



Watervliet Housing Authority



June 2010

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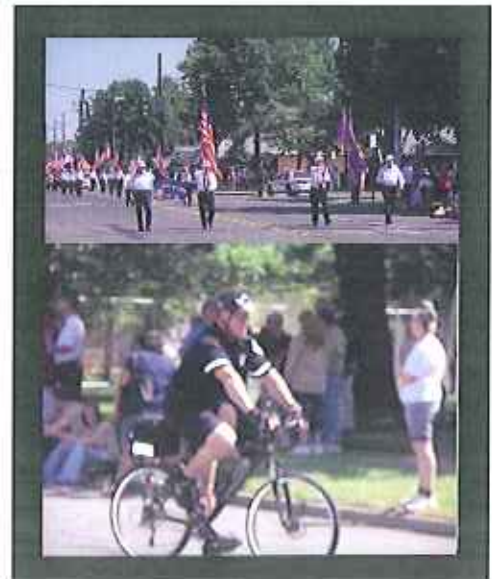
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Annual Plan Public Hearing

All residents and the general public are invited to a public hearing on **June 14th** at 7:00 pm at the Quinn Community Room. The Watervliet Housing Authority will present their Performance and Evaluation report for the 2008 - 2009 Comp Grants. Also a public hearing will be held for anyone wishing to comment on the WIIA Annual Plan for 2010, including the Capital Fund Program.



Father's Day is June 20th
Happy Father's Day!

Watch WVLT 17 for our Annual Father's Day Salute



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

FIRE DRILL



Fire Drill

The Watervliet Housing Authority will be conducting a fire drill on June 14, at Hanratta Apts at 10 AM. You must let us know if you need any special assistance.

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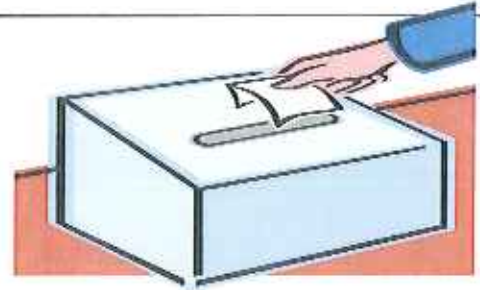
Garbage Pick up

We need the cooperation of all tenants in putting out garbage. The men won't pick up your trash if it's not in proper containers. It ruins the appearance of your home and if we have to clean it up, it takes valuable time away from doing other important projects. Please help.

Tenant Commissioner Elections



Every two years tenants of the Watervliet Housing Authority vote for two of the seven Board members. The City Council of Watervliet appoints the other five.



Elections for Tenant Commissioners will be held on **June 11th**. A list of eligible tenants will be posted on the bulletin board at the office. Errors appearing on the list must be made known to the office not less than 60 days prior to the election. Nominating petitions for tenant members will be accepted at the office no earlier than March 3rd and must be received by April 7th, 2010. Nominating petition forms can only be obtained at the office.



Roberta Gilson of the Day apartments and Regina Warner of the Quinn apartments are the current tenant commissioners and are running again along with Darline Quinlivan of Hilton Apartments. Any questions, please contact Matt or Mary Clinton for more information.

Are you a graduating senior and going to college?



Do you need a laptop for school? If so, you are in luck. We have received very generous support of this program from many area individuals and companies that are willing to help you with college. You will be given a **FREE** laptop. Contact the office for more information.

Bathroom Exhaust Fans



One of the most common places in the home for mold to form is the bathroom, and it makes sense as to why. Bathrooms are a prime location for moisture to build up. You need to control the humidity. The easiest way to accomplish this is to have your bathroom exhaust fan on while you are showering and a few minutes afterwards.

The bathroom exhaust fans draw the moisture-filled air out. Each apartment has an exhaust fan in the bathrooms. By using the exhaust fans, this will keep the moisture levels down and will stop mold and mildew from coming back.

Around the WHA...



