

EMAIL LIST

If you don't already receive our emails and want to, please email kspain@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.



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CHILDREN AT PLAY

Summer is here, and with it comes lots of free time for children. In order for their summer to be relaxed, healthy, and safe, parents need to make sure they are monitoring their children. Monitoring your children also helps them avoid negative peer pressure. This is a very high probability in the summer when there is often fewer adults involved in your child's daily activities. By monitoring your children, we mean keeping track of and watching over your kids- having them check in and having them report where they are, who they are with, and what they are doing. Regardless of the age of your children, monitoring their activity is vital to their well-being. It keeps parents involved and assures your children that you care about them and their safety. An additional benefit is that your kids will have fewer opportunities to get into trouble because they aren't spending too much unsupervised time with other children.

FIREWORKS

As always, under no circumstances are fireworks permitted on any WHA properties. Any violation of the policy prohibiting fireworks at all WHA owned properties will result in the beginning of the eviction process. Please keep this in mind as the summer season begins.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023!

Congratulations on your incredible accomplishment! We wish you luck as you take your next step in life. We know that a bright future lies ahead for you.

GARDENS

If you plant a garden in front of your apartment, we advise that you put a small sign with your plants indicating that they are yours and you do not wish for Watervliet Housing Staff or our landscaping company to do anything with your garden (as long as it is in good condition).

LAPTOPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

The Watervliet Housing Authority will be hosting our 14th Annual Laptops for Graduating Seniors Ceremony on Tuesday, June 20th. If your child is graduating high school and is attending college in the fall, they should have been contacted by Kylea to see if they were interested in a laptop. If you did not receive a letter please contact the WHA Office ASAP. As always, this would be impossible without help from our local sponsors. We thank all of the organizations that have donated to the program for their generosity!

POOL PASSES

Pool passes are now available for purchase at City Hall located at 2 15th Street. Passes are required to obtain entry to both the Watervliet public pool and the new splash pad. Passes are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children for the season. Day passes are the same price. Pool passes are issued Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM. Proof of residency is required.

AIR CONDITIONERS

Please remember: You must have a 2x4 piece of wood under your air conditioner to protect the storm windows. The unit cannot be placed on the storm window or it will damage the frame. If you need the 2x4's, contact the WHA office. Please save the 2x4's to reuse the following year.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Happy Father's Day to everyone at the WHA! We hope you all enjoy your special day.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

We feel the need to remind all tenants that taking things that do not belong to them is stealing, which is illegal. We have noticed that this always becomes a larger issue when the weather starts to warm up. In addition, monitoring your children to make sure they do not ruin the belongings of others is incredibly important. The behavior of your children is YOUR responsibility, and any damage caused by unsupervised children will be billed directly to the apartment. That being said, any reports of damages or stolen items will be directed toward the Watervliet Police Department.

CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK

Did you know that 4 out of 5 car seats are installed incorrectly? Make sure your child is in the proper car seat and that it is installed correctly in order to ensure they are as safe as possible while in a vehicle. The Watervliet Elementary School will be hosting a Child Safety Seat Check-up Event on Thursday, June 29th from 3 PM to 6 PM. This service is free. It is recommended that you bring the instruction manual to the car seat you are having checked.

SIDEWALK CHALK

Sidewalk chalk is only permitted to be used as it was intended- on sidewalks. The discovery of chalk on buildings will result in a charge to the apartment of the parent as it will need to be washed off. We love to see kids expressing their artistic abilities, just in a way that isn't unsightly to the community.

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Watervliet City-Wide Garage Sale will be held over two weekends- June 1st through 4th and June 9th through 11th from 9 AM to 4 PM. There is no registration fee. These weekends are designated for members of the community that want to have a garage sale without having to apply for a permit to do so. This includes housing residents. If you are going to have your own yard sale during one of these weekends, please be sure that the area is cleaned up completely by the Monday following. Anything left outside will be disposed of by maintenance and the tenant will be backcharged accordingly.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

If you have any relectronics you aren't sure what to with, on Saturday, June 3rd, almost anything that requires a power source can be disposed of at the City of Watervliet DPW Garage located behind the Fire Department. Disposal of these items is free. Proof of residency is required. For a full list of what is accepted, please visit the City of Watervliet's website.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC RESERVOIR TOUR

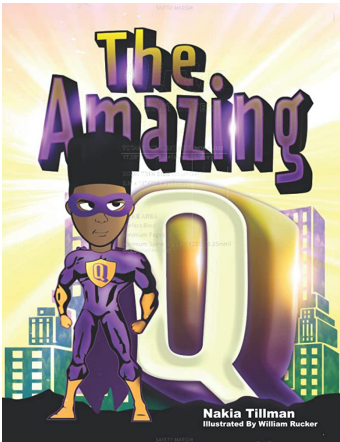
If you have never seen Watervliet's reservoir, now is your chance! On Saturday, June 10th, the city will be providing a bus to take a limited number of residents to see the water reservoir in Guilderland. The bus will leave from the Watervliet Elementary School parking lot at 9 AM. A light lunch will be provided. There are a limited amount of spots available, so please call the Mayor's Office at (518)270-3815 if you are interested.

PET POLICY

All pets living in the Housing Authority must be registered with the Office. A security deposit of \$150 and updated vaccine records and proof of license (dogs only) is required before the pet enters the home. Each home is permitted one cat OR dog (under 25 pounds) only following approval from the WHA. Remaining in compliance with the Pet Policy means keeping shot records and licensing up-to-date. Failure to remain in compliance or discovery of an unregistered pet will result in a 30 Day Vacate.

ICE CREAM SUNDAE PARTY

On June 20th, we will be holding an ice cream sundae party and book reading for all of children in the Housing Authority! It will be in the Joslin Courtyard starting at 12:15 PM. Author Nakia Tillman will be there reading her book, "The Amazing Q!" We welcome all to stop by!



WORK ORDERS

We are noticing while conducting annual inspections that a lot of tenants are not calling work orders in. Please make sure that if something needs to be repaired, you call the office to report it so we can put a work order in for you. Failure to put a work order in can actually result in a charge for non-compliance to the tenant in some cases. Please also remember that all work orders- other than ordinary wear and tear- will result in a fee, including a charge for labor. If you have any questions about fees that have been charged to your account, please call Kylea.

OUTDOOR GRILLS

The use of charcoal grills is prohibited on WHA grounds. Propane grills are allowed. For the safety of all tenants, all grills must be 10 feet away from all buildings and can be put back closer to your building 1 hour after use. Always remember to turn off the propane when you are done using your grill. Additionally, wood/gas fire pits and the outside storage of firewood is not permitted on any of the sites.

POOL POLICY

Only small infant swimming pools are permitted and must be emptied on a daily basis to avoid the possibility of children falling into the pool. Once they are emptied, they must be put against your building until it is used again. Failure to do so could result in back charges. Pools can not be any higher than 18" or they will be removed.

OUTSIDE STORAGE

No outside storage of any kind is permitted, such as trailers, basketball hoops, trampolines, etc. All patio furniture must be in the rear of the apartment and also be in a clean state. No inside furniture shall be stored outside. Excessive amounts of children's toys may distract from the overall appearance of the property, and will not be permitted. Excess furniture and toys not stored properly will be disposed of my maintenance, and the resident will be charged for removal.



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THANK YOU TO THE VERHAGENS!

A special thank you to Jimmy and Pat Verhagen for installing American Flags along Broadway and 2nd Avenue in preparation for Memorial Day. After over 20 years of employment at the WHA, it's always good to see him around the sites!

