

Watervliet Housing Authority

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MAY NEWSLETTER

THIS MONTH..

- » Last Day Rent is due Friday, May 5th
- » The Office will be **CLOSED** Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day
- » **Bulk Garbage Pick-Up** May 8th-12th
- **Attention Joslin Tenants (520-558):** You will not be able to use your front door during time of construction on water lines. We will let you know further information when it will start.

Hilton Inspections

Inspections will be conducted for all Hilton apartments this month. Inspections will be for the purpose of:

- *Checking for apartment cleanliness and care.
- *Checking contractor work for compliance.
- *Checking normal items that need to be repaired (either caused by tenant or wear and tear).
- *Look over the apartment for new items that will benefit both you and us.

Inspections will be:
May 17th Apartments 1-15
May 18th Apartments 16-30

The WHA Staff thanks all
of our former and
current
service members! Thank
you for protecting
our freedom



Don't Forget Mother's & Father's Day are Coming!

Every year we use WVLT to recognize our parents. You can submit your photo to the office so we can air it on WVLT. Get your photo in early. Typically we don't get much help to put this program together, so we need your photos in early.



Resident survey? If we have your email address and a work order was completed at your apartment, you would have received an electronic survey. Fill it out and let us know how we did.



Litterbugs Beware

Anyone found littering in the Watervliet Housing Authority will be responsible for picking up their own trash as well as anyone else's that is found in the area. Please put trash in its proper place.

Range and Refrigerator Care

Kitchen appliances should be thoroughly cleaned on a regular basis. Greasy and dirty appliances are a fire hazard and can attract unwanted pests for which you will be held responsible. Don't forget to clean the stove hood and fan to keep them free of grease.



Safety is Number One to Us & Should be to You

Report any problems to the office immediately. The electrical outlets in your bathroom and kitchen are called GFI's. They protect you against electric shock. If your outlet isn't working, push the reset button. If it still won't work it may be your appliance. Call the office. Also, report site lights that are out immediately.

Laundry Rooms

The laundry rooms at Joslin and Hilton are available to all Watervliet Housing Authority tenants. Tenants can use the facilities for \$1.25/load. Tokens for Quinn can be bought at the office. If you use Joslin or VRV, you can get a laundry card at the office. We do ask that if you use the laundry facilities to please clean up after yourself. It only takes a minute to throw away an empty container or a used laundry sheet.

Spring Has Sprung

Please help by raking and picking up papers. If we all pitch in we can make our homes something we can be proud of. If you need rakes, call or stop by the office.



Conserve Water Tips

- Report all water leaks or drips no matter how small.
- Do not use the hose to clean sidewalks.
- Don't let children play unattended with hoses.
- Keep swimming pools filled with a lower amount of water to reduce the amount of water splashed.



If you need anything notarized, please see Matt or Mary S at the WHA Office.

Remember, smoking is not allowed within any of the WHA common areas - you can be evicted if found doing so.





Direct Deposit Banking

Seniors receiving monthly checks should consider direct bank depositing. This prevents social security payments from getting lost in the mail. Call your bank for more details.



Special Note to Quinn Tenants

As you know, you NOW need to put your garbage in a trash can. We have ordered some trash cans with wheels to make it easier for you to bring out your trash. If you would like a can we'll swap the can for you.

Tenant Fraud Tips

Don't be a victim of fraud!

Call the Attorney General's hot line number at 1-800-771-7755

Do not leave behind any credit card or ATM receipts.

Limit the number of credit cards and other items with personally identifiable information that you carry.

Guard your social security number-avoid carrying your Social Security card or other cards with that number

Sign your credit cards as soon as you receive them. Also, cancel all inactive accounts.

Memorize ATM numbers and keep them secret.

Tenant Insurance. Make sure you are covered!

Tenant insurance is the best \$50-75 you can spend a year. In case of fire or water damage you risk losing everything. Call your insurance agent for more information.



Safety Begins at Home

- Park your car in well-lit areas, report any site lights out immediately to the office.
- Teach your children the importance of calling 911.
- Lost your keys? Report it immediately to the office. Locks can be changed very quickly.
- Use the intercom-Seniors can see who is at the door before letting anyone in your apartment.
- Check throw rugs for tripping hazards like bumps and turned-up corners.
- Check for proper lighting on and around stairways.
- Use night lights in the bathroom and hallways.

