

WATERVLIET HOUSING AUTHORITY

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MARCH 2019



THIS MONTH...

MARCH 7

Last Day Rent is Due

MARCH 12

Heroin Awareness Meeting
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MARCH 12

VRV Inspections (1-4)

MARCH 13

VRV Inspections (5-8)

MARCH 14

VRV Inspections (9-12)

MARCH 15

VRV Inspections (13-17)

MARCH 17

Saint Patrick's Day

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.

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! Don't forget that you can mail your rent payment to the WHA Office.



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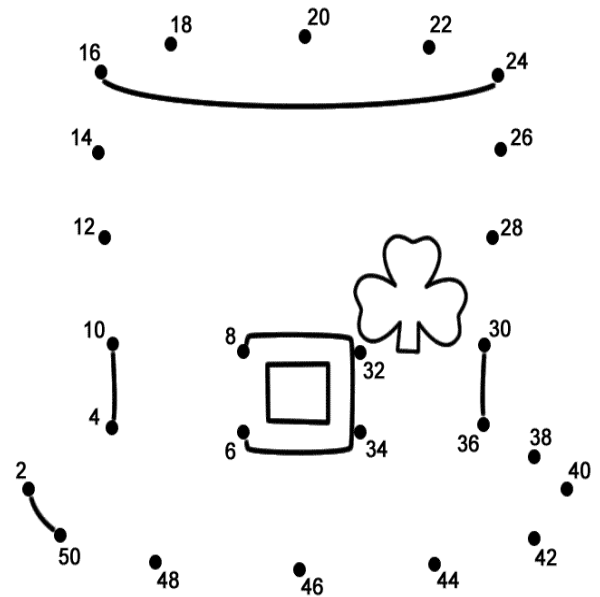
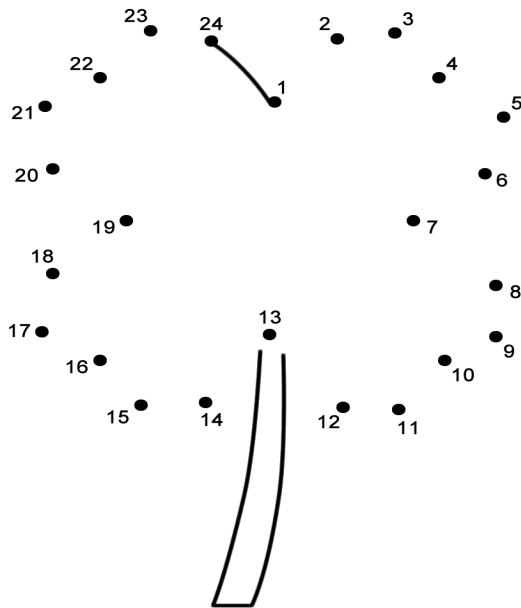
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FUN FACTS ABOUT ST. PATRICK'S DAY

- * The first Saint Patrick's Day parade was held in Boston in 1737!
- * New York City has one of the largest St. Patrick's Day parades in the United States.
- * It is believed that Saint Patrick drove out all of the snakes Ireland had.
- * The original color associated with St. Patrick's Day was blue.
- * The number 3 is Ireland's lucky number because a 'lucky shamrock' has three petals.
- * Saint Patrick wasn't actually Irish, he was British!

CONNECT THE DOTS

Count by 2s!

