

WATERVLIET HOUSING AUTHORITY

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APRIL 2019



THIS MONTH...

APRIL 8th

Last Day Rent is Due

APRIL 17th

Income Tax Day

APRIL 19th

Good Friday

(Office Closed- half day)

APRIL 21st

Easter Sunday

APRIL 22nd

Earth Day

APRIL 23rd

Senior Health Forum

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APRIL 26th

GISH Inspections

INSPECTIONS

Apartments are inspected for cleanliness, repairs that may be needed, and for any possible improvements. If you have any questions or problems, they can be discussed during the inspection. We need access to **ALL** of your windows. Please make sure **ALL** items are removed from the window area. Please remove all items off the top of your stove and on the burners as well. Call in any work orders **before** the inspection.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Please be sure the office has all of your contact information up to date in our system including a working phone number, email address, and current license plate number. We need to be able to contact you efficiently. Call the office at 273-4717 to update your information with a staff member.

EMAILS

If you don't already receive our emails and want to, please email Rmeyer@watervliethousing.org with your name and apartment number to be added to our list.

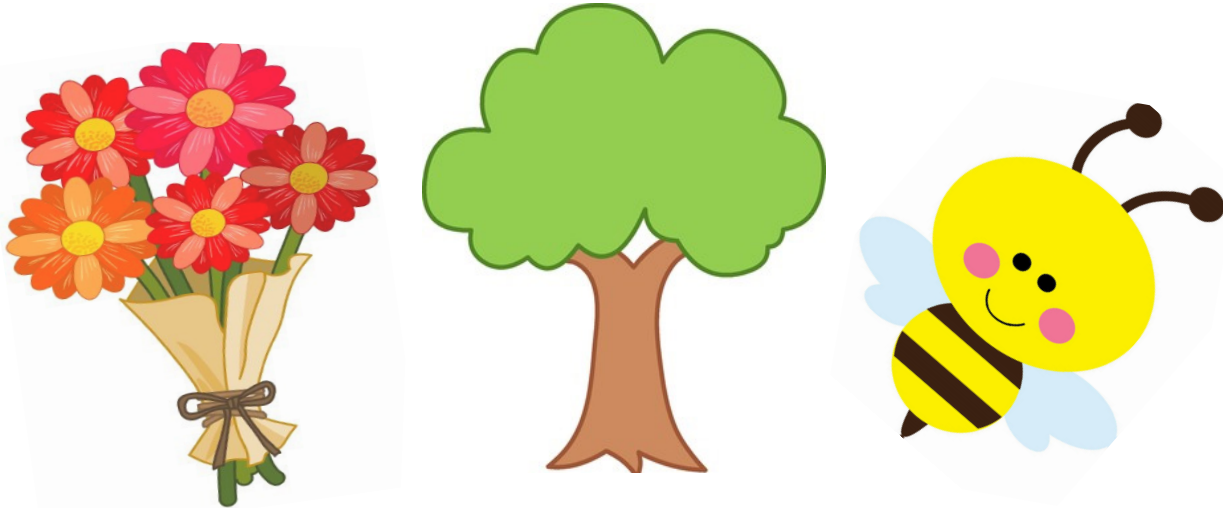


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Emergency Number:
273-6085 (after hours)

HISTORY OF EASTER TRADITIONS

There are many common traditions that are associated with Easter. The most popular being, dyeing eggs. The eggs represent rebirth so associating them with Spring and new growth isn't much of a stretch. In ancient times, to celebrate the new season, people colored eggs and gave them to family and friends as sentimental gifts. The other most common representation of Easter is the Easter basket. The idea of the basket filled with faux grass is to create the sense of a birds nest in which you would find eggs! It is said the tradition started in the 12th century. Why is ham the traditional Easter meal? Believe it or not, this also dates back even further to the 6th century. In Germany, hunters would hunt Hogs in the forest around the beginning of Fall. Then they would leave them to cure all winter. By spring, pork was one of the only meats ready to consume for spring celebrations!



