responsible. **If rent, utilities and daily expenses are getting to be too much, call us, we are here to help.**

We are proud to have created this booklet to help new and existing residents know how and where to access important services. If we can be of further help, please call the housing authority. We are very proud of our community and want everyone to feel welcome.

*Charles V. Patricelli*



We have a Web site...  
**WatervlietHousing.org**  
Check us out.

**Watervliet Housing  
Authority Staff**

Watervliet Housing Authority  
**BUSINESS HOURS**  
Monday thru Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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# What is the Watervliet Housing Authority?

The Watervliet Housing Authority was created by the New York State Legislature in 1959 at the request of Mayor Hugh Donnelly to provide homes for low income Watervliet families. The rent you pay does not fully cover the economic cost of shelter, but requires subsidy by the Federal Government.

All families must meet eligibility requirements with respect to income and are selected in accordance with the approved Watervliet Housing Authority Occupancy Policy and the Housing Act of 1939 mandated by Congress.

There is no discrimination of people of any race, sex, age,color, or religion in the selection of tenants.



## **Michael J. Day Apartments**

Built in 1959, the project was named after the first mayor of Watervliet, Mayor Michael J. Day. The complex consists of 90 apartments in 20 various buildings; 6 one bedrooms, 46 two bedrooms, 34 three bedrooms, and 4 four bedrooms.

## **Abram Hilton Apartments**

Built in 1961, the project, located in Port Schuyler, was named after Mayor Abram Hilton. This is a smaller project of only 30 units; 16 one bedrooms, 4 two bedrooms, 8 three bedrooms, and 2 four bedrooms in 6 buildings.



## **Daniel P. Quinn Apartments**

Built in 1966 exclusively for Senior Housing, this complex consists of 60 one bedroom apartments and is named after Mayor Daniel P. Quinn.



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## Edwin Joslin Apartments

Constructed in 1974 to meet the needs of our low income family residents, the project was built by Mayor James Cavanaugh and named after Mayor Edwin Joslin. The complex consists of 8 buildings with; 18 two bedrooms, 36 three bedrooms and 4 four bedrooms.



## Eugene Hanratta Apartments

The Watervliet Housing Authority's only 4 story building is located on 16<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This building has 68 senior citizen apartments, built in 1974, and was named after Mayor Eugene J. Hanratta.

## Van Rensselaer Village

Van Rensselaer Village is located at the end of 16th Street at Early Drive. The complex has 81 units of 28 one bedroom apartments, 34 two bedroom apartments, 15 three bedroom apartments, and 4 four bedroom apartments to suit your unique needs. There are handicap accessible apartments should you need one. Common household pets are also permitted. VRV was completely renovated in 2009-2010. These renovations included all brand new electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems. Also located at Van Rensselaer Village is the Sgt David Fisher Memorial.



In total, the Watervliet Housing Authority manages 387 apartments, 178 one bedrooms, 102 two bedrooms, 93 three bedrooms, and 14, four bedrooms. This property is managed by an office staff of 6 and a 4 member maintenance department. Five commissioners appointed by the City Council and two tenant-elected representatives are the governing body of the Authority.

## WHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Sandra J. Beston..... Chairwoman  
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Jeffery Czarnecki ..... Commissioner  
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Regina Warner..... Tenant Commissioner  
Charles V. Patricelli..... Executive Director



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# City of Watervliet



*About the city you live in — your new home. Welcome to  
Watervliet.*

So far we have only talked about the Housing Authority. What about the city you live in? Where are the schools, churches, library or parks? What are some of the activities? We can't tell you everything, but the following summary will give you some ideas about where you live.

As a new resident of Watervliet, you belong to a new family of Watervliet residents. Watervliet is small and very friendly. We have excellent public works, recreation, police and fire departments. Our public school system is well known for its excellence in both academics and athletics.

The following is a list of the many programs and services that will help make living in Watervliet an enjoyable experience. For more general information about the City in general visit their website at [www.watervliet.com](http://www.watervliet.com), or call City Hall at 270-3800.

## Schools

Watervliet Elementary is a K-6 school of 750+ students. The school's education program includes Universal Pre-K, full day kindergarten, core curriculum in language arts, math, social studies, and science; as well as art, music, Physical Education, and Character Education. As a Reading First school, students receive direct reading instruction with the support of reading specialists and a building reading coach. For the convenience of working parents, a before and after school program is also offered.



In addition, the school offers a wide variety of after school clubs and activities including basketball intramurals, Odyssey of the Minds, Environmental Club, Elementary Engineers, Spanish, Masterminds, Chorus, Art, Chess, Band, Drama and Student Council. An active PTA supports numerous activities throughout the year for students.

Watervliet Junior/Senior High School encompasses grades 7-12 with a population of about 625 students. Our highly qualified staff is focused on student achievement as well as ensuring success for all students.



Aside from a rigorous and relevant curriculum, we also offer a number of extra-curricular activities such as a Master Minds Team, the Delta Force singing group, an Environmental Club, language clubs, Chess Club, Ski Club, Drama Club and a multitude of successful athletic teams. There is

a new addition of classrooms, gymnasium, and cafeteria.

