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14	15	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19	20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING
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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.

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.



www.WatervlietHousing.org

Emergency Number:
273-6085 (after hours)

PET POLICY

Don't forget that **ALL** pets must be registered with the WHA! Pets must be spayed or neutered, up-to-date on their shots (*rabies and distemper*) and dogs are required to be registered with the City of Watervliet. You can register your dog at the Clerk's Office at City Hall (*2 Fifteenth Street*). All paperwork with updated shot records and license's must be reported to the WHA Office. **Failure to keep your pets vaccinations current and failure to provide appropriate documentation could result in a 30 day notice to vacate.** If you have any questions, contact Rachel at 273-4717 x200 or via email Rmeyer@watervliethousing.org.

TENANT COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

To ensure the safety of our community and our staff, it is your responsibility to notify the office if you or anyone in your family have symptoms of Corona virus, are awaiting test results, if you have confirmed cases of COVID-19 in your household, or if your family is placed in mandatory quarantine. Also, Please remember that it is your duty to wear a mask in all common areas and to continue to practice social distancing. If you have guests, it is mandatory that they also wear a mask.

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.

VRV INSPECTIONS

Van Rensselaer Village inspections will be held from March 9th through March 12th beginning at 10 am. We need to access all of your windows. Please make sure ALL items are removed from the window area. Remove all items off the top of your stove and off the burners. You do not need to be home for the inspection. Please promptly notify the WHA if anyone in your family has any COVID-19 symptoms or if anyone has tested positive. All staff entering your apartment will be wearing masks and will maintain proper social distancing practices. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday March 9	Bldg. 1-4
Wednesday March 10	Bldg. 5-8
Thursday March 11	Bldg 9-12
Friday March 12	Bldg. 13-17

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.

VRV GARBAGE DISPOSAL

Please be sure you are putting your garbage in the appropriate dumpsters. Failure to do so will result in a charge directly to you. Also, don't forget that double parking is not permitted anywhere on WHA properties.

E-FILE YOUR INCOME TAXES FOR FREE

The NYS Department of Taxation and Finance released ways to file your income tax return for free! If your 2020 income is \$72,000 or less you can use one of the following to e-file: IRS Free File Program (delivered by TurboTax), OLT, Tax Act, or TaxSlayer. The link below will provide you with further information regarding the eligibility requirements for each software provider. ***If you do not meet the criteria for the software provider you choose, the software provider may charge you a fee. Please read the qualifying criteria carefully before you get started.** <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/efile/default.htm>.

WES KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

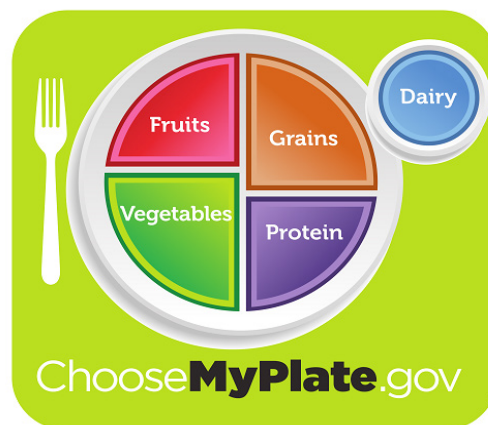
WES Kindergarten registration begins Thursday, March 4th. For more information, contact WES at 518-629-3204 or visit www.watervlietcityschools.org/register-a-student/student-registration-forms-and-information.

WES PRE-K REGISTRATION

WES Pre-Kindergarten registration will be held on Wednesday March 10th and Thursday March 11th. For more information, contact WES at 518-629-3204 or visit www.watervlietcityschools.org/register-a-student/student-registration-forms-and-information.

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 health goals for you and your family and stick to them!



FOOD DISTRIBUTION SITES

Keep an eye on your email and our social media accounts so that you are notified when there are food drops throughout the city! You can like us on Facebook by searching Watervliet Housing Authority and don't forget to follow us on Instagram at @watervliethousingauthority. If you do not receive emails from Rachel, please contact her at Rmeyer@watervliethousing.org.



CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

AROUND THE WHA

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**COVID
VACCINE**

Daniel P. Quinn
APARTMENTS

PRE-REGISTER FOR A COVID VACCINE

The county has set up a way for people who are eligible to get vaccinated to pre-register. The following link will direct you to the pre-registration form <https://alb.518c19.com/>.

WHO CAN PRE-REGISTER?

Those who are categorized in phase 1A and 1B- this includes health care workers, first responders, education/childcare workers, grocery store workers, public transit workers, and homeless shelter workers.

It does allow those 65 and older and those with qualifying underlying medical conditions like asthma, cancer and a host of other conditions including if you are obese or smoke to register.

KEY POINTS

People can sign up and still look for a quicker shot at various locations by at least by pre-registering, people can know they will have a spot reserved.

The time frame between registering and the actual date of the vaccination is not known. Generally, the county knows how much vaccines they will have on a Sunday.

Clinic schedules will be coordinated based on local area demands. Anyone with questions can call the state hotline at 1-833-697-4829, the United Way Hotline at 2-1-1 or visit the state or county website.

****To be clear, this vaccination pre-registration website is being managed by Albany County, and NOT the Watervliet Housing Authority. Albany County staff will reach out to you directly with more information upon pre-registration. However, it is possible that future vaccination events will be held outside the City of Watervliet****

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