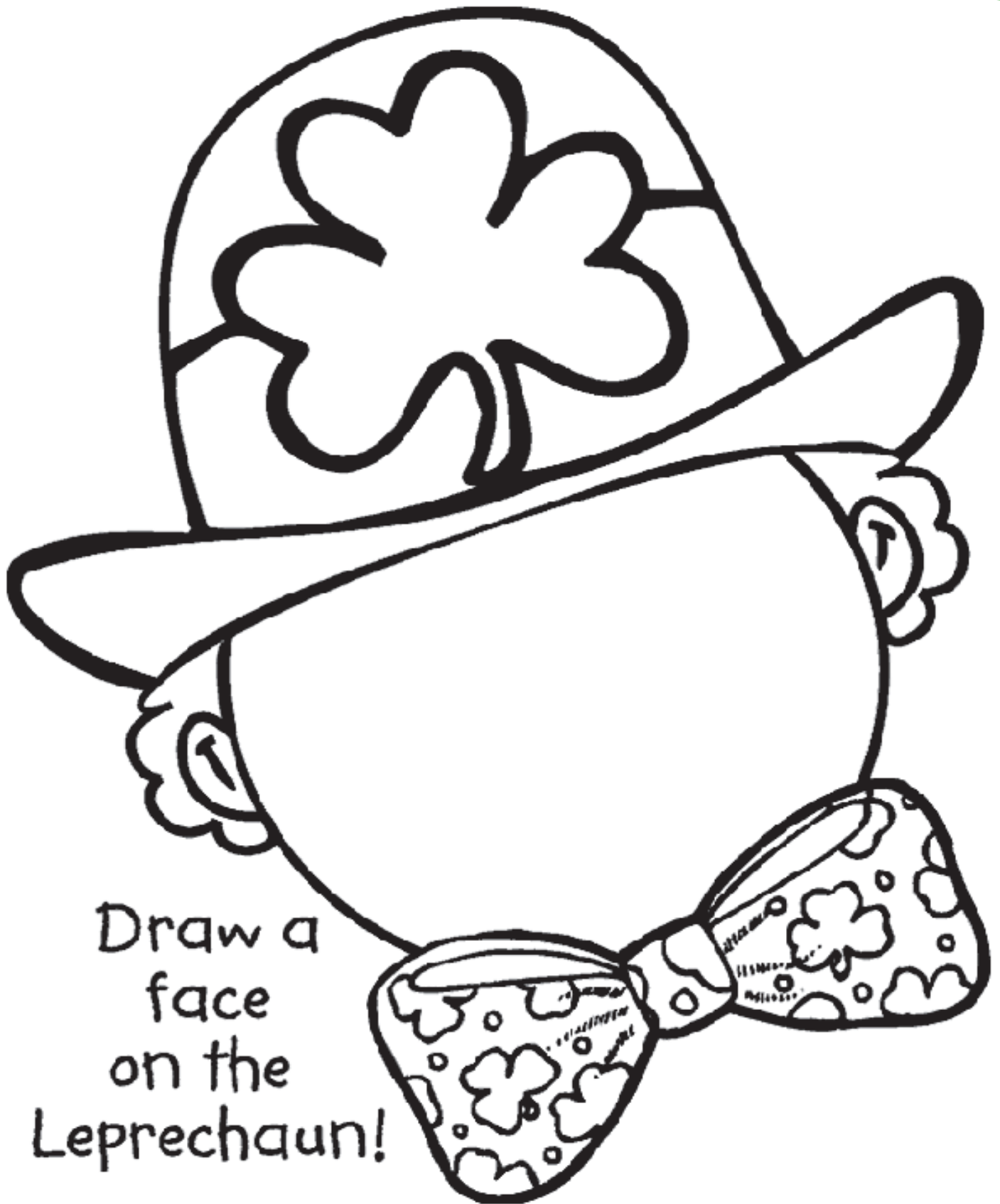


CRAFT OF THE MONTH "BOTTLE ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD"

What you will need:

1 water bottle, green paint, construction paper

Instructions: Dip the bottom of the water bottle into the green paint (it is easiest to put the paint on a paper plate). Dab the water bottle on a piece of paper to create a lucky shamrock. Draw a line with your finger at the bottom of the shamrock.



Draw a
face
on the
Leprechaun!

AROUND THE WHA

SPRING EQUINOX

The first day of Spring is March 20th. The astronomical start of the season is based on the position of the Earth in relation to the Sun. More specifically, the start of each season is marked by either a solstice (winter and summer) or an equinox (spring and autumn). A solstice is when the sun reaches its highest or lowest point in the sky at noon, marked by the longest and shortest days. While an equinox is when the sun crosses the celestial equator, when day and night are of equal length. Although the weather may not show that it is “officially spring”, according to the stars, it is. With the change of the seasons comes longer days!

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE

The perks of recycling are countless! If you don't already have a recycling bin, call the office and we will do our best to get you one. Things you can recycle include cardboard, plastic (such as milk cartons), boxes, egg containers, water bottles, soda cans, etc. Here are some benefits to recycling: it saves the environment, it reduces the need for mining, quarrying and logging. As recycling saves energy which in turn reduces greenhouse gas which helps to tackle climate change and water pollution. Using recycled materials in the manufacturing process uses considerably less energy than that required for producing new products from raw materials.

RE-CERTIFICATION SCHEDULE

Re-Examinations are required to be done every year. Below is the schedule by site:

QUINN, VRV, GISH- January

HANRATTA- March

HILTON- July

JOSLIN- September

DAY- November

SCHEDULE OF INSPECTIONS

Below is a schedule of inspections by site:

VRV- March 12th-15th

GISH- April 26th

HILTON- May 15th-16th

JOSLIN- August 13th-15th

DAY- September 17th-19th

QUINN- October 15th-17th

HANRATTA- November 12th-14th

VRV INSPECTIONS

Van Rensselaer Village inspections are to be held from March 12th-March 15th. Be sure that you are prepared so that inspections can move smoothly. If you have any questions or problems, they will be addressed at the time of your inspection. We need access to ALL of your windows. Please make sure all items are removed from the windows. Please remove all items off the top of your stove and on the burners as well. Call in any work orders before the inspection.