All students must register for school through our Central Registrar located at the high school. Any questions regarding registration please call 629-3204. More information about the district can be found on our website at [www.watervlietcityschools.org](http://www.watervlietcityschools.org)



## **Watervliet Civic Center (273-5922)**

The Watervliet Civic Center (Civ) has been serving the youth of Watervliet since 1946. The Watervliet Civic Center is a member of the United Way of the Greater Capital Region. The Civic Center has a wide variety of social and recreational programs and services for youth ages 7-18 including: board games, billiards, ping-pong, gym games, weightlifting, computers, athletic leagues and much more. The Civic Center is open from 1:00PM - 9:00 PM Monday-Friday. Monday, Wednesday & Friday are boys days and Tuesday & Thursday are girls days. The Civic Center requires a membership card for all participants. In addition to the many daily programs the Watervliet Civic Center operates a summer recreation program for an eight week period for boys and girls ages 6-12.

### **Before and After School Programs:**

The Civic Center also operates a before and after school program for children in K-6th Grade. The program is conducted each school day at Watervliet Elementary School. The before school program is offered each day from 7:00AM-8:35AM and is \$26 per week. The After School Program is \$52 per week. For both programs together it is \$72 per week. Sliding scale and family rates are available. Activities consist of: gum games, homework help, arts & crafts, board games, outdoor activities, drama/acting, enrichment activities, social events, and much more. A snack is available during the afternoon program. Applications are available at the Watervliet Civic Center. For further information please call the Civ at 273-5922.

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## RECREATION PROGRAMS



Watervliet residents who use the parks and/or the pool are required to get a photo identification card issued by the city. They are issued at the Dome, and proof of residency is required. The passes are free of charge for parks, but to use the pool during the summer months, a fee of \$3.00 for children is \$5.00 for adults is charged. Senior citizens and tenants of the Watervliet Housing Authority are free.

### **THE DOME (270-3824; 270-3800 ext. 123):**

The Watervliet recreation facility (aka The Dome) is located at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street and is open throughout the week. In addition to basketball, we offer many activities for the youth of the city and routinely run different recreational programs at this facility; which will be listed on the City's website [www.watervliet.com](http://www.watervliet.com).

### **SWIMMING POOL (270-3823):**

Our municipal pool is located on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 16<sup>th</sup> Street and is open from the end of June until the end of August. The pool hours are as follows:



Monday-Friday

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m Swimming Lessons

12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m Open Swim

5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m Senior Swim

Saturday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Open Swim

Sunday 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Open Swim

*(times and hours may change, so check with the pool for seasonal hours)*



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## SUMMER PARKS PROGRAM:

As soon as school recesses for the summer, our parks program gets underway. The parks are staffed with counselors and are open Monday-Friday in July and August from 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. The Watervliet Recreation Department encourages our youth to utilize these parks and take advantage of the games and events that take place daily. There are four city parks: Brotherhood Park (25<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue), Clinton Park (18<sup>th</sup> Street and Clinton); the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Park (2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 15<sup>th</sup> Street); and 7<sup>th</sup> Street Park (7<sup>th</sup> Street in Port Schuyler).



**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM** – The City of Watervliet Recreation Department offers a wide variety of summer sports camps to resident children. Children will receive a pamphlet of programs at the end of each school year and registration will take place either by mail or in person at City Hall. Additional programs throughout the school year and during school vacations may also be added.

As with most youth sports programs, volunteers are the force that makes them possible. If you are interested in coaching or assisting in any of programs, don't hesitate to contact the program director.

For more information you can visit [watervlietciviccenter.com](http://watervlietciviccenter.com)

## CITYWIDE YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

Keeping your children active in sports is a good way to increase your child's self esteem and to help them stay healthy and fit. Watervliet offers many programs for your child to choose from, including:

**SOCCER** – The Watervliet Youth Soccer League has over 300 boys and girls from ages 5-13 participating. Children play at different levels depending on their age. Based on interest, travel teams may be formed. Games are held on Saturday mornings at Schuyler Flats in Port Schuyler, and the league runs from the beginning of September to the end of October. You can visit [watervlietyouthsoccer.org](http://watervlietyouthsoccer.org) for more information.





## **BASEBALL** – The Watervliet Little

League is for boys and girls ages 4-12. The League’s games are played at Brotherhood Park located at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave and 25<sup>th</sup> Street. Registration is held on different dates during the year. The season kicks off in April with a

parade and goes through July. For more information, visit their website at [www.watervlietlittleleague.com](http://www.watervlietlittleleague.com)

## **FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING** – Watervliet Pop

Warner Football and Cheerleading is for boys and girls ages 5-13. The season begins August 1<sup>st</sup> and home games and practices are normally held at the high school. For more information, visit their website at [www.popwarner.com](http://www.popwarner.com).



## **PC's for Kids Program**

If your son or daughter is attending school or college and doesn't have a home computer, give the Housing Office a call. We are getting donations of older but usable computer parts and then reassembling them into computers for children in the Housing Authority that need them. It will be on a

first come first serve basis with the older children receiving priority. Don't wait, call the Watervliet Housing Authority now. If you don't live in the Authority, you maybe eligible, call 273-4717 for more information.