Come and enjoy some fine music

The Watervliet Housing Authority invited a 20-member band to play for us. **The band will be at Hanratta on July 1st and Quinn on August 5th.** Both shows start at 6:30pm. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and friends.

Working on Cars

Only properly registered vehicles are permitted in WHA parking areas. Vehicle repairs such as oil changes, motor overhauls, and body work are not allowed in the complexes.



Home Buyers Program

If you are interested in purchasing your own home in Watervliet and it seems impossible, now might be your chance. You must be a resident of the Watervliet Housing Authority and the house must be in Watervliet. The Authority will cover most of the closing costs if you are credit eligible. Contact Charles Patricelli at the office at 273-4717.



ATTENTION: All Tenants

Lawn furniture (picnic tables, etc.), children's playhouses, sandboxes, etc. and all tents, screen or otherwise, must be moved when maintenance mows/weedwacks the lawn. If maintenance has to move these objects in order to mow you will be charged for the man's time to move them.



Joslin Laundry Hours

The laundry room is open every day. Please remember it's your room, so please help maintain it. Warning! If used after hours the alarm will go off and you will be charged for the alarm call.



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Don't be a party to teenage drinking.

It's against the law.

Prom and graduation are important events in young peoples' lives. Parents often celebrate these events by hosting parties for children and inviting their children's friends. Other parents condone the use of alcohol because they want to be considered a 'cool' parent or may believe they are keeping teens 'safe' by providing alcohol in the home, thus preventing them from drinking and driving. You're not a friend to your child YOU ARE their PARENT!



For your information...

We wanted to take this opportunity to review some of the information we have given you in the past about the care of your apartment and the grounds. With the winter over and summer coming, we felt it would be a good time to do this.



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Kitchen Cabinet Care



The following is a list of rules and ways to take care of them:

1. No contact or wallpaper is permitted anywhere in the apartment.
2. Do not nail or tack anything on the metal back splash behind the stove.
3. Clean grease filter regularly.
4. Do not put larger than a 60-watt bulb in the exhaust fanlight.
5. Do not store newspapers or paper bags behind or on the side of the refrigerator; it's a fire hazard.
6. Do not use soap or water on the cabinets; use the same product you would use to polish furniture.
7. Wipe water quickly off the fronts of the cabinets, it will stain and mark the finish.

Also, "Lazy Susans" are not for canned goods; keep as much weight off them as possible.

Do you own a dog?



If you own a dog please be respectful of your neighbors. When walking your dog, please clean up after him. There is nothing more annoying than having you or your guest step in dog waste.

Refrigerator Care



If something spills wipe it up immediately, especially the front where the door gasket meets. If sticky and not

cleaned it will cause the gasket to pull from the frame and you will be responsible for a new gasket. Clean it with Fantastic. Please keep your refrigerator clear of objects on the top and the sides. Small objects can fall into the motor and cause problems, which could result in a back charge. Please take the time to clean under your refrigerator. The coils do not function correctly when they are covered with dust and dirt. This will cause a major problem with the refrigerator if left uncleaned. One idea is to wipe cooking oil on the gasket to prevent it from sticking.



Washing Machine Hoses

If you own your own washing machine, you should replace your hoses every five years. They get soft and will break or crack. Murphy's Law is that they will break when you are not at home and will cause a lot of damage that you will be responsible for. If you need help, call the office!

National Grid Bill



If you don't pay, it's a violation of your lease. It's just like not paying rent. Go on the budget and keep current. If your power is turned off, you risk eviction.

VanRensselaer Village Update

Phase 1 ... Almost Complete!

Some friends helped us celebrate this exciting milestone!