The schedule is as follows:

March 12	Buildings 1-4
March 13	Buildings 5-8
March 14	Buildings 9-12
March 15	Buildings 13-17

GETTIN' AHEAD IN A JUST GETTIN' BY WORLD

Living paycheck to paycheck? Do you want a better life for your family but can't seem to overcome certain obstacles? Are you looking for support and tools to make changes? Join us to learn more about this terrific program! On Thursday, March 7 from 12-1 at the Water-vliet Housing Meeting Room. A light lunch will be provided. No obligation; just come to learn more. Contact Mary with any questions you have.

AROUND THE WHA

YOU ASKED, WE HAVE ANSWERS!

Last month, we asked you to send in any comments and questions you had for the WHA. Below are answers to some of your questions. If you have any other questions or concerns, feel free to contact the office.

Q: If I put in a maintenance work order, how long should I expect it to take to complete?

A: On average, work orders take roughly 3-5 business days to complete, depending on the nature of the problem. If you deny the maintenance staff to enter your apartment without your attendance, it will take roughly 7-10 business days. If a member of our maintenance staff has not completed your work order within this timeframe, call the office to check on the status. You can also check the tenant portal to see any open work orders we have on file for you. Remember, telling a maintenance staff member about a work order in passing will not ensure a work order will be put into our system. Call the office to report all work orders. **Emergency Number: 273-6085 (after hours).**

Q: How long can I have a visitor stay with me?

A: We allow individuals not on your lease to stay with you for two weeks consecutively. You must receive permission from administration to do so. If it is found someone is staying with you for more than 2 weeks, you will be served a 30 Day Notice to Vacate. If you are ever unsure whether or not someone is allowed to stay with you, call the office to confirm. If you wish to have someone move in with you, they need to fill out their own application and be interviewed before they can be added to your lease. They must also pay an additional \$150 security deposit, not to be refunded until all residents of the apartment move out.

Q: I want to get a pet. What is the policy?

A: We only allow common household pets such as a dog, cat, bird, rabbit, or fish. Dogs and cats cannot exceed 20 lbs. Only one 1 pet is allowed per apartment. Multiple fish are allowed, however the fish must be kept within a tank not exceeding 10 gallons. A copy of the license must be provided. All cats and dogs must be spayed or neutered and documentation of this must be given to the Housing Authority. A pet deposit of \$150.00 must be paid to cover any damages a pet may cause to the apartment. A charge of \$25 will be charged each time pet owners fail to remove pet waste. Pets are not allowed to visit, and refusal to remove an animal from the premises is a direct violation of a tenant's lease and will be considered grounds for eviction. Pets must be maintained within the resident's unit. When outside of the unit, dogs and cats must be kept on a leash or carried and under the control of the resident or other responsible individual at all times. You can view the entire pet policy on our website www.WatervlietHousing.org under the Applications and Forms tab. If any tenants are found to violate this policy, they are subject to a 30 Day Notice to Vacate.

Q: I've noticed a large amount of birds and squirrels getting into my garbage! What can be done to stop this from happening?

A: DO NOT FEED ANY BIRDS OR SQUIRRELS! The more you feed these animals, the more they will stick around and get into your neighbors' and your garbage. Leaving any type of food for animals can also cause other pests to infest your apartment. Food can also attract ants and roaches, which will need to be treated by an outside extermination company.

Q: If the garbage men damage my garbage cans during pick up, will I be charged to replace them?

A: Unfortunately, garbage pickup is not under the control of the Watervliet Housing Authority. If the garbage staff damages your can, call City Hall and report the incident. If you request new garbage cans from our office, you will be charged.

IN THE COMMUNITY

SCHENECTADY JOB FAIR

WHERE: Proctor's Theater
432 State Street
Schenectady, NY

WHEN: Wednesday, March 6th
10am-4pm

Capital Job Development Group will host the Schenectady Job Fair, taking place at Proctors. Admission is free. You are encouraged to bring a copy of your resume.

ANNUAL ALBANY ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Every year, the City of Albany hosts a Saint Patrick's Day Parade. The parade will be held on Saturday March 16th at 2:00 pm. The parade starts at the corner of Quail Street & Central Avenue, ending at State & Pearl Street.