CRAFT OF THE MONTH Egg Carton Flowers



You will need:

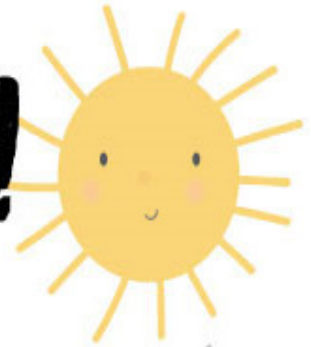
1 Egg carton, 1 straw per flower, colored paint

Directions:

Cut your egg cartons into sections of 3. Paint the egg cartons, let them dry. Glue the straws on the back of the egg cartons (toward the middle).



Think Spring!



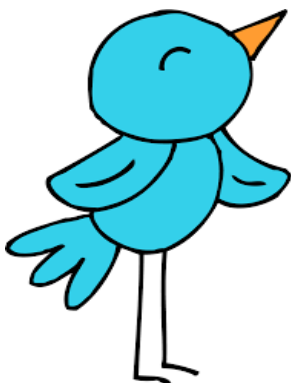
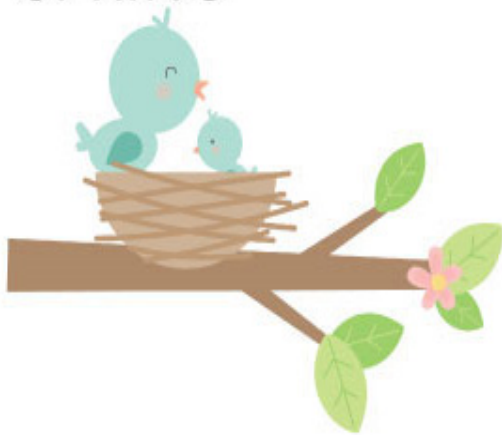
APRIL

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MAY

SHOWER

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AROUND THE WHA

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

With rain comes the growth of grass, gardens, and trees. If you are planning on planting flowers, now is a good time to be purchasing them in anticipation of Spring! Please remember that if you plant flowers, they must be taken care of. We would love to see them but it is vital that they are properly cared for.

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

World Autism Day is Monday, April 2, which marks the kickoff of an entire month dedicated to spreading awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder. What is autism? Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and nonverbal communication. Autism Society- the nation's leading autism organization, launched the observance month to, "promote autism awareness, inclusion and self-determination for all, and assure that each person with ASD is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life."

VETERAN PHOTOS

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. (Channel 1303) 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. If we don't have your military photo, please get it to us no later than Wednesday, May 15th.

SENIOR HEALTH LITERACY FORUM

'Emergency Preparedness for seniors and their families'

WHERE: Hanratta Community Room

WHEN: Tuesday April 23rd 1:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, April 23rd at 1:00 p.m., there will be a free 1 hour class for seniors to create awareness for Emergency Preparedness for seniors and their families at the Hanratta Community Room. Seniors are encouraged to attend and are able to bring a family member. This event will be hosted by *Health Literacy For All*. The WHA will be providing a light lunch.

APRIL FOOL'S DAY

April Fool's Day is celebrated every year on the first day of April across the world. This day of pranks dates all the way back to 1582! Another name for this silly day is "All Fool's' Day". In Canada and England, April Fool's Day is only celebrated until noon. Be on your highest guard on April 1st, you never know who is going to prank you!

CANDLE SAFETY

Nearly 10,000 residential fires are caused each year by the careless or inappropriate use of candles. The National Candle Association urges consumers to always keep a burning candle within sight and away from anything combustible and out of reach of children and pets. 58% of home candle fires occurred when some form of combustible material was left or came too close to the candle. **Do not leave burning candles unattended!**

SMOKING

Remember, smoking is prohibited in any of the WHA common areas. You could be evicted if you are found to be doing so. If you smoke outside of your apartment, do not throw cigarette butts on the ground. Please dispose of them properly.