Phase I is almost complete and new tenants are moving in. We recently had an open house to show off our new apartments and let everyone see how nice they are. Landscaping will soon start. Phase II is now underway and should be completed by the end of September. We are very proud of what we accomplished in a short period of time and want to thank all those that made it possible, especially the staff here at the Watervliet Housing. This is no small undertaking but we are spending the time and effort to do it right. We are inspecting and reinspecting all the apartments and workmanship of the new construction. There are many added improvements that we made part of the project for the convenience of our tenants. At the same time we are working on several projects here at the other housing sites. With the limited resources and time we especially need everyone's help and cooperation so our time will be used in the proper manner.



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Great Parade!

If you missed the parade on Memorial Day, you can still watch it on WVLTV 17. Thanks to our video club, it was again taped and put on WVLTV. Also thanks to Scott & Kevin Kilcullen and his friend to drive in the parade with Executive Director Charles Patricelli.

Every year Jim Verhagan puts up the flags that front the housing property of Joslin, Quinn and Day and this year the parade route changed that made Watervliet Housing stand out above all others. Great job to all our housing staff that participated in the parade representing housing and the great things it does.



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Head Start is a FREE Comprehensive Preschool Program



Head Start serves 3 and 4 year old children from income eligible families. Open enrollment has begun for the 2010/2011 program year. Please call 463-3175, Ext 120 or 117 to apply.





Watervliet has GREAT kids

Watervliet High School kids came and worked to plant over 800 geraniums and several dozen plants helping to make Watervliet Housing a great place to live.

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Around the WHA...



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Air Conditioners



You must have a 2 x 4 piece of wood under them to protect the storm windows. The unit cannot be placed on the storm window or it will damage the frame. If you need the 2 x 4's, we will supply them free of charge. If the unit isn't properly installed, we will correct the problem and back charge you for the time, so please call. Please save your 2x4's they are \$3/board.



Bike Sheds

The bike sheds are not play houses for your children. If they are found misusing the sheds you will not be permitted to use them. Also, the playground isn't being kept clean. If the parents can't help by keeping it clean and watching their children it will be closed. You can help a lot by organizing a work party to pick up papers and doing other activities that will make the area clean. We can assist with supplies and refreshments.

Showers



After taking a shower, please check outside the tub for water. It's the usual cause of water damage. Please make your family more aware of it and pull the curtain tight and wipe up any water immediately.

Please report anything that needs to be repaired in your apartment. Waiting can make the repair more costly, because of additional damage from not having the original problem taken care of.



Fire Safety

If the fire alarm is going off and you do not smell smoke and your apt door is not warm to the touch it is OK to stay in your apt. However if you do smell smoke it is best to leave the apt.

If you are in bed and the alarm goes off roll out of bed and do not stand up. If you stand up you take the chance of breathing in smoke.

Sewer Plugs

Day tenants are reminded not to put down rugs on your basement floors. It's best to keep boxes off the floors. Keep the area around the traps accessible so if a backup starts the men can get to it. Also, we are not responsible for loss or damages in event of a back up therefore we suggest you obtain tenants insurance.



Water Faucets

Your outside faucet is a convenience to you. Some tenants can abuse them. If left unattended, they can cause a lot of water damage. You are responsible for the damage to the lawns and the faucets could be removed. Also, if you need a key to turn on the water you can obtain one at the office or the hardware store. If you use pliers and ruin the stem, the faucet will not be repaired.

Rugs

Rugs cannot be glued or nailed. You are permitted to use carpet tape.



For your information...

Hanratta Shower Cleaning Instructions



To properly clean the showers these are the recommended products that will do a better job than others. Some products can even cause permanent damage.

Recommended

Soft Scrub
Chlorox Cleanup
Mr. Clean
Spic & Span
Tilex Soap Scum
Fantastik
Windex

NOT

Recommended

No abrasives
NO Lysol
No Alcohol
No Drano
NO Dow
Bathroom
Cleaner



Summer is Coming!

1. Please drink plenty of water
2. Wear a hat
3. Try to walk early mornings or early evenings
4. Do not walk alone

"Children Learn What They Live"



by Dorothy Law Nolte

- If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.
- If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.
- If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.
- If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.
- If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.
- If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.
- If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.
- If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.
- If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.
- If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.
- If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.
- If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
- If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.
- If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.
- If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.
- If children live with fairness, they learn justice.
- If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.
- If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.



