

# WATERVLIET HOUSING AUTHORITY

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## JANUARY 2019



## THIS MONTH...

### **JANUARY 1**

Office is Closed (New Year's Day)

### **JANUARY 8**

Last day rent is due

### **JANUARY 9**

Bridges Out of Poverty Graduation

### **JANUARY 21**

Office is Closed (MLK Jr Day)

## **2018 SANTA VISITS**

This year's Santa Visits were once again a huge success! Thank you to all who sponsored a family and contributed their hard work to make this program possible. For photos of the event and to see the list of this year's donors see page 5. You can also visit the Watervliet Housing Authority's Facebook page to view a slideshow of the event photos.

## **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, especially during snow storms. Call the office at 273-4717 to update your information with a staff member.

## **REMINDER**

Don't forget to put your name and apartment number on your check or money order before you hand in your rent payment each month!

## **2019 CALENDARS**

You should be receiving your 2019 WHA calendar soon. This calendar is filled with information about the Authority and many important dates you need to know. We hope you find it useful. If you do not receive one by February 1st, please stop by the office or call us!



[www.WatervlietHousing.org](http://www.WatervlietHousing.org)

Emergency Number:  
273-6085 (after hours)

# AROUND THE WHA

## ICE MELT

There is a bucket of ice melt in all common area hallways. Please help us out. Spread a little ice melt on the walkway when you are leaving your apartment if you see that it is icy. We have extra ice melt in the office lobby if you are in need of some.

## WORK ORDERS

Do not give work orders to the maintenance staff in passing. You must call the office or email [office@watervliethousing.org](mailto:office@watervliethousing.org) to submit your work orders. The work orders will not be put in our system unless you do this.

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## 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, away from anything combustible, and out of the reach of children and pets. More than half (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!**

## SNOW REMOVAL

Again, it is approaching winter and with that comes the snow. We must plow to keep the lots safe and usable. We will again be asking your support to have all vehicles moved by 9am the day following the storm. We can not always promise that we can give any prior notification other than this policy but we'll try the phone system method as much as possible. **BE SURE WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT PHONE NUMBER AND ANY UPDATED VEHICLE INFORMATION!** If you changed your number or want us to call a cell number be sure the office has the new number. Again this method is a courtesy and there will be NO excuse for not moving your car and being towed.

## BED BUGS

Bed Bugs can be a big problem. Preventing them from entering your home can be easy if you take the right precautions. Bed bugs are usually unknowingly carried into homes by luggage, bedding, or furniture. To prevent an infestation, make sure you wash luggage and clothing immediately after returning from a trip. Also inspect used furniture before bringing it into your home. Never bring discarded bed frames, mattresses, box springs, or upholstered furniture into your home. Make sure to clean your bedding and furniture regularly. Call the WHA office if bed bug infestation occurs - we will take care of the problem.

## SAFETY TIPS FOR JOSLIN & HANRATTA

If the air/exhaust vent is covered by snow or damaged by falling icicles, the exhaust may be blocked and cause malfunctioning of the unit. Keep the area around the air/exhaust vent free of snow and icicles. Do not use this appliance for anything other than heating your apartment. Do not allow anyone to sit on or lean against the appliance. Do not place articles containing liquids on top of the heater. Liquids spilled on the controls may cause extensive damage. Hand or body contact with the levers should be avoided.

## WORD SEARCH

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Countdown  
 Confetti  
 Midnight  
 Balloons  
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 New Year  
 Clock  
 Cheers  
 Goals  
 Party Poppers  
 Noisemaker  
 Resolution  
 Sparklers

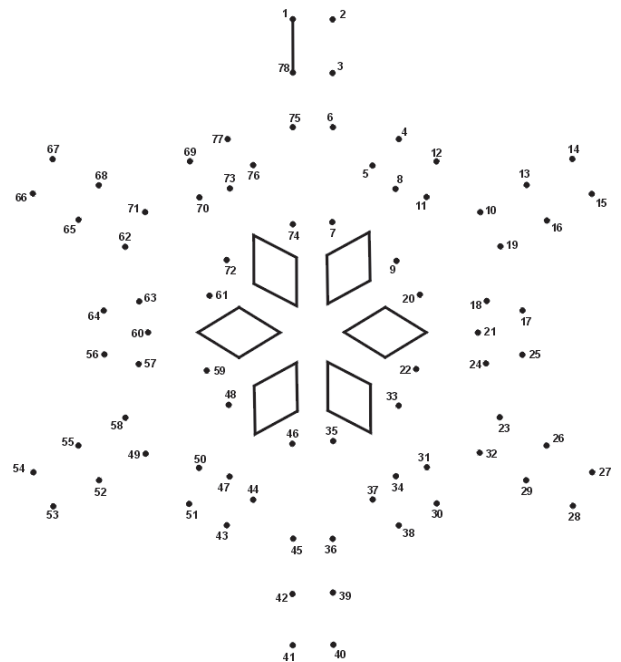
## CRAFT OF THE MONTH "SNOW SLIME"

easy to make  
**SNOW SLIME**



**What you will need:**  
 3 cups shaving cream  
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
 1/2 cup white glue  
 1/2 cup Poly-Fil micro beads  
 1-2 tablespoons saline solution  
**Instructions:** First, mix together the shaving cream, baking soda, & glue. Then add Poly-Fi micro beads. Once mixed, add the saline solution. Put some solution on your hands and on a flat surface. Then knead the mixture until it is no longer sticky. You can store the slime in a plastic container for a few days.

