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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.

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EMAIL LIST
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. 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.

JOSLIN LAUNDRY ROOM

Attention Joslin tenants: please do not forget your laundry in the washing machines or dryers for an extended period of time. This causes an inconvenience to other tenants and creates a dirty environment for all. **DO NOT OVERLOAD THE MACHINES.** We have had an increased number of costly damages caused to the washers and dryers being overloaded. The room is monitored by surveillance cameras. If it is found that you overload the machines, you will be charged to fix them. Also, don't forget that the hours that you can access the laundry room are from 8am-8pm.

SCHEDULE OF INSPECTIONS

Below is the schedule of inspections by site for 2020:

VRV	March 10th-13th
GISH	April 24th
HILTON	May 13th-14th
JOSLIN	August 12th-14th
DAY	September 15th-18th
QUINN	October 14th-16th
HANRATTA	November 18th-20th

WHA TEXT ALERTS

In addition to automated phone calls and email reminders, the WHA will now be offering text alerts about important information going on within the WHA! If you are interested in receiving text messages from us, please email Rachel at Rmeyer@water-vliethousing.org with your name, apartment number & your current cell phone number. Also, don't forget to keep us update on any changes in your phone number or email!

WHA OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the WHA Office will be closed on Monday February 17th in honor of President's Day.

NYSPHADA SCHOLARSHIP 2020

Are you graduating in June? The NYSPHADA Scholarship Application Packet for 2020 can be found on their website at www.nysphada.org under the Scholarship tab. The application is open to all graduating High School Seniors who are residents of Housing Authority properties or Section 8 programs. There are strict requirements within the application and ALL deadlines must be met. There will be no exceptions made. *The Watervliet Housing Authority will pay the \$50 application fee on your behalf.* Only the first two completed applications will be submitted. Contact our office if you are interested in this scholarship. **All applications must be submitted by February 24th, 2020!**

MOUSE PROBLEMS

It's getting colder outside, and mice like to go where it's warm. Keep all garbage in tight containers. If they happen to get into your apartment, be sure to call the office and we will place traps in your apartment.

LAST DAY TO PAY RENT

The last day to pay your rent without being charged a late fee is Friday February, 7th. If you pay your rent after this date, you will be charged a late fee (5% of your rent).

INCOME CHANGES

You **MUST** report all income changes! Failure to provide timely and accurate information regarding new jobs, pay rate increases, and increased hours may result in charges owed to the WHA and possible eviction.

WATERVLIET PUBLIC LIBRARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mondays & Tuesdays
@ 5:00 PM

Free English Classes

Prescreening and registration required
For more information, contact Linda Feldmann
518-244-4652, linda.feldmann@verizon.net

Wednesdays
@ 6:30 PM

"In Stitches" Group

Mondays
@ 7:00 PM

Juice & Jammies Family Storytimes

Stories, snacks, and early learning fun. Pajamas welcome!

Thursdays
@ 10:30 AM

Morning Storytimes

Stories, snacks, and early learning fun.

January Afternoon Movie Schedule - Fridays @ 2:00 PM

January 3rd	Overcomer
January 10th	Downtown Abbey
January 17th	Gemini Man
January 24th	Judy
January 31st	Harriet



FREE LIBRARY CARD REGISTRATION EVENT

Monday, February 3rd @ 1:30 PM

A representative from the Watervliet Public Library will be at the Watervliet Housing Authority's Administrative Office to help residents of Watervliet sign up for a library card and learn about the awesome services the library has to offer! Snacks and refreshments will be available.

Juice & Jammies Family Storytimes Mondays @ 7 p.m.

Join us for a story,
craft, snack & early
learning fun. Feel
free to wear
your pajamas!