## **Television Publicity ... FREE**

Let us know if you are aware of any upcoming events that are noteworthy for Watervliet families. We'll get the message on WVLT/Channel 17's bulletin board. Whether it's a church bake sale or a club meeting, we'll do our best to get it publicized on the community bulletin board. Give as much advance notice as possible so we can adequately air the information. Advertising forms can be picked up at the Watervliet Housing Authority Office from 8am-4pm or visit the Housing website at [www.watervliethousing.org](http://www.watervliethousing.org). You can also email any event to Office@watervliethousing.org.



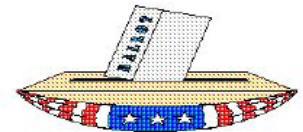
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# Watervliet Library

The Watervliet Public Library offers a collection of over 14,500 books. The collection offers a large inventory of children's picture books, adult fiction and they have a rotating video as well as an audio collection. . The Library belongs to the Upper Hudson Library System, which gives them access to a database comprising the collections of 29 libraries in Albany and Rensselaer Counties. They have an electronic library that offers six computers for public access. Patrons can also access materials on-line. The Upper Hudson Library also supply large print books that rotate every 2 months. Every spring and fall, the Watervliet Public Library holds a weekly story hour for pre-schoolers. In the summer, the Library participates in the New York State Summer Reading Program.



Residents of the city can apply for a free library card upon showing proof of residency. Children of kindergarten age and older are eligible for their own library cards with parental/guardian signatures. Parental permission to access the internet must be given for all youth under grade nine. The Library offers complete access to reading groups and many other services. Contact the Library at 274-4471.



## Register to Vote

If you moved, you must register to vote either by mail or in person. For more information, call the Board of Elections at (518)487-5060 . You can mail it in or drop it off at City Hall. We also have a blank form on page 26 of this brochure. Mail it directly to the Board of Elections, 32 North Russell Road, Albany, NY 12206 (off of Central Avenue, near Westgate Plaza) • Phone: (518) 487-5060 • Fax: (518) 487-5077

[boardofelections@albanycounty.com](mailto:boardofelections@albanycounty.com)

## Food Pantry

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish hosts the location of the Watervliet food pantry. Families in need can call the Parish Center at 273-6020 for assistance. Every so often the unexpected happens and the finances can only stretch so far. Please keep in mind they are always looking for volunteers.



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## Watervliet Senior Citizens

As a nonprofit, charitable organization, the center promotes the well-being and independence of persons 60 years & older through a host of human services, thus benefiting the community as a whole. As a part of its Nutrition Program, the center offers Congregate Dining, Mon–Fri at 12 noon and Wed at 5pm, with the suggested cost for lunch \$2 & Dinner \$3. The center also offers recreation programs with both structured classes & informal activities. Special emphasis is targeted to the minority elderly, elderly with the greatest economic and social need, and the frail and disabled elderly. If you would like more information on the center, please call 273-4422. A dedicated staff member will be happy to discuss what the center has to offer. Find out why the center is “**A Place to Meet Old Friends and Make New Ones...A Home Away from Home.**” Want to know more, go to the website at [www.watervlietseniors.com](http://www.watervlietseniors.com)



## Churches

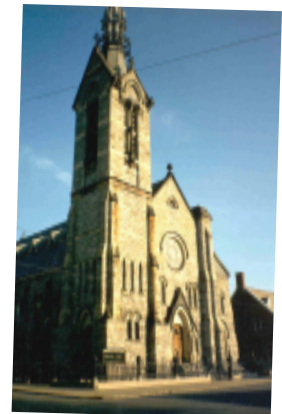
The City has many different places of worship. Below is a list of some of the churches in Watervliet:

Grace Fellowship Church.....	785-4959
First Presbyterian Church .....	273-2211
Jermain Presbyterian Church .....	273-5635
St. Peters Armenian Church.....	274-3673
Trinity Church.....	271-3300
St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church.....	273-6752
United Methodist Church.....	273-0191
Redemption Church of Christ.....	272-6679
Immaculate Heart of Mary.....	273-6020



## Jermain Church Thrift Shop

The thrift shop is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am-1:30pm and on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 10am-1pm. It has everything for your home, enjoyment and safety. The shop is a non-profit organization run by church volunteers. Donations are gladly accepted at anytime. For more information call Nancy Constable at 273-8220.







**FARMER'S MARKET** – The Watervliet Farmer’s Market runs from June through October every Tuesday from 2:30pm to 5:30pm at the Hudson Shores Park. The market offers a variety of seasonal products and produce. For more information call 270-3800 ext. 123 or check the City’s website.


## Hudson Shores Park

This beautifully situated park is available to any city resident to stop and enjoy a barbecue or just sit and enjoy the serenity of the Hudson River. The park contains a large pavilion and is also available to rent for a party at a nominal fee and can be reserved by calling the City Clerk’s office @ 270-3800 ext 115.

## Attention All Veterans

Are you a war veteran or did you serve in the Armed Forces? WVLT 17 honors all our City veterans by displaying their photo on the TV channel every Memorial Day and Veterans Day. If you have a friend, relative or if it is yourself that is a Veteran drop off a photo at the Watervliet Housing Office and it will be included in the display of all City Veterans. If you have a photo of a veteran, send it to [Office@watervliethousing.org](mailto:Office@watervliethousing.org).