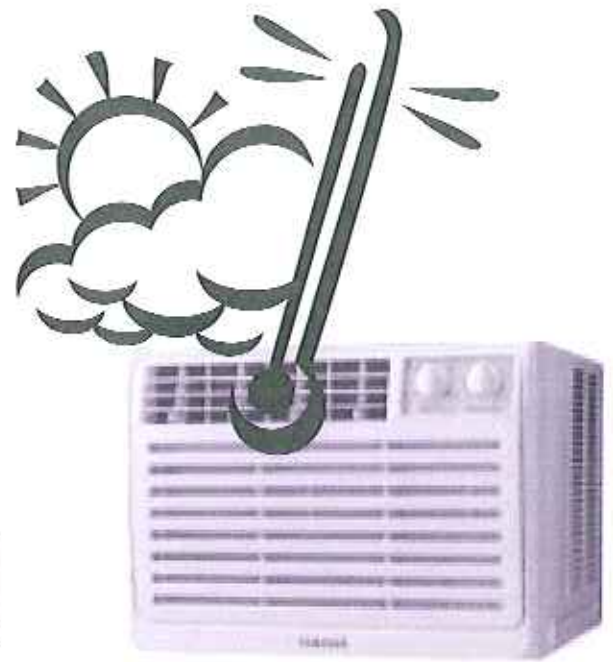
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**Summer is
almost here!**

**Save
Money...
Stay Cool!**



The Watervliet Housing Authority is trying to help you save money and stay cool this summer! For a limited time we are offering a rebate to any housing resident who gets rid of their older, non-energy efficient air conditioner and replaces it with a new Energy Star unit.

Feiden Appliances and the Watervliet Housing Authority are teaming up to offer this great deal. You can choose from two models:

<u>Size</u>	<u>Initial Cost</u>	<u>Rebate</u>	<u>Final Cost</u>
5,000 btu (18 ½ x 12 ½ x 15 ½)	\$158	\$50	\$108
6,000 btu (18 ½ x 12 ½ x 15 ½)	\$170	\$50	\$120

Why are we doing this? It's simple: it saves you money, it saves us money and it also saves the environment. It's a win-win-win for everyone!

The sale will be June 14 and again on June 21 at our office. BUT you only get the rebate if you give us your old air conditioner for disposal. This program is available on a limited basis and only one per family. So don't wait...you might miss out! If you need some assistance, give us a call and we may be able to help you.

You can still purchase a unit at the INITIAL COST if you don't have a trade-in. Hurry only 50 units available.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call our office.

Sincerely,

Charles V. Patricelli

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Executive Director



A Friend vs A Parent

By Bob Christiansen

Summer is coming and with it lots of free time for our children. In order for their summer to be relaxed, healthy, and fun, we as parents need to make sure we are monitoring our children.

Monitoring what your children do also helps them avoid negative peer pressure. A very real probability in the summer, when there is often fewer adults involved in your children's daily activities.

By monitoring, we mean keeping track of and watching over your kids. Having them check in and report:

- Where** they are...
- Who** they are with...
- What** they are doing...

...AND CONFIRM YOUR CHILD'S STORY WITH THE PARENTS OF THEIR FRIENDS!

One parent I know had four teenagers. She posted this note in a highly visible place on the refrigerator (a spot she knew her kids would visit often):

BEFORE YOU ASK ME TO GO ANYWHERE, BE PREPARED TO TELL ME:

- **Where you are going?**
- **How you will get there and back?**
- **When you will be home?** (*family curfews are a great thing and must be enforced*)
- **What you will be doing?**
- **Who you will be with?** (*provide phone numbers of parents and places*)

This parent had a good idea of what her kids were doing when they weren't home.