Provided by the GuildCare Adult Day Health Program. 301 Washington Ave. Albany

To schedule a complimentary visit to their program call Ellen Many at 463-1211

Outside “stuff” – move it

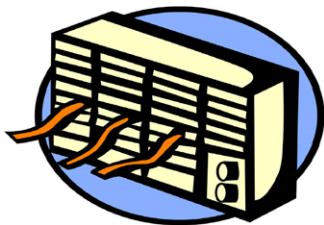


Since the weather is getting nicer, everyone wants to sit outside. If you have “stuff” outside like furniture, swings, and tables for example, you need to know they will be moved when it’s time to mow. Please make sure everything is out of the way for our mowers. Also, please make sure all garbage cans and bins are on the concrete slabs provided for them, NOT the lawn.



In recent inspections, we have found that many of our tenants have been burning incense within the apartment. The burning of incense in any apartment is prohibited.

Incense causes problems such as, soot build up all over the walls. Soot build up is very difficult to clean off the walls and can damage the walls permanently.



Is Your AC Ready for Summer?

- Turn the AC on before you need it to make sure everything is working properly.
- Clear the area around your AC so that nothing is blocking it in any way.
- Make sure the air filters are clean. Check and clean them regularly - replace them if needed.
- Be sure to put a board underneath so that the AC is not laying on the frame of the window.

Attention Hilton Tenants

You can gain access to the basements to reset your circuit breakers by asking the seniors living in the apartments for access.

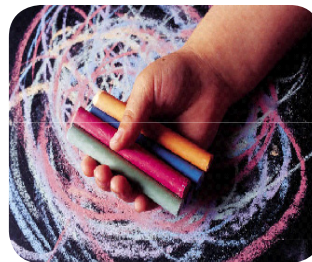
Put Butts In Their Place

Cigarette butts on the ground are disgusting and unsanitary. Please put cigarette butts in their place.



Pet Rules

Don’t tie your dog to the porch railing. Why? Many times the dog is found unattended. When children try to pass by it can scare the children, and for that matter even adults. Please be considerate.



Chalk on Buildings

In the past, there has been a lot of chalk drawings on the sidewalks and buildings at various sites.

Although it may seem innocent, chalk drawings on the buildings are prohibited. Please be sure to ask your children not to use chalk on the buildings.



911 system

If you need to call the Police or Fire Department for help, call 911. **DO NOT CALL THE OLD NUMBER 270-3833.** Only call the 270-3833 number for general information when you can wait to get a return call back. You will need to leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Battery Recycling Program

The Watervliet Housing Authority has a household battery recycling program. This program can help avoid the improper disposal of hundreds or even thousands of pounds of batteries leaking hazardous wastes in our soils. The housing authority uses nearly 1000 batteries each year for all of their battery operated smoke detectors and will be sending those back and felt that opening it to the city residents was the right thing to do. It will cost a few extra dollars and if the program gets too large, we'll seek outside funds to help support the program. Residents can drop off batteries at any of our maintenance shops, main offices, and we're soliciting businesses that may want to participate and we'll add them to our list below as they notify us.



Please tape the positive ends of the battery before you drop them off to the Watervliet Housing office.

Syringe Disposal

When disposing of medical syringes please be sure to place them in a plastic laundry detergent container. When the container is full, be sure to put a LID on the container before placing it in the trash. Thank you for your cooperation.

Troy Waterfront Farmers' Market



Summer Season starts in May. It is open from 9:00am to 2:00pm every Saturday. The summer market is located on River St, Troy, NY. They are accepting Debit and EBT Cards - tokens are available at the Market Table.

Need a different way to cleanse the air in your household?

PEACE LILLIES can absorb mold spores through their leaves and use them as food. This and their need for very little light make them a great option for bathrooms, where they can help keep surfaces clear of mildew.



SPIDER PLANTS can be perfect if you or a family member has allergies. They're easy to grow and absorb allergens.

ALOE VERA can help eliminate airborne benzene emitted from chemical cleaners.