**WVLT channel 17  
on Time Warner Cable**

Watch this channel for great parenting tips, educational material on drug use, and a constant update on what’s going on in your city. Comments? Suggestions? You want to get involved — call us.

**Don’t forget to check WVLT for  
School Closings!**

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# Head Start

Head Start is a federally funded preschool program offering free comprehensive services to low-income families living in Albany County. Head Start partners with parents to provide activities that help their children develop mentally, socially, emotionally and physically. Watervliet has two center-based programs for 4-year-olds and a home-based program for 3 year olds.

The Center-based program is open 5 days a week for 5 ½ hours a day. The children are offered a wide variety of learning experiences in addition to breakfast and lunch. The classrooms are located at The Seto Family Resource Center on the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and in the Watervliet Housing Authority Administration Building on 2400 2nd Ave.

The Home-based program offers families individualized services through weekly home visits lasting 90 minutes and biweekly group days offering children social experiences for 2-3 hours.

Applications are accepted throughout the year, so please contact us any weekday for more information. You can call 274-9150 or drop in at our Home-based office in the Watervliet Housing Authority Administrative Building at 2400 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.



## WIC

WIC is a supplement Nutrition program for Women Infants and Children with a successful record for improving the diets of infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breast-feeding women who are at risk for nutrition-related illness. The main focus of the WIC program is to educate mothers on the proper nutrition for babies and young children. The services are FREE. To see if you are eligible, call toll free 1-800-WIC-FOR-U.

## Alcoholic Anonymous (AA)

This great organization has a meeting site right in our own back yard. Need help, encouragement or just good support? Stop in any Friday at 7:00 PM or every Monday night at 6:00 PM at the Quinn Community Room located one block from the Housing office. For more information, contact the WHA office or stop by on either Monday or Friday evening.

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# Need Day Care?

*We have the best around.*

## Seton Family Resource Center

The Seton Family Resource Center has 8 large classrooms to accommodate



children from 6 weeks to 5 years old. A spacious indoor Gross Motor Play Room is perfect for kids to expend their energy when the weather outside is inclement. On nice days, there are two large, fenced-in outdoor play areas; each specifically designed to meet the needs of both younger and older children. The preschool rooms are also equipped with computers to meet the growing curiosity of this age group. As participants in the

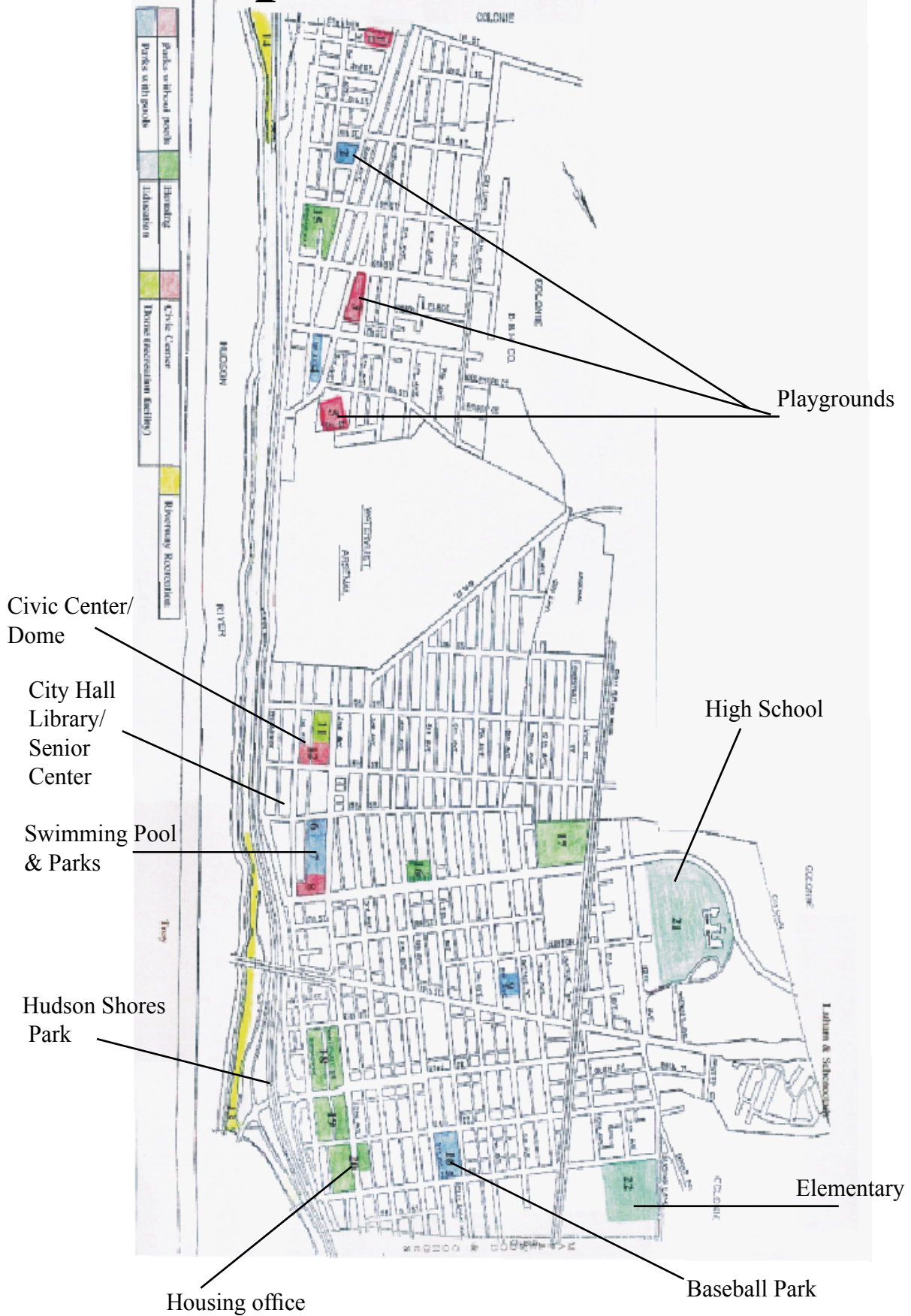
Child and Adult Care Food Program, we also offer the option of providing formula for infants up to 1 year old. Call 272-4964. There are many more daycare providers located in the City that are licensed by the State. Call the Capital District Child Care Council at 426-7181 for a complete list of all licensed day care providers in the city.