AROUND THE WHA

LETTERS & CARE PACKAGES FOR SOLDIERS

This year, to celebrate Memorial Day, we will be sending letters and nonperishable items to soldiers thanking them for their service and sending them our well wishes. We encourage you and your family to write letters and/or bring a donation to be sent. We will also be accepting donations for care packages of everyday items soldiers may need. Your donations must be some of the following: *deodorant, body wash, body lotion, shampoo, baby powder, hand sanitizer gel, toothpaste, and nail clippers*. Nonperishable foods include: *tuna and chicken in pouches, small individually packaged cookies, nuts, trail mix, granola bars, candy, and gum/breath mints*. You can find donation boxes at the following locations- WHA Office, Watervliet City Hall and the Watervliet Civic Center. If you have any questions, please email Rachel at Rmeyer@watervliethousing.org.

ATTENTION TENANTS

Now that the warm weather is approaching, many children will be playing outside. Please keep an eye on your children and make sure that they are not hanging off the trees around the complexes. If there are any damages to the trees, you will be held responsible.

WATERVLIET COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Watervliet Housing Authority and the City of Watervliet are coming together to create a community garden in which residents will have their own plot of land to grow harvest(s) of their choice. You are responsible for the upkeep of your plot. The garden will be located at our Hanratta site at 500 16th street. If you are interested in finding out more information about the garden, contact the WHA Office or City Hall at (518) 270-3800 x103.

CHECK YOUR WINDOWS

If you notice that your windows are not opening/closing all of the way, do not try to fix it on your own. Notify the WHA Office if you are having any issues and we will do our best to help you. Any damages you cause will be billed directly to your account.

SHOWER WATER DAMAGE

After taking a shower/bath, check the side of the tub for water. It is the usual cause of water damage. Please make sure all members of your family are aware of this. Pull the shower 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 the additional damage from having the original problem taken care of.

GREEN ISLAND SENIOR HOUSING INSPECTIONS

GISH Inspections will be held on April 26th, 2019. Please be sure you are prepared and have placed work orders for things that may need to be fixed prior to inspection. Be sure to remove everything from your burners, make sure all windows are accessible. If you have any further questions, be sure to ask at the time of your inspection.

WVLT TELEVISION

Don't forget to tune into channel 1303! Here you can find important information about whats going on at the WHA and current events throughout the City of Watervliet and don't forget to like us on Facebook!

IN THE COMMUNITY

ALBANY JOB FAIR

WHERE: Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites,
Latham. 400 Old Loudon Road Latham

WHEN: Wednesday April 17th, 2019 9-4 p.m.

Find your next employer or business networking partner at The Albany Job Fair 2019. 50+ Companies are hiring! Interview on the spot and find the job of your dreams. Bring your resume to registration to be scanned and delivered to all exhibitors. Admission is free. Can't make the show? Fax your resume to 718-732-2363 or email your resume to: Resumes@AlbanyJobFair.com for distribution to all recruiters.

PAW PATROL LIVE "RACE TO THE RESCUE"

WHERE: Times Union Center

WHEN: April 19th 6 p.m.

April 20th 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

April 21st 3 p.m.

ADMISSION: Tickets start at \$24

The show includes two acts and an intermission and engages audiences with Banraku puppetry, an innovative costuming approach that brings Paw Patrol characters to life on stage with their vehicles and pup packs!

TROY FARMERS MARKET

The Troy Waterfront Farmers Market is delighted to bring you nearly 100 local farmers and fresh food vendors every Saturday, year-round in downtown Troy. From November through April you can find the market at the Troy Atrium, 49 4th Street on Saturdays from 9am-2pm. From May through October you will find the market at Monument Square on River street on Saturdays from 9am-2pm.

ALBANY EMPIRE FOOTBALL TEAM

For the second year, the Albany Empire Football team will be playing its home games at the Times Union Center. The first game is Saturday, April 27th at 7 PM. Tickets start at \$24.

STOP DISTRACTED DRIVING

Over 90% of accidents are at the fault of the driver. The most common reason: *distracted driving*. Research shows that when people are talking on the phone, their crash risk *quadruples*. Drivers who are on a call are about *equally* at risk as is someone driving at the illegal limit of blood alcohol content. In one simulated-driving environment, drivers who were on their phones got in significantly more accidents than drunk drivers. Distracted driving isn't just texting while driving but it also includes talking on the phone, focusing on the radio, trying to multi-task while driving, and engaging in strong conversation while behind the wheel. *Please be aware of your surrounding and never drive distracted.*

HANDICAPPED PARKING

Please remember that we do not regulate street parking. No tenant has a reserved space. Unless you are permitted to do so, DO NOT park in a handicapped spot or block the spot. Leaving your car idle in the handicap accessible spot is not allowed under any circumstance. Also, please remember that you are not permitted to park their car on the WHA lawns.

GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY

Be considerate of your neighbors and do not play any loud musical instruments, stereos, or TV in such a manner as to disturb others between the hours of 10pm and 8am. The City of Watervliet has a noise ordinance, so please be considerate or you could face both fines and eviction. It is inevitable that there will be misunderstandings among neighbors. We simply ask that you handle disagreements in a respectful and mature manner. The authority will not tolerate trouble makers or bad tenants.

START YOUR SPRING CLEANING NOW

The time to clean your home is here! With the nice weather approaching, now is a good time to be 'de-winterizing' your home! Take this nice weather as an opportunity to be disinfecting and cleaning out your closet. While doing your spring cleaning, please remember to rake the remaining pieces of winter on your property. By raking and cleaning up, the spring flowers blossom more easily. Let's all help make a good impression. Remember, it's your home and the way that you present it not only reflects you, but the community as a whole.

EARTH DAY

Earth Day helps remind us that we need to stay in the "green" state of mind. On this day, 180 countries around the world celebrate this anniversary. In observance of Earth Day, many people collect litter, recycle garbage that is found on the ground outdoors, plant flowers or trees and plan for a better future for our environment. The first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22nd, 1970. The Earth Day national committee has an ambitious goal for 2020- they want to have 7.8 billion trees planted over a 5 year span. That equates to one tree per person projected to live in 2020!

BED BUGS

Bed bugs can be a big problem. Preventing them from entering your home can be easy if you take the right precautions. They are usually unknowingly carried into homes through luggage, bedding or furniture. To help prevent an infestation, never bring discarded bed frames, mattresses, box springs, or upholstered furniture into your home. Make sure to clean all bedding regularly. Call the WHA Office at the first sign of bed bugs. We will assist you in taking care of the problem as quickly as possible.

RECYCLING BATTERIES

Please note that we are no longer accepting recycled batteries. Thank you for your contributions!

IN THE COMMUNITY

WHITNEY YOUNG PEDIATRIC HEALTH CARE

Building Healthy Communities One Child at a Time



Whitney Young Health provides quality, affordable pediatric medical and dental services at its Waterlilet Health Center, located at 1804 Second Avenue. They accept most major health insurance plans, include Medicaid, Child Health Plus, CD-PHP, Fidelis Care, MVP Health Care, WellCare & more. Whitney Young Health is accepting new patients and offers same day appointments for established patients. Medical Services provided include well-child visits, sick visits, immunizations and vaccines and nutritional counseling. Dental Services provided include cleanings, fillings, fluoride treatments and x-rays. Call (518) 720-3473 today to schedule your child's appointment or to learn more about the programs and services offered.

CLOTHES LINES

Clothes lines are the responsibility of the tenant. Children have been known to pull on these lines which can cause them to break or worse. To prevent children from playing with your clothesline, get some rope and attach rings or hooks to each end. When you are done, unhook the line and take it home until the next time you do laundry.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WATERVLIT SENIOR CENTER GROUP LUNCHES

Enjoy a nutritious and fun lunch with the Watervliet Senior Center every weekday at noon. The \$3 suggested donation is anonymous and everyone is welcome. Call for the daily menu and sign up by 2 p.m. for the following day. The Senior Center is located at 1501 Broadway, Watervliet. Call 518-273-6480 to make a reservation and for more information.

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish has a soup kitchen every Monday afternoon from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM at the Parish Life Center, located at 2416 7th Avenue. All are welcome. Call 518-273-6020.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings will be held on April 4th & April 18th at the Watervliet Public Library at 7:00 p.m.

WES PTA MEETING

Tuesday April 9, 2019.

WCSD SPRING RECESS

WHS & WES will be on spring break from April 19th - April 26th.



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