Head Start

If you're looking to sign your children who will be 4 years old on/ or before December 1, 2017 up for the 2017-2018 school year, contact Tasha Pringle at 463-3175 ext. 105.

Have You Started Your Spring Cleaning Yet? If not, here are some tips that may help:



- Wash your windows using Windex and paper towels.
- Dust shelves, blinds, light fixtures, etc.
- Wipe the dust off of your computer and TV.
- Vacuum your carpets.
- Swiffer/mop your floors.
- Wipe down the kitchen countertops.
- Clean out and wipe down the refrigerator. If there are some tough stains, many say that putting toothpaste on them gets it right up.
- Flip your mattress. You should do this every season, it helps with getting a better nights sleep. Also, change sheets and blankets out with ones for warm weather.
- Clean your bedroom pillows. Whether they are made of natural fibers or synthetic, most are machine washable.

Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection & Prevention Month

- Skin Cancer is the most common type of cancer in the US
- UV rays from the sun is the main cause of skin cancer
- UV rays can also come from tanning booths or sunlamps
- The most dangerous type of skin cancer is melanoma
- Adopting good skin habits like wearing sunscreen and limiting your time in the sun can help prevent skin cancer

Attention High School Seniors Heading to College

Are you a high school senior graduating and attending college this fall? Do you need a laptop? If you said yes to both of these questions, help is on the way. We have purchased laptops that we want to donate to graduating high school seniors



living in Watervliet Housing or on Section 8. We know that college isn't cheap no matter how much aid you may get, so we're trying to make it easier for our college-bound students. It is FREE as long as you attend one full year of college.

Our office is constantly seeking financial assistance from various organizations and we wanted to share our success with you. Call the office now for more details.

Are You Looking For Activities Your

Children Can Do This Summer?

Some camps that you may want to look into include:

- Camp Scully at Snyder's Lake of North Greenbush
(CampScully.squarespace.com)
- Club Scientific in Colonie
(Colonie.ClubScientific.com)
- Kids on Stage/Summer on Stage at Sage College (sage.edu/theatre)
- Albany JCC Summer Camps
(Albany.jcc.org)
- Drama Kids (DRAMAKIDS.com)

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Watervliet Civic Center 2017 Summer Recreation Program

The Watervliet Civic Center 2017 Summer Recreation Program will be conducted from June 26 - August 18, Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM and extended hours will be offered from 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM. The program is offered to children ages 4-13, ages 4-6 attend at WES and ages 7-13 attend program at the Civic Center.

Watervliet Housing Authority children are able to attend this program at half price. There are a limited number of slots available to WHA children and they will be available on a first come first serve basis. The weekly registration fee is \$80.00 per week (\$40.00 for WHA children).

Activities consist of; gym games, outdoor games, swimming, arts & crafts, group activities, musical activities, service program, weekly trips, special events and much more.

Applications are available at the Watervliet Civic Center. For further info. call 273-5922.



Memorial Day Tribute



For the past several years we, at the Watervliet Housing Authority, have taken on the project to recognize our city veterans via our own TV channel. Nowhere in the entire United States has this been done to our knowledge. This unique tribute is by far the best way to honor our veterans. We currently have over 1700 veteran photos on DVD that lasts over 4 hours. Our staff takes the time out of our very busy day to scan and return photos to anyone who drops off a photo of their loved ones. Don't miss this tribute the week of Memorial Day. Don't wait, call our office for more info. If we don't have your military photo, get it to us today!

THE HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY

The American tradition of Memorial Day began approximately a century and a half ago, when two Civil War veterans saw a woman and her two children decorating the grave of a fallen soldier. Their gift of blossoms moved the two veterans so greatly that they decided to decorate more graves with flowers.

From that humble beginning, a great tradition was born.

On May 5, 1868, Gen. John A. Logan, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, ordered that the 30th day of May be designated "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion."



For many years. "Decoration Day," as it was called at that time, was celebrated as a day for Americans to remember those who lost their lives in service of their country. In 1882, the name Decoration Day was changed to Memorial Day, and in 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday to be held on the last Monday of May every year. National observance is marked officially by the placing of a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.

Please join our City in honoring our veterans on Memorial Day, May 29th with a parade which starts at the Watervliet High School at 10am.



HAPPY
MEMORIAL DAY