## Watervliet Charitable Foundation

The Watervliet Charitable Foundation is a local city run organization solely created to provide funding for numerous organization and programs in Watervliet. This organization solicits money from various sources and then makes donations to many very worthy organizations in the City such as the Civic Center, Little League, Senior Center , Open Table, and many more. Want to help, please send a check or money order to: ***Watervliet Charitable Foundation PO Box 393 Watervliet, N.Y. 12189.*** Most of the donations have come from businesses, and the Foundation is very interested in being supported by the citizens of the city to match their solgan of “for the City, from the City”. Do you want to help? Fill out the form on page 24 and send in your donation. Every little bit helps. Even a \$5 donation is a step in the right direction.



# Map of Watervliet





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# Yearly Events

## Memorial Day Parade

This parade is held every year to salute all our Veterans of all wars. The parade starts at the High School and proceeds down 19th Street to our Veterans Park next to the City swimming pool.



## ARSENAL CITY RUN & COMMUNITY NIGHT

This event will be held on the fourth Friday in September. The One Mile Fun Run is for children and adults of all ages and starts at 5:00 p.m., and the 5K starts at 6:00 p.m. Immediately following the race, we'll have the awards ceremony, live music, vendors featuring \$1.00 menu items, balloons, and lots more. For more information, call the City Recreation Department at 270-3800 ext. 123 or go to the City's website [www.watervliet.com](http://www.watervliet.com).



## EASTER BREAKFAST

Bring your children to the Watervliet Senior Center the day before Palm Sunday for the City of Watervliet's Annual Easter Breakfast. In addition, there will be refreshments, a visit from the Easter Bunny, and more surprises. For more information, call the City Recreation Department at 270-3800 ext. 123.

## The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

The Mayor invites all residents to the City's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in December at the Veterans Park located on 16<sup>th</sup> Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Broadway. Check the City of Watervliet's website at [Watervliet.com](http://Watervliet.com) or call 270-3815 for updated information..



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# Other Useful Information

## **HOUSEHOLD TRASH**

– The City of Watervliet picks up its own trash and recyclables. The schedule for regular weekly trash pickups is as follows: MONDAY - south of Arsenal to city line; TUESDAY - Arsenal to 15<sup>th</sup> Street and ALSO the Michael J. Day, Quinn and Jolsin apartments; WEDNESDAY – north of 15<sup>th</sup> Street to 19<sup>th</sup> Street to include 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hillside Drive and Wiswall Avenue; THURSDAY – north of 19<sup>th</sup> Street to 25<sup>th</sup> Street to include 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Glen Avenue, Ball Place, Grotto Court and Callahan Avenue; FRIDAY – grass clippings (from April through November). The city also designates one day in April and one day in October for citywide bulk garbage pickup. In addition, on the last Friday of every month, you can go to the City Clerk’s office, pay \$10 for a tag and bring your bulk item to the City Garage for disposal (senior citizens can pay \$20 and have the item picked up). For questions regarding trash pickup, call 270-5093.



## **Vendor’s License Required**

A license from the City of Watervliet is required for any person who is engaging in any activity door-to-door. Vendors are listed with the Watervliet City Clerk and the Watervliet Police Department at 270-3800 ext 115. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.



## **Neighborhood Improvement Ordinance**

To answer the complaints from the residents of Watervliet regarding problem properties, we have established a ordinance for these concerns. The Public Nuisance Law provides law enforcement with an appropriate and fair method to respond to the proliferation of various public nuisances and empowers the city to deal with these violations. The goal of the nuisance law is to foster and facilitate commerce, maintain and improve property values in the community and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the people. If you have any further questions regarding this ordinance, please contact the police at 270-3833.