Robert A. Fahr
WATERVLIET
Public Library

1501 Broadway
Watervliet NY 12189
518-274-4471

Free English Classes

Clases de inglés gratuitas

免費的英語課程

無料英語クラス

Lớp học tiếng Anh miễn phí

Бесплатные курсы
английского языка

518-244-4652

linda.feldmannl@verizon.net

WATERVLIET
Public Library

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

CDTA STAR PROGRAM: STAR is Special Transit Available by Request; a Para-transit service offering transportation alternatives to people whom at certain times cannot use, or have substantial limits using, the CDTA fixed-route bus system because of a disability or impairment. CDTA provides eligibility for complementary para-transit service to individuals who live outside of the STAR service area but they can only receive STAR service for travel within the service area. It is complementary to CDTA's fixed route bus system. It operates within 3/4 of a mile of a CDTA's fixed route bus system on the same days and times that CDTA's fixed route bus system operates. For example, if a CDTA bus operates from 6AM - 7PM, Monday- Friday along a specific route, then STAR is available from 6AM - 7PM, Monday- Friday within 3/4 of a mile on either side of that route. It is a shared ride, providing origin to destination rides for work, appointments, shopping, and social activities. Remembering that STAR is a complimentary service, trips requests with origins and/or destinations beyond these route corridor boundaries and/or beyond the service times of the corresponding fixed route will not be accepted. For more information about the service or the certification process call (518) 482-2022.

A+ MEDITRANS CURB-TO-CURB SERVICE: This program offers several services to clients. One of their transportations includes curb-to-curb service. It provides transportation to individuals, with full mobility, that do not require assistance from their homes to our vehicles. Clients may enter and exit the vehicle independently while drivers stand near in the event that assistance is required. Clients with full mobility may include individuals with varying disabilities that are not always physically apparent. Clients may schedule appointments in advance or call for same day service. For more information on this service, call (518) 433-7433 or visit www.rejha.com.

SHRED 518 MEDICAB: Shred 518 is a medical taxi transportation service. Their services include transportation to doctor, dentist, podiatrist, substance abuse, mental health, eye doctor, physical therapy, and/or dialysis appointments. They provide transportation to patients who are elderly, have chronic illnesses, disabilities, require basic travel needs (grocery shopping or essential outpatient care). For more information, call (518) 688-4910.



EMPIRE "SKATE" PLAZA

WHEN: February 3rd-February 9th 11am-8pm

WHERE: Empire State Plaza Ice Rink, Albany 12210

COST: Free Admission

Now in its 9th year, the tremendously popular Empire State Plaza Ice Rink is open daily from Noon - 8:00 p.m. and skating is free. Amenities include lockers, skate rentals, and refreshments. Rentals are available whenever the rink is open and cost \$3 for children 12 and under and \$4 for adults. A photo ID is required to rent skates. Every Saturday is "Free Skate Rental Saturday" courtesy of Hannaford Supermarkets.

UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING CREDIT

WHEN: Wednesday February 12th 6pm-7:30pm

WHERE: Micro Knowledge, Inc. 15 Cornell Rd.
Latham 12110

COST: FREE ADMISSION- Registration Required
(Recommended for ages 18+)

Free personal finance education session! Financial decisions you make today will greatly impact your future. When using credit, you are spending future income. This concept will be the backdrop of this session where learners will explore managing credit responsibly, how to obtain credit, and the meaning of credit scores and credit reports. Registration is required. Visit sefcu.com/financialeducation to reserve your spot today!

WCSD WINTER RECESS

The WCSD will not be in session from February 17th through February 21st for winter recess.

2020 CENSUS

2020 is a census year, and it is extremely important that Watervliet gets as accurate a census count as possible. Census data is used to allocate funds in a number of areas including grants for school districts, public transportation, road rehabilitation and construction & programs for the elderly and youth. The majority of these programs have positively impacted Watervliet and the goal is to continue that government support. By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the census. You will have three options for responding: by mail, by phone, and online! The 2020 census marks the first time you'll have the option to respond online- you can even respond from your cell phone. Please make a firm commitment to complete your census! Please remember that all personal information you provide is strictly confidential.