She **CONSISTENTLY DELIVERED CONSEQUENCES FOR THEIR BEHAVIOR:**

Positive — for following through on their plans and the family rules.

Negative — for not doing what they said they were going to do.

Regardless of whether your children are younger or older, monitoring their activities is imperative to their well being. It keeps parents involved and lets your kids know that you care about them and their safety. An additional benefit is that your kids will have fewer opportunities to get into trouble because they aren't spending too much unsupervised time with other kids.

Let's put it this way: If you don't monitor your kids, someone else will be in charge of what they do and what they learn. That's taking a big chance.

Checking on your kids is one way you can help them avoid peer pressure. You can alert them to pitfalls, teach and discipline, and help them solve problems on their own. Monitoring also gives you many more opportunities to "catch'em being good," which leads to more times you can use praise effectively. **DO NOT BE AFRAID TO SET CLEAR GUIDELINES AND CHECK UP ON YOUR KIDS.**

Peers will always have influence on your children — sometimes good, sometimes bad. But don't fail to recognize how much influence **YOU** have. You can help your kids learn to recognize the wrong kind of peer pressure and teach them what to do about it. Even if you feel your children have already been negatively influenced by peer pressure, **IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO START MAKING CHANGES FOR THE BETTER.**



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I hope everyone has a relaxing, healthy and FUN summer vacation!



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Salute to our Veterans...



The Watervliet Housing Authority and the Watervliet Elks Club received a grant to interview Elk Veterans. The goal was to involve, train and expose our young children to video technology by learning how to take video, edit and produce their own DVD movie. We have a professional trainer helping and we have interviewed several Elk Veterans. The Video Club is open to anyone interested in learning and promoting activities on WVLT. WVLT is the only known TV station that is operated by any housing authority for the sole benefit of not only its housing residents by the entire community of Watervliet.



Join the video club!

To learn more you
should contact:
cpatricelli@watervliethousing.org.

**You never know....
It might give you a start at a career in TV!**

Kiddy Pools

Rules for the Dog Days of Summer



Wading "Kiddy" pool: A small, shallow swimming pool not more than 12 inches deep, designed specially for use by small children.

- **Pools should be no deeper than 12 inches or wider than 6 feet in diameter**

In many cases, any pool larger than the above specifications must be fenced off according to state/local codes. Limiting the size will also help to maintain control and safety.

- **Pools should be emptied each night**

Letting non-chlorinated water sit for long periods of time can cause harmful germs. It is important to fill the pool with fresh water daily. Also, by emptying out water it lessens the hazard of unattended children entering the pool and drowning

- **Toys should not be left in or around pools**

Toys can attract young children into the pool area.

- **Tenants should notify the Authority that they have a pool**

Knowing what units have wading pools will help to reinforce rules and restrictions.

- **Wading pools should be moved frequently to avoid damage to grounds**

Leaving the pool in one place can cause damage to Authority grounds, thus causing other hazards. Tenants will be held responsible for damages to Authority property.

- **Pools should be properly stored when not in use**

Pools should be placed in units, unit storage sheds, or other designated areas.

Policy will be enforced and action will be clearly be taken either back charge for damage or eviction procedure.

The safety and well being of our residents is a high priority at the Watervliet Housing Authority, and we hope all of our residents will work toward that goal.

PC's for Kids Program

If your son or daughter is attending high school or college and doesn't have a home computer, give the office a call. We are trying to get do-



nations of older but usable computer parts and then reassemble 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 us now.



Internet training

As always we have tried to provide internet training to our residents. Many times we have scheduled training classes and either nobody shows up or they register and then fail to attend.

We are always looking for ways to help those "bridge the technical divide" but you can only do so much. If your interested in training, please let Mr. Patricelli know and he will work on scheduling classes that you are most interested in attending.



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More Information...