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# AROUND THE CITY

## Need home repairs?

Here are some contractors available in the city!

- Conroy Contracting.....421-1013
- Boisclair Construction .....365-3392
- New Century Const.....271-9422

## Local Businesses

Watervliet also has many great businesses to make your life easier and more enjoyable. Here are only a few places to help you!

- Admiral Cleaners ..... 273-4441
- Advance Glass Inc ..... 272-6800
- AIT Computers.....266-9010
- Ashiline Storage Co ..... 273-4817
- Conroy Bait Shop..... 273-2582
- Cummings Funeral..... 273-0224
- Elie's Unisex Hair ..... 273-1178
- First Niagra .....274-1402
- Fleet Bank ..... 266-9567
- J.J. Cycles .....266-9657
- J & M Auto Repair..... 271-8540
- Laurel's Florals .....426-4658
- Mike's Cut & Style ..... 273-9016
- Moore Insurance ..... 273-9501
- Parker Brother Funeral.... 273-3223
- Passano Paints ..... 273-3882
- Pioneer Bank..... 273-0317
- Schuyler Auto Body .....266-9658
- Schuyler Bakery..... 273-0142
- Schuyler Hair Cuts..... 274-2726
- Sheridan Insurance..... 273-2411
- Watervliet Pharmacy ..... 273-1402

## Lets Eat Out!

Watervliet has some excellent places to eat and at very reasonable prices. Enjoy the food and good company. Below is a list of just a few!

- 25th Street Pizza.....271-2525
- Bob's Diner.....274-0319
- China Dragon.....271-1569
- Deacon Blues.....273-9888
- Dunkin Donuts.....274-1930
- Gianna's .....271-0609
- Giuseppe's Pizza .....266-9222
- Gus's Hot Dogs.....273-8743
- Joey's Pizza.....271-1414
- Mac's Drive In .....279-7899
- McIntyre's.....270-9907
- Michaels Pizza.....274-6081
- Papa's Restaurant.....273-3270
- Purple Pub.....273-9646
- The Rusty Anchor.....273-2930
- Rusty's Pizza.....274-0017
- Spiak's.....273-9796
- Subway.....266-0814
- Ted's Fish Fry.....273-0232
- Valente's.....273-3314

## Service Groups

Want to get involved in the City, have a good time, and feel good about doing it? Watervliet has service groups that you can join. They are:

- Watervliet Elks.....273-9878
- VFW.....273-4896
- AOH.....273-9725

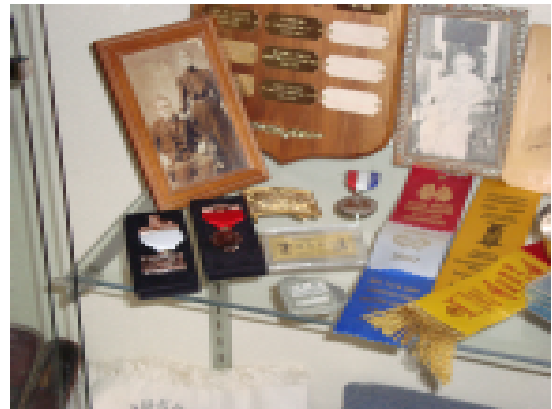
# Watervliet Historical Society



– The Watervliet Historical Society was reformed in May of 2007. Our goals then and now are to research, preserve and educate Watervliet’s rich heritage. We felt to accomplish the above, we should open a Watervliet History Museum dealing solely with Watervliet History for all of our citizens to make them proud of our heritage, and especially our young people and encourage them to remain in Watervliet.

On May 15, 2008, a Building use agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Watervliet Historical Society was signed by both parties for the use of the Christ Church at 1501 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue as the *Watervliet Historical Society Museum*. A very aggressive time frame for opening (September 2008) was established and with the cooperation of the Societies Members and City Personnel, renovations, cleaning, collecting memorabilia and setting up displays was met.

The Watervliet Historical Society announced the Grand Opening of the Watervliet Historical Society Museum on September 26, 2008.



Permanent and revolving displays will deal with the Erie Canal, old and new Businesses, the Watervliet Arsenal, Churches, City Government and Watervliet Culture.

We want to thank the City of Watervliet for the use of the site and their help in making the Museum a reality.



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# Laptop for Kids



For the past few years we have been able to provide FREE laptops to our graduating High School Seniors that are going off to college. The Watervliet Housing Authority is by far very aggressive in providing and connecting all our residents in the technology that they need to compete in our daily economy. The Watervliet housing Authority is the only know Authority to provide FREE PC's to ALL its residents, provide FREE internet service to ALL its residents and also Run the only Public Access TV station that is now know as the BEST throughout the Capital District. None of our neighboring cities has such a station and we're very proud to provide such a service to our residents of Watervliet.



# Area Websites

*Visit these websites to learn about events and activities in Watervliet*

- www.watervliethousing.org .....Housing Authority
- www.watervliet.com .....City of Watervliet
- www.uhls.org/watervliet/ .....Watervliet Library
- www.cdta.org .....Transportation
- www.seniors-site.com/ .....Senior Info
- www.watervlietciviccenter.com/ .....Watervliet Civic Center
- www.albanycounty.com .....Albany County
- www.vliet.neric.org .....Watervliet City Schools

*Do you see a mistake or have a suggestion?*

Contact the Housing Authority with your suggestions.

