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27	28 WHA BOARD MEETING	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE OFFICE CLOSED 1/2 DAY		

EMAIL LIST

If you don't already receive our emails and wish to, please email Rmeyer@watervliethousing.org with your name and apartment number to be added to our list. We will be able to send you important information about work being done around the sites, community events, and any policy changes being made at the Watervliet Housing Authority. 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.

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 at 273-4717. Poor housekeeping, missing fire detectors, and any damage beyond ordinary wear and tear are grounds for a failed inspection.





SANTA VISITS 2020

This year, our annual Santa visits will look a bit different. Instead of Santa coming to each apartment, we will be parading Santa around the WHA sites. We will begin our parade around 5:30pm on Monday, December 14th. Santa's route will begin on 2nd Avenue and will continue onto Whitehall Street, Broadway, 23rd Street, Early Drive, and will end on 5th Street. We ask that you please stay outside of your apartment and maintain social distancing as Santa's Elves deliver presents to your door. Please remember that only children that have been signed up for Santa Visits will receive gifts.

WHA PHONE DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please note that our phone directory has changed. Our updated extensions are below:

Kylea Spain	<i>Ext. 100</i>
Rachel Meyer	<i>Ext. 200</i>
Mary Clinton	<i>Ext. 300</i>
Daria Leibach	<i>Ext. 400</i>
Mike VanPatten	<i>Ext. 500</i>

WHA OFFICE CLOSED

Due to the rising COVID-19 cases in our area, WHA Staff will no longer be communicating with tenants at our office. If you need to speak to someone, please call the office at (518) 273-4717. Rent checks can be dropped in the rent box or through the mail slot in the door. Additionally, all paperwork must be dropped through the mail slot.

QUINN AND HANRATTA POINSETTIAS

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we are not able to host our annual holiday parties for Seniors. To keep you in the holiday spirit, WHA staff will be delivering Poinsettias to Quinn and Hanratta tenants on Friday, December 18th.

LICENSE PLATES

It is vital that the WHA has your updated car information. In the event we need to move cars to plow, if we attempt to contact you but do not have your most updated vehicle information on file, we will have to tow your car. Please remember that if we do get a big snow storm, we plow the streets the day following the snow storm beginning around 9 am. As always, you will be notified via email and phone call if it is necessary to plow.

MJD AND JOSLIN GARBAGE CANS

The WHA will be replacing MJD and Joslin garbage cans with one 95 gallon can with a lid attached. The garbage cans will already have your apartment numbers written on them. To avoid rodents, please be sure that when you put your garbage out, the lid is closed tight and not overflowing. Failure to exercise these regulations will result in a charge to your account.

WHA HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The WHA office will be closed on December 24th and December 25th. The office will also be closed from 12pm-4pm on December 31st and will remain closed through January 1st. Happy Holidays from the WHA family to yours!



SHOVELING

In the event of a snow storm, don't forget that it is your responsibility to shovel the sidewalk in front and in back of your apartment. Failure to shovel within 24 hours of a storm will result in a charge to your account. Also, please remember that salt is available in all common areas.

ONLINE RENT PAYMENTS

If you have not already registered to take part in our online rent payments, you still can! To register, take a photo of the QR code below on your smart phone and follow the link that appears at the top of your screen- it will then prompt you to create a profile and enter your banking information. Contact the office if you have any questions. ***GISH tenants are excluded from this program.***



EASY AND MANAGEABLE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

1. Get more sleep.
2. Eat a veggie or fruit with every meal.
3. Find a form of exercise that you love.
4. Make more social plans with friends.
5. Extract yourself from a toxic relationship.
6. End negative self-talk.
7. Stop sweating the small stuff.
8. Cook more at home.
9. Cut back on sugar.
10. Have a healthy living mantra and stick to it.

To read more about how to achieve these goals, visit www.womensday.com

NYSPHADA SCHOLARSHIP 2021

Is your child graduating from high school in June? If so, NYSPHADA awards one (1) scholarship to a deserving youth currently residing in a NYSPHADA member agency. This scholarship is open to all graduating high school seniors who are residents of Housing Authority properties or Section 8 programs. **Applications are due by February 22nd, 2021.** Call or email Rachel for an application.

REPORT ALL INCOME CHANGES

You **MUST** report all income changes! Failure to provide timely and accurate information regarding new jobs, pay rate increases, and increased hours will result in charges owed to the WHA and possible eviction. **If you are not working due to COVID-19 and you are receiving unemployment, you MUST provide the WHA office with the appropriate paperwork.**

HOLIDAY WORD SEARCH

CHRISTMAS

A N E L F A M I L Y H A P

HANUKKAH

S R C H R I S T M A S U O

KWANZAA

J B K A Q W I N T E R J Y

MENORAH

E H B P O L T S G H O L H

HOLIDAYS

A C V U R G J C I B U V O

PRESENT

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A E W O N S G N O R T A S

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