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN

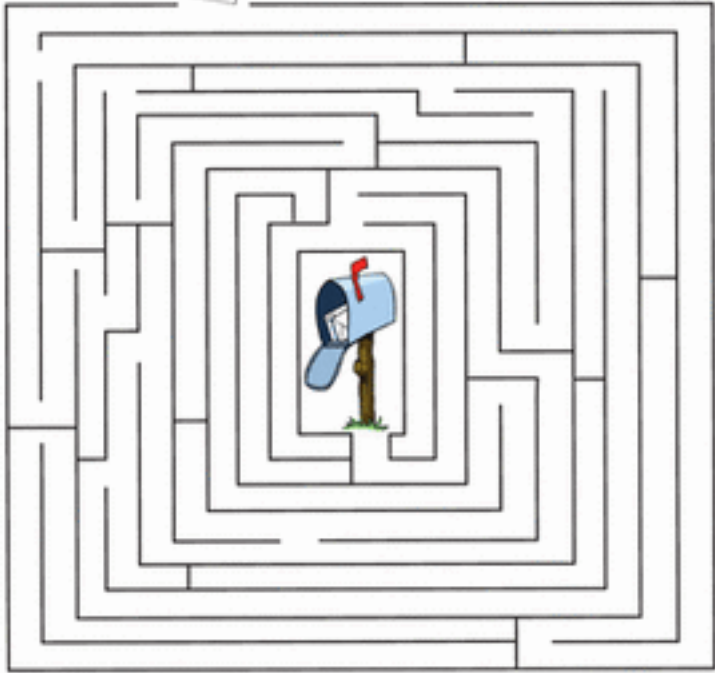
The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish has a soup kitchen every Monday afternoon from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM at the Parish Life Center, located at 2416 7th Avenue. All are welcome. Call 518-273-6020.

MARY'S CORNER

Mary's Corner is a part of The Ministry of Association of Ladies of Charity Diocese of Albany, serving families with children ages 0-4. Some of the items Mary's Corner provides includes wipes, bottles, blankets, diapers/pull ups, food & more. Mary's Corner is located at 169 Mohawk Street, Cohoes, NY 12047 (*lower level of the Cohoes Library*). Contact them for more information at 518-273-2373.



Deliver the Valentine



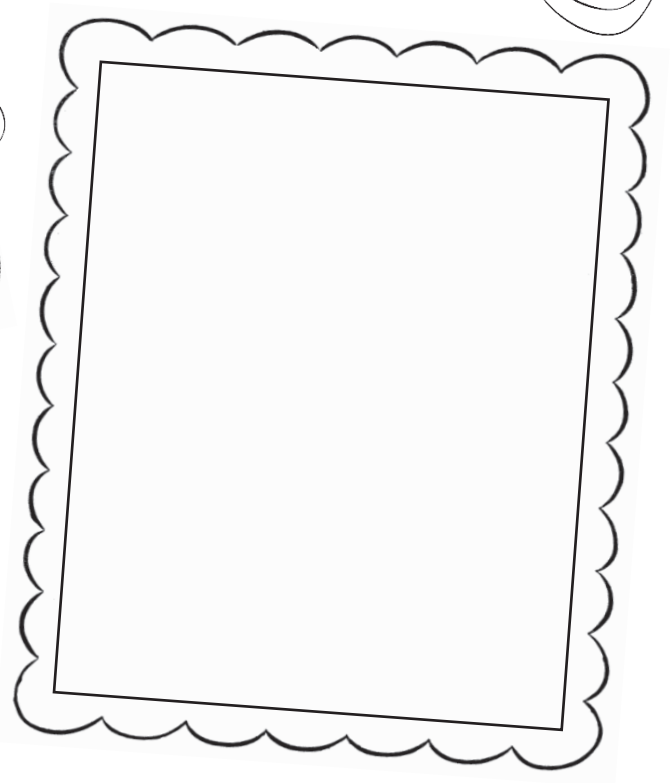
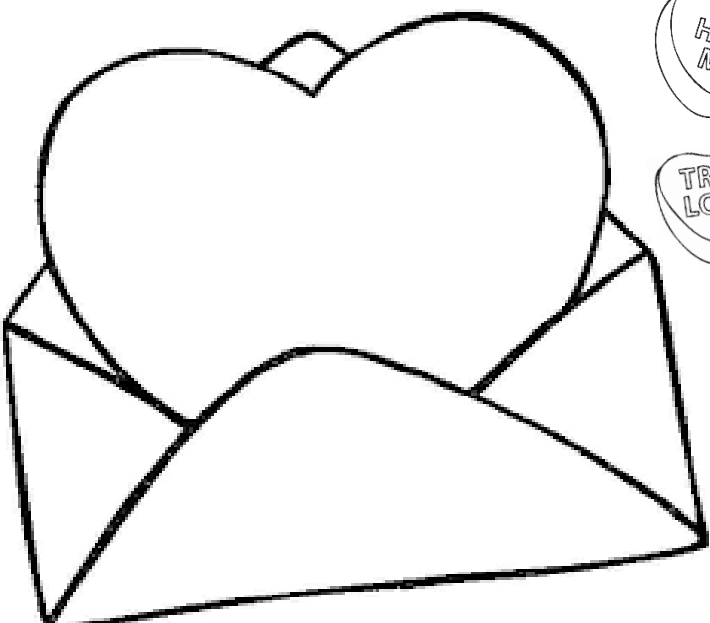
Valentine's Day Word Scramble