LEARN TO SKATE CLINIC

WHEN: MAR 2, 2019 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

WHERE: EMPIRE STATE PLAZA ICE RINK

COST: FREE ADMISSION,
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Learn to Skate for FREE at the Empire State Plaza this winter. Registration required. Clinics offered at 10:00am and 11:00am. Presented FREE by BlueShield of Northeastern NY and hosted by the Hudson Mohawk Figure Skating Club. Please note, the ice rink will be closed to the public during each skating clinic. No walk-ins allowed. Call (518) 473-6299 to register.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



Don't forget to change your clocks *ahead* one hour on *Sunday March 10th, 2019!*

IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?

WES Kindergarten Registration and screening will be held on March 14th at WES. For more information contact WES.

WAYS TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN

Every child learns and grows at their own pace, but have you ever wondered what your child may need to know as they enter their first year of school?

Below is a list of skills that will help your child succeed as they enter their first year of school. Going over these skills with your child will give them a solid foundation and confidence they need to be successful in school.

1. Recognition of upper and lower case letters.
2. Recognition of numbers 1-20.
3. Counting in sequence from 1-20.
4. Ability to sing the alphabet.
5. Ability to write their first and last name.
6. Ability to identify the title of a book.
7. Scan and move their finger from left to right while scanning a book.
8. Recognition of several colors and shapes.
9. Begin to write simple sight words.
10. Ability to dress themselves.
11. Basic organization skills.
12. Able to express why they are upset or happy.
13. Able to resolve conflicts appropriately with peers using language.
14. Able to recite their address and/or know parent/guardians phone number in case of an emergency.

NO SCHOOL

WES & WHS will not have school on March 22.

PRE-K REGISTRATION

Register your child(ren) for Pre-K at Watervliet Elementary School on March 12th. For more information, contact WES.

IN THE COMMUNITY

MARCH IS NUTRITIONAL AWARENESS MONTH

As March is nutritional awareness month, it is important to know that the benefits of eating a nutritional diet are more than just weight control. Eating the nutrients your body thrives on will also help control your blood pressure, you will sleep better, reduces stress, it helps improve your overall well-being, decreases the chances of developing diabetes or other health conditions attributed to having an inadequate diet. Exercising regularly along with dieting makes for a healthy life. Make your health goals today and stick to them!

TROY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Looking for something to do with your child? Check out the Children's Museum of Science and Technology located at the Rensselaer Tech Park at 250 Jordan Road. The Museum has several departments including: construction, nano-science, play space, nature exploration, and more! Admission is \$8 per person for ages two and up. For more information, call (518) 235-2120.

HEROIN AWARENESS MEETING

WHERE WHS Auditorium
WHEN Tuesday March 12, 2019
6:00-8:30pm

Sheriff Craig Apple and the City of Watervliet are hosting an informational meeting about the ongoing heroin epidemic. You will learn about lifesaving NARCAN training, where heroin overdoses are occurring, how to help, how to find help, preventive tips and how addiction starts. Currently, heroin is the number one drug linked to deadly overdoses. We encourage you to attend and learn more about this epidemic and how to stop it.

WINTER AT THE PLAZA

WHEN: MARCH 4, 2019 - MARCH 10, 2019

WHERE: EMPIRE STATE PLAZA ICE RINK

COST: FREE ADMISSION

Now in its 8th year, the tremendously popular Empire State Plaza Ice Rink is open daily from Noon - 8:00 p.m. (closed for maintenance from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) and skating is free. Located in the shadow of Albany's beautiful State Capitol, 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 Day courtesy of Hannaford Supermarkets. The 2018-19 season will feature an assorted line-up of special events including instructional clinics!

TACKLE YOUR DEBT

WHEN: MAR 5, 2019 6:00 PM TO 7:30 PM

WHERE: SEFCU ALBANY
655 PATROON CREEK BOULEVARD
ALBANY, NY 12206

COST: FREE ADMISSION,
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Recommended for ages 18+. Learners will develop an effective debt pay-down strategy. They will also consider appropriate debt levels and reflect on what is considered good debt and bad debt. A basic budgeting framework is also discussed as part of scoring a debt reduction plan. Registration is required. Please visit sefcu.com/financial_education to reserve your spot today!

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.

HEROIN AWARENESS MEETING

March 12th from 6:00-8:30 pm at the WHS Auditorium Sheriff Apple will be hosting a meeting regarding the Heroin epidemic.

NO SCHOOL

WES & WHS will not have school on March 22nd.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

This month's meetings will be held on March 7th and March 21st.



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