**Be apart of our community....**

**Volunteer to help with our**

**Community TV station**

**WVLT - 17**

**Contact Watervliet Housing for  
more information**



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# Watervliet Housing's visit with Santa



**Thanks to the generous support of our community residents and organizations, each child was given a gift from Santa Claus.**



The Watervliet Housing Authority has recently reconstructed the Van Rensselaer Village. Look at the improvements!

BEFORE



AFTER





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**WATERVLIET CHARITABLE  
FOUNDATION**

If you wish to donate, please fill out  
this form.

Then send it and your donation to:  
**Watervliet Charitable Foundation**  
**P.O. Box 393**  
**Watervliet, NY 12189**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION  
YOU WISH TO DONATE TO: \_\_\_\_\_

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**“Even a \$5 donation can make a difference.”**

# LIGHTS...CAMERA...ACTION!!!



## Watervliet Housing has a Successful Video Club Production

The Watervliet Housing Authority has worked together with the Watervliet Elks Club to establish a Video Club. Its intention is to help educate our young children on how to film, edit and produce shows for our TV station. WVLT is a public access TV station that is run by the Watervliet Housing Authority. It is the only known housing authority in the country that has its own station. We are hoping that by educating our children they will be able to carry forward the programming of the station. . This is a great accomplishment and the Watervliet Housing has raised the bar for others to help educate our kids — both those living in housing and the entire City of Watervliet.



# MARY'S CORNER

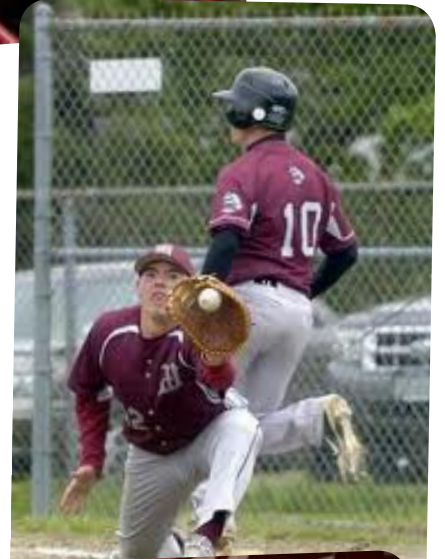
Mary's Corner is serving adults caring for children from newborn to 3 years, living in the City of Cohoes and Watervliet. Stop by on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10:00-12:00. Mary's Corner will be offering the following items free of charge; formula, Stewarts Milk Coupons, Diapers, Baby Clothing(infant to size 5), baby furnishings(strollers, bouncy seats, baby gates), breast feeding items, literacy classes/GED tutoring, support group/Just Mom & Me, and other outreach services. Registration and proof of residency is required. You may also call Mary's Corner at 518-269-6068.

**Open Door Community Center  
115 Mohawk Street  
Cohoes, NY 12047  
518-269-6068**





# W<sup>atervliet</sup> ATHLETICS





## **RESOURCES**

### **Hot Lines**

24HourHotline(AA,NA,GA).....	1-800-711-6375
AlcoholicsAnonymous.....	292-0577
.....	463-0906
CocaineAnonymous.....	1-800-347-8998
GamblersAnonymous.....	292-0414
NarcoticsAnonymous.....	448-6350
Narcotics Anonymous Family Support.....	1-800-477-6291
TreatmentCentersDirectory.....	1-800-315-2056
SamartiansSuicidePrevention24-Hour.....	689-4673
AlbanyCountyDomesticViolence24-Hour.....	432-7865
AlbanyCountyRapeCrisis24-Hour.....	447-7716

### **Help Centers**

TheAddictionCareCenter.....	465-5470
CenterforProblemGambling.....	462-6531
NYSAlcohol&SubstanceAbuse.....	473-3460

### **Community Agencies**

MohawkHudsonHumaneSociety.....	434-8128
InterfaithPartnershipfortheHomeless.....	434-802
AlbanyCommunityActionPartnership.....	237-9201
CouncilingCareandServicesInc.....	237-4263
CapitalDistrictTransportationAuthority.....	482-8822
AdultLearningCenter(GED,ESL).....	475-654
FoodPantriesoftheCapitalDistrict.....	458-1167
FoodStampEnrollment.....	689-6327
MealsonWheels.....	465-6465

### **Government Services**

DepartmentofSocialServices.....	447-7300
NYSBenefits.....	mybenefits.ny.go

### **Albany County Shelters**

CapitalCityRescueMission.....	462-0459
DePaulResidents.....	482-3248
EquinoxInc.....	465-9524
MercyHouse(Women).....	434-3531
St,CharlesLwangaCenter(Men).....	435-4973

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## General Health

HealthyCapitalDistrictInsentive.....462-0459

## Parenting Services

AlbanyWomen’sHealthCenter.....432-4033

CommunityMaternityServices.....482-8836

FamiliesTogether.....1-888-326-8644

## Senior Services

HomeDeliveredMeals.....270-2739

NYSSeniorCitizenHelpLine.....1-800-342-9871

## Representatives of New York State

RonCanestrari,Assemblyman.....455-4474

PaulTonko,Congressman.....465-0700

CharlesSchumer,Senator.....431-4070

KirstenGillibrand,Senator.....431-0120

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# My Father’s House

At 529 5th Ave in Port Schuyler

Thrift Store opens June 23rd, and they have  
produce from 1-2pm daily.

