

# WATERVLIET HOUSING AUTHORITY

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## MAY 2019



## THIS MONTH...

### May 1

Rent Due

### May 6

First Day of Bulk Week

(See page 6)

### May 7

Last Day Rent is Due

### May 12

Mother's Day

### May 15-16

Hilton Inspections

### May 27

Memorial Day (Office Closed)

Memorial Day Parade

The WHA Staff would like to thank all Veteran's and active members of the Military for your service and the actions you have taken to protect the United States. We would also like to wish all Mother's a Happy Mother'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. 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 518-273-4717 to update your information.

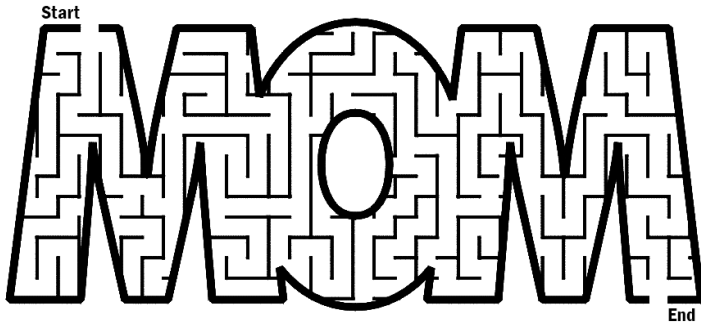
## REMINDER

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



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Emergency Number:  
273-6085 (after hours)

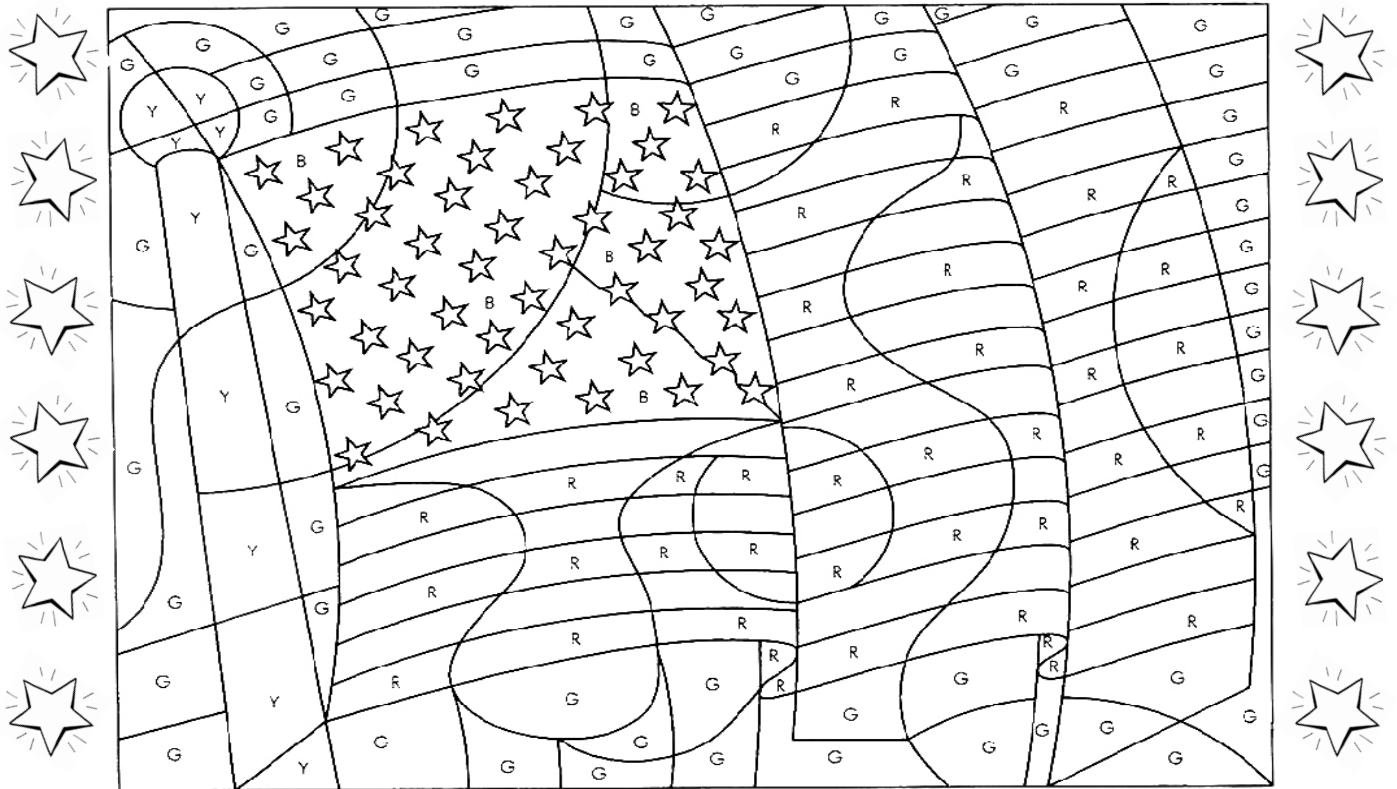


## CRAFT OF THE MONTH

### Mother's Day Card

**You will need:** white paper, colored construction paper, glue & markers

**Instructions:** First, rip up the construction paper into small pieces. Then, draw a big heart on your white paper, then, write your message, "I love you to pieces!" on the white paper. Lastly, glue the pieces of construction paper in the middle of the heart!



B = Blue G = Green R = Red Y = Yellow

## MEMORIAL DAY FUN FACTS

Originally, Memorial Day was called 'Decoration Day', meant to honor the Union and the Confederate soldiers who died during the American Civil War. By the 1900's it had become a day to celebrate all American soldiers who died while serving in all branches of the military. It wasn't until 1967 that it was legally named 'Memorial Day'. It is always celebrated on the final Monday in May. Most employers close for the day in observance. Due to this long weekend, the American Automobile Association estimates that 39.3 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more away from their homes to celebrate the beginning of the summer season! Americans celebrate by hanging flags at half mast until noon, volunteers place American flags on graves in the national cemeteries to honor those who died while serving in the military, holding city parades, hosting outdoor parties and barbeque's, watching firework displays, visiting cemeteries, or holding memorial parades. How do you celebrate? morials for fallen soldiers. How do you celebrate Memorial Day?

## LAPTOPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

For the past several years, the WHA & the community have been donating laptops to high school seniors that are attending college. Applications are available in the WHA office and must be returned by Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

## CLOTHES LINES

Clothes lines are the responsibility of the tenant. Children have been known to pull on these lines, which can cause them to break. To prevent children from playing with your clothesline, just attach rope and rings or hooks to each end. When you are done, unhook the line and take it home until the next time you do laundry.

## SUMMER GARBAGE DISPOSAL

With summer approaching, please remember that all trash needs to be thrown away properly! Children have been known to throw their trash outside (water bottles, popsicle sticks, snacks etc.) Please remind your children of proper garbage disposal rules. Remember to always put the lid on your garbage can so that we do not experience animals eating the trash!

## CARE PACKAGES FOR SOLDIERS

The Watervliet Housing Authority along with The City of Watervliet, Watervliet City Schools, & The Watervliet Civic Center are working together to collect letters, non-perishable foods, and hygiene products to be sent to soldiers!

### DROP OFF LOCATIONS

<b>WHA Office</b> 2400 2nd Ave	<b>WES</b> 2557 10th Ave	<b>WHS</b> 1245 Hillside Dr	<b>Watervliet Civic Center</b> 14th St & 1st Ave	<b>Watervliet City Hall</b> 2 15th St
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### BELOW ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTED DONATIONS

**Toiletries/Hygiene:** Toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, mouthwash, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, travel size body wash, deodorant sticks, foot powder, hand lotion, q-tips, shampoo/conditioner, sunscreen, Tylenol (individual packets), cough drops

**Entertainment:** Playing cards, hand-held electronic games, Sudoku books, crossword puzzle books

**Food/drink:** Instant oatmeal, Ramen noodles, assorted granola bars, individual crackers/cookies, tuna/chicken packets, canned fruits, gum, sugar packets

**Correspondence:** Writing paper, envelopes, pens & pencils

**Other:** Batteries (all types), bug spray (no aluminum cans), duct tape, flashlights, fly swatters, socks

\*All products must be store bought and in their original containers\*

# WHA POLICY REMINDERS

## LOUD NOISES

With the nice weather now here, many tenants keep their windows open throughout the day. With this, it is easier to hear noise so please be courteous to your neighbors. Keep the volume of your music and/or TV down. If there is consistent, disruptive noise, your neighbors have grounds to contact the Police or the WHA.

## ATTENTION ALL TENANTS

You **MUST** report all income changes! Failure to provide timely and accurate information regarding new jobs, pay rate changes, and increased hours may result in an eviction process.

## GRILLING TIPS

The use of charcoal grills is not permitted 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.

## POOLS

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, 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. Residents will be charged for removal of excessive materials if they do not abide by housing requirements.

## LATE PAYMENTS

Rent is due on the first of every month. The last day you can pay your rent without a late charge is the fifth business day of the month. After that, a \$5 late charge is applied, then \$1 added to your rent total for every additional day you are late. Tenants can pay rent at the office between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm, through the drop slot after hours, or through the mail.

## JOSLIN LAUNDRY ROOM

The Joslin laundry room now requires a key fob to enter! All Joslin tenants must get a key fob from the WHA office. You will be given one free key fob. Additional fobs are available and will cost \$8 each.

## CHILDREN AT PLAY

Your children are your responsibility. We offer limited playground equipment because of the lack of space and the close proximity of the many well-equipped city playgrounds. All children should be supervised by a parent or older member of the family at all times. **Parents are held responsible for the actions of their children and will be charged for any destruction of property.** Parking lots are not playgrounds! Your children should not be riding bikes or playing ball in any designated parking areas.

## GARAGE SALES

Garage sales of any kind are not permitted on Housing Authority premises unless prior written approval is granted and a permit is issued by the City of Watervliet.

## AIR CONDITIONERS

Please remember, you must have a 2 x 4 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 2 x 4's, we will supply them free of charge. If the unit isn't properly installed, we will correct the problem and back charge you for the time, so please call. Please save your 2x4's for the following year.



## RENTER'S INSURANCE

### WHAT IS RENTERS INSURANCE?

Renter's Insurance, also known as tenant's insurance, is a type of policy offered by most major New York insurers. These policies provide contents coverage and liability protection in the event something or someone becomes injured at your residence.

### COST

Renter's insurance is generally less expensive than many people realize: a basic policy costs about \$300 a year (\$25/month) for around \$50,000 worth of property protection. Many car insurance plans may include Renters Insurance as well.

### COVERAGE

Coverage generally provided under Renter's Policy includes:

***Personal Property, Loss of Use, Personal Liability, Medical Payments***

Renter's Insurance typically covers loss or damage caused by:

***Fire or Smoke, Theft or Vandalism, Windstorm or Hail, Lightning, Explosion, Falling Objects, Weight of Snow, Ice, or Sleet, and Electrical Surges***

### THINGS TO REMEMBER

Before purchasing a renter's insurance policy, conduct a complete inventory of all your personal belongings- taking photos or a video of things like furniture, jewelry, and expensive electronic items. Calculate the replacement costs for these items and double check with your insurance agent to make certain you are fully protected against any type of loss. Choose the coverage according to your property. If you have a lot of electronics, choosing a policy that provides replacement cost coverage instead of actual cash value coverage might be the best option for you. Make sure that the policy has liability coverage. The best renter's insurance policies will also include liability coverage for medical and legal costs if someone gets hurt in your residence.

*Information adopted from The NYS Department of Financial Services ©*

# AROUND THE WHA

## CITY OF WATERVLIET SPRING BULK ITEM PICK UP

The City of Watervliet will be doing their seasonal bulk pick up week starting May 6<sup>th</sup>. Residents can discard their bulk items at no charge *the night before their regularly scheduled pick up*. Bulk items must fit into a 4 foot high by 4 foot wide by 8 foot long area. Items exceeding this size will not be picked up. All smaller objects must be placed in containers. If you have any questions, please call the Sanitation Department at (518) 270-5093.

### **Solid waste should not contain the following:**

Explosives or ammunitions, combustible liquid or gas containers, bottles, cylinders, cans or propane tanks, refrigerators, air conditioners, batteries, tires, construction debris, televisions/electronics, caustic acids, corrosives, chemicals or other hazardous wastes, radioactive or other contamination or pollutants, liquid wastes, unused paint or paint cans, unopened containers, lawn cleaning debris (grass, leaves, stumps, tree trunks or limbs), thick walled or solid metallic objects, steel or nylon rope, cables, or slings more than 4 feet long, alloy steel, animal waste, recyclables, solid blocks of metal, rubber or plastic in excess of two cubic feet, any materials classified as infectious or hazardous wastes, no barrels or drums, asbestos waste, or industrial wastes, wastes that are not easily recognizable or wastes that may pose a health risk to landfill employees.

## STOVE TOPS

Make sure you clean your drip pans on your stove regularly. Grease can build up and cause a larger problem later on. Be sure your stove top and the surrounding areas are also cleaned regularly!

## COACHES VS. CANCER

On Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm, the WHS Varsity Baseball team will play against Mohonasen at Joe Bruno Stadium to benefit the American Cancer Society. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from any Varsity Baseball player or from Kelly Gilchrist, (518) 445-5241.

## CIVIC CENTER SUMMER CAMP

The Watervliet Civic Center holds a summer recreational program. It is licensed, registered, and inspected by the Albany County Health Department. The program offers a wide variety of adult supervised, constructive and wholesome recreational, social, educational, and youth developmental programs and activities. They hold an eight week program offered from the end of June to mid-August, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. This program is available for boys and girls ages 4-13. Registration is required, as spots fill quickly. For further information, contact the Civic Center at (518)273-5922 or check out the website at [www.watervlietciviccenter.com](http://www.watervlietciviccenter.com).

## WVLT REMEMBERS & HONORS VETERANS

Don't forget to tune in to channel 1303 from Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> through Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> to see photos of current members of the military and fallen heroes from our community that have fought for our country.

## HILTON INSPECTIONS

Hilton Inspections will be held on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> (Apartments 1-15) and Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> (Apartments 16-30). 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. Call in any work orders **before** the inspection.

## 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

WHERE: 169 Mohawk St. Cohoes, NY 12047  
*Lower level of the Cohoes Library*

WHEN: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am-12pm

Mary's Corner provides the following to parents for children under the age of 4. **Monthly**, you will receive the following supplies: 1 package of diapers, 1 container of formula, 1 tube of diaper cream, 1 container of baby wash/shampoo, 3 books, 1 package of wipes, 8 jars of baby food, 1 package of baby cereal, 3 outfits or 2 outfits and 1 pajama set, 1 baby bottle, toys, stuffed animals, puzzles & games. **Bi-annually**, you will receive 1 sippy cup, 1 blanket, 1 crib sheet and 1 seasonal coat (as available). **One time only**, you will receive 1 Layette set for a newborn, 1 stroller, 1 pack 'n play, 1 bouncy seat, 1 diaper genie, breast feeding supplies, 1 tub, and 1 potty (as available). For more information, call (518) 273-2373.

## TULIP FESTIVAL

This year's Albany Tulip Festival takes place during Mother's Day weekend at Washington Park on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 2pm-5pm. The annual event boasts over 150 different kinds of tulips, fine arts exhibits, live music & entertainment, and much more in celebration of Albany's Dutch heritage.

## ANNUAL FREIHOFFER'S RUN FOR WOMEN

WHERE: Washington Avenue & Eagle St  
Albany, NY 12210

WHEN: Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>

COST: Kids run- Free  
5k run- \$25  
Jr 3k- \$15

The annual Freihofer's Run for Women will be held on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 9:00. As usual, the profits of the race are donated to breast cancer research. There will be a 5k, 3k, and a free fun run of various lengths. The time of each race varies. Good luck to all participants!  
[runsignup.com/Race/NY/Albany/FreihoferRunforWomen](https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Albany/FreihoferRunforWomen)

## WATERVLIEET RELAY FOR LIFE

WHERE: Watervliet High School

WHEN: Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

This year's event is a board game theme! Last year this event raised over \$56,000; and it was announced that this event had the highest overall growth in fundraising for the Capital Region & North Country. For more information, log onto the event's website at [www.relayforlife.org/hudsonriverNY](http://www.relayforlife.org/hudsonriverNY)