Supervision of Grandchildren



School's almost out and summer time is just around the corner. We expect that grandchildren will be visiting more frequently than usual. For the safety of your little loved ones, please remember that children

need to be supervised at all times in the common areas of the building and especially in the courtyard and parking lot of the property. We are located in a very busy city and children are notorious for not paying attention while playing. We ask that you watch out for them. In addition, unsupervised children tend to be noisy and sometimes can get into things they shouldn't, so your watchful care over them will be greatly appreciated.

Summer is coming...

...and a lot of time has been put into the grounds at all the complexes. We have been getting a great deal of positive feedback about the way the apartments look, which makes us all feel proud. We need to maintain this appearance and to do this it will take an effort on everyone's part. Take the time to pick up the papers and water the plants and flowers.

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Who's Job Is It?

To pick up garbage?
To plant or water the flowers?

This is a story about four people named everybody, somebody, anybody, and nobody. There was an important job to be done and everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it. But nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was everybody's job. Everybody thought anybody could do it but nobody realized that everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that everybody blamed somebody when nobody did what anybody could have done.

It is so much easier to blame others or just criticize than lend a hand!



Grocery Bus

Did you know that both Hannaford and Price Chopper pick seniors up to take them grocery shopping on Tuesday mornings? Call the office for more information.



Happy Father's Day!!!



The Story of Father's Day

Father's Day, contrary to popular misconception, was not established as a holiday in order to help greeting card manufacturers sell more cards. In fact when a "father's day" was first proposed there were no Father's Day cards!

Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "father's day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington State. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane Washington. At about the same time in various towns and cities across America other people were beginning to celebrate a "Father's Day." In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends are all honored on Father's Day.

Celebrating Father's Day



Everyone celebrates Father's Day a bit differently, but if you are looking for something a bit different then here are some things/ways you might consider.

Flowers – Yes flowers!! How many ties does one dad need? If you know your dad has a special flower then a bunch would be a nice gesture. If you are unsure what type of flower, then the elegance of a single rose will let him know you care.

Homemade Card/Picture – It doesn't matter if you're 8, 28, or 48, a handmade card or note from the heart speaks more of your feelings than the store bought variety. If your artistic ability is a bit lacking check out our selection of Father's day pictures that you can print out and color.

Home Cooking – Give mom the day off as well and invite them both over for a good home cooked meal. But remember today is not the day to test out that new recipe. Play it safe and stick to dad's favorite.



To Your Health!

It's Summer, the perfect time for turning over a new leaf! And, a great way to

start the season is by taking care of your health, and the health of your loved ones.

- Q.** When was the last time you had a physical?
- Q.** Do you know what your cholesterol level is...your blood pressure?
- Q.** Has your child had all his immunizations?



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Equal Housing Opportunity



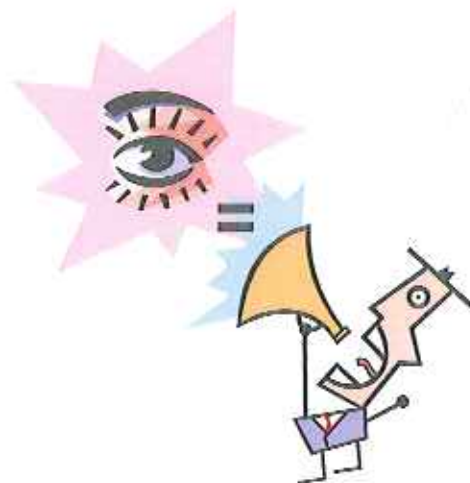
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Join the fun... Bingo & Ice Cream sponsored by the Watervliet Senior Center and the WHA

The bingo and ice cream parties are scheduled for June 14 at Hanratta at 6 PM and Quinn on June 28 at 6 PM. Get out and have some fun.



If You SEE Something SAY Something

We have heard several tenants say that they have seen other's using drugs but never reported it. If you SEE something SAY something. It's the only way we can take care of the problem making a safer neighborhood for you and your family. Also don't use the excuse that nobody does anything about it. We work very hard to keep you safe, so report what you see.



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