One box per family is given.

## Bed Bug Help

Bedbugs can be big problem, but they can be taken care of. Preventing them from entering your home can be easy if you take the right precautions. Cleaning bedding and furniture regularly and other small steps can make a big difference in preventing them from entering your home. For more information on bed bugs you can go to our website, [watervliethousing.org](http://watervliethousing.org).

# City Announces 10% Energy Challenge

The City of Watervliet announces its 10% Energy Challenge, an initiative for the city to increase energy efficiency and reach the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 10%. This is an opportunity for Watervliet residents and businesses to save money and reduce their energy bills through energy efficiency programs and green power options. The 10% Energy Challenge evolved out of Watervliet taking the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) pledge. CSC is a partnership between local communities and New York State, with 103 communities currently participating.

“Reaching the 10% goal is a community effort. This is a great opportunity for residents and businesses to take part in the city’s green initiatives,” said Watervliet Mayor Mike Manning. “We can provide businesses, home owners, renters and low-income residents energy options and programs to increase their own energy efficiency.”

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), reducing the city’s greenhouse gas emissions by 10% is equivalent to taking more than 500 passenger vehicles off the road for one year. Building on its solar power commitment and EPA Green Power Partnership status, the City of Watervliet is working with Greenlight Energy to offer businesses and residents the opportunity to purchase renewable energy. While supporting greenhouse gas emissions reduction, a portion of the total proceeds raised by the purchase of green power will be donated to the city in a dedicated Green Fund.

The City of Watervliet is partnering with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority’s (NYSERDA) Capital-Saratoga Energy Smart Communities (ESC) to enhance the city’s energy efficiency and green initiatives. ESC coordinators promote NYSERDA’s programs in local neighbourhoods through partnerships, educational programs and awareness-building.

In this region, ESC services are provided by independent contractor Courtney Strong, Inc. Throughout the 10% Energy Challenge, ESC will offer residents, businesses, and organizations convenient, community-based access to NYSERDA programs. These programs match energy reduction opportunities with available funding and other economic development resources.

A majority of Watervliet residents qualify for NYSERDA programs. The Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® program, for example, helps homeowners reduce energy use and annual energy costs by an average of \$700 or more through a free or reduced-cost “whole house” comprehensive assessment. The assessment, conducted by contractors trained in building science and accredited by the Building Performance Institute (BPI) recommends home improvements to save energy and cut costs.

The program also provides incentives funded by the System Benefits Charge (SBC) for energy improvements and low-interest loans funded by the Green Jobs-Green New York Act of 2009. Free energy reduction measures are available to low-income homeowners and renters through NYSERDA’s EmPower New York program.

Businesses, not-for-profits and multi-family buildings may also qualify for assistance through NYSERDA programs. Residents and businesses may take part in these NYSERDA programs, helping the city reach its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 10% below the 2008 baseline.

**Applications and more information is available by calling the Mayor’s office at 270-3815.**



# GREEN POWER COMMUNITY







**Energy Saving Tips:**

- \*When buying new appliances, be sure to purchase energy-efficient ENERGY STAR® labeled models.
- \*Set the furnace thermostat at 68 degrees or lower, and the air-conditioner thermostat at 78 degrees or higher, health permitting. 3 percent to 5 percent more energy is used for each degree the furnace is set above 68 degrees and for each degree the air conditioner is set below 78 degrees.
- \*If your old air conditioner is on its way out replace it with ENERGY STAR® labeled energy-efficient model.
- \*Use compact fluorescent lamps. You can lower your lighting bill by converting to energy-efficient low-wattage compact fluorescent lighting and fixtures.
- \*Replace old windows with new high performance dual pane windows.
- \*Clean or replace furnace and air-conditioner filters regularly, following manufacturer’s instructions.
- \*Set the water heater thermostat at 140 degrees or “normal.” If you have a dishwasher. Otherwise, set it at 120 degrees or “low.” Check your dishwasher to see if you can use 120 degree water. Follow the manufacturer’s direction on yearly maintenance to extend the life of your unit.
- \*Fix defective plumbing or dripping faucets. A single dripping hot water faucet can waste 212 gallons of water a month. That not only increases water bills, but also increases the gas or electric bill for heating the water.
- \*Wash only full loads in a dishwasher and use the shortest cycle that will get your dishes clean. If operating instructions allow, turn off the dishwasher before the drying cycle, open the door and let the dishes dry naturally.
- \*Defrost refrigerators and freezers before ice buildup becomes 1/4-inch thick.
- \*Install shades, awnings or sunscreens on windows facing south and/or west to block summer light. In winter, open shades on sunny days to help warm rooms.
- \*Close the damper when the fireplace is not being used. Try not to use the fireplace and central heating system at the same time.



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