- ovle _____
- ydnc a _____
- rsseo _____
- tahres _____
- tnlevanie _____
- eb nmei _____
- ehwstetaer _____
- wob _____
- rowra _____
- teacchohlo _____
- rdac _____
- yabrrufe _____
- ugh _____
- kpni _____

Love, candy, roses, hearts, valentine; Be mine, sweetheart, bow, arrow; Chocolate, card, February, hug, pink



Design Your Own Valentine's Day Card



WE WANT YOUR INPUT

The WHA offers many programs throughout the year to help serve tenants to the best of our ability. We want to ensure these services address the needs and wants of all residents of the WHA community. We are also looking to expand services to better incorporate your input. Please complete the following short survey and return it to the Housing Office by the end of the month. Your input matters to us, so please be as truthful as truthful and honest as possible.

Please check off every WHA event or program you or anyone in your household have participated in.

- Donations for Soldiers
- Bridges Out of Poverty
- Santa Visits
- WHA Holiday Party
- Holiday Decorating
- Little Free Library
- Community Garden
- Stan the Produce Van
- Thanks-for-Giving
- None
- Laptops for Graduating Seniors
- Back to School Lunch Box Event
- Free Summer Lunch Program
- Email Notifications

Please check off every program you would be interested in participating in the future.

- Health Fair/Forum
- WHA Flower Planting Day
- WHA Block Party
- Site-Wide Meetings
- WHA Clean-Up Day
- Other: _____
- WHA Trip to Christmas Tree Lighting
- Senior Trip to WHS Spring Concert

Please check off all forms of communication you use to stay updated with WHA events, programs, important informations, and policy changes.

- Email Notifications
- Instagram
- Facebook
- Robo-Calls
- Newsletter
- Other: _____

Please check off which site you at which would like to see an additional Little Free Library.

- Michael J. Day
- Edwin Joslin
- Green Island Senior Housing
- Abram Hilton
- Eugene Hanratta
- Daniel P. Quinn
- Van Rensselaer

Additional Comments: _____



MEET OUR NEWEST MAINTENANCE STAFF MEMBER!

The WHA would like your help in welcoming the newest addition to our maintenance crew, Jesse. If you see Jesse, feel free to introduce yourself and make him feel welcome in our community!



SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Monday February 10th at 1pm:
Craft Class

Thursday February 13th at 12pm:
Valentine's Day Lunch

Wednesday February 19th at 4pm:
Monthly Senior Dinner

Call 518-273-4422 or email Kathy at kburbank@seniorservicesofalbany.com, or stop by 1501 Broadway, Watervliet to sign up!

CDTA BUS SCHEDULES

The WHA Office now has bus schedules and maps available for the following routes: 22, 80, 85, 87, 182, 224, 286, 289, 370, 905.

GREEN ISLAND SENIORS SPAGHETTI DINNER

Friday February, 14th 4-6:30pm.
\$10 Dine in or take-out.
5 George St. Green Island, NY 12183

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**EMERGENCY
NUMBER**
273-6085

THIS NUMBER IS USED FOR
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