## CONNECT THE DOTS





# 2018 SANTA VISITS

Thank you to our many sponsors for making our 35th annual Christmas visit a huge success! It's a lot of fun for the children and for our staff as well. Special thanks go to Matt Ethier, James Verhagen, Kelly Veshia, Kylea Spain, Rachel Meyer, Daria Leibach, and Scott Kilcullen for volunteering their time to prepare and deliver gifts, and we can't forget Santa (shhh... it was Mark Gleason).



## THIS YEAR'S DONORS INCLUDED:

Allen Maikels	Michelle O'Hare	The Leibach Family
Amanda & Carolann Cavanaugh	New Comer Cremations & Funerals	The McCabe Family
Amy & Charlie Sedgwick	Patricia Betjemann	The Meyer Family
Amy Ethier	Pay it Forward Together	The Mitchell Family
Arsenal City Kids	Renee & Tom Snyder	The Moran Family
Bob and Rachel Shevy	Repair Track Services	The Paterniani Family
Capital District Regional Planning Commission	Robin Robillard	The Patricelli Family
Cindy & John Peterson	Ronette LaCrosse	The Phillips Family
D&J Contracting	Sam O'Neil	The Reinfurt Family
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Jamie Desso	St. Pius X Parish	The Smead Family
Jen and Matt Carroll	Steve & Grace Hoffman	The Spain Family
John Eaton	Tara & Daniel Boisclair	The Staff of City Hall
Joseph P. Mangione, Inc.	The Baughn Family	The Strock Family
Karen Landau	The Comproski Family	The VanPatten Family
Kathy & Tony Crudo	The DuBois Family	The Veshia Family
Kathy Maloney	The Ethier Family	The Yerry Family
Mary Clinton	The Gardner Family	Tracy Canaday
Maureen & Dave Torncello	The Gilchrist Family	Victoria & John Reilly
Maureen Mastrianni	The Keevern Family	Watervliet CSD
Maureen Toohey	The Kuziara Family	William Sheehy



# 2018 SANTA VISITS

Santa Visits were held on **December 17th** this year. The WHA Staff, along with Santa Claus, visited the children and families that signed up this year. This year, we visited over 175 children, totaling about 80 apartments! Thank you to all of the donors this year. We appreciate all the hard work and support to make this program a success. If your child took a picture with Santa, you can pick up a copy at the office.

## PHOTOS FROM THE 2018 SANTA VISITS





# POINSETTIA DELIVERY

This year, Student Ambassadors from the Watervliet Elementary School volunteered their time to delivery poinsettias to the senior residents at Eugene Hanratta. The students went door to door, greeting each resident with brights smiles and a holiday poinsettia. The students and seniors had a great time.



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## WES PTA MOVIE NIGHT

The WES PTA will be hosting a movie night from 6:00-8:00 pm on January 11th. For more information, visit the WCSO website.

## CITY SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

When a snow emergency is declared, the snow removal process starts. The Watervliet Police Department informs residents to move their vehicles. Failure to do so will result in being towed to Hudson Shores Park. Vehicles will not be released until the tow charge and ticket are paid (which is a total sum of \$250). Once plowing on your street has been completed, vehicles can be moved back.

## ARE YOU GOING TO BE A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE THIS JUNE?

If so, NYSPHADA provides a scholarship of \$2,500 to one graduating high school student. The runner up will be rewarded a \$1,000 scholarship. This scholarship is for high school seniors living in public or assisted housing. If you would like an application you can come to the housing office to pick one up. **The deadline to apply is February 11, 2019**

## MARY'S CORNER

Mary's Corner is serving adults caring for children under the age of 4, living in the City of Cohoes or Watervliet. Stop by on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10:00-12:00. Mary's Corner will be offering the following items free of charge; formula, Stewart's Milk Coupons, Diapers, Baby Clothing (infant to size 5), baby furnishings (strollers, bouncy seats, baby gates), breast feeding items, literacy classes/GED tutoring, support group/Just Mom & Me, and other outreach services. Registration and proof of residency is required. For more information, contact Mary Clinton at the office.

**Open Door Community Center**  
**115 Mohawk Street**  
**Cohoes, NY 12047**  
**(Located under the Library)**  
**518-269-6068**

## MANAGEABLE & HEALTHY 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. Come up with a healthy living mantra!

To read more about how to achieve these healthy new year's resolutions, visit [www.womansday.com](http://www.womansday.com)

## EMERGENCY EVACUATION

Are you wheelchair bound? Do you use oxygen? In the event of a fire, can you leave your apartment? Many times we don't know who can't leave their apartments in the event of an emergency. If we don't know, the Fire Department certainly doesn't know. Call now and let us know so we can put this in our file and send it to the Police and Fire Departments. You must also fill out a Medical Emergency Data Card to hang in your apartment so all first responders are aware of any specific medical issues you may have. If you are a neighbor of someone that you think would need assistance in the event of a disaster, call and let us know and we'll check it out.

## TROY WATERFRONT FARMERS' MARKET

Winter season has started! It is open from 9:00am to 2:00pm every Saturday. They are accepting Debit and EBT Cards - tokens available at the Market Table. There is also free parking in the Uncle Sam, 5th Avenue, and State Street Parking Garages. The winter farmer's market is located inside the Troy Atrium (49 4th Street).

## BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY GRADUATION

The Bridges Out of Poverty class will hold its graduation ceremony on January 9th in the Charles A. Jeseo Meeting Room at 12:00 noon. Come celebrate the great accomplishments these women have achieved.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## **WATERVLIET 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.

## **IN STITCHES AT THE LIBRARY**

Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM, the Watervliet Public Library hosts a community knitting, crochet, needlework social group. Keep yourself from unraveling and unwind with us.

## **DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR ACTS**

JANUARY 11, 2019

## **WATERVLIET CSD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

JANUARY 10TH 6:00 PM - 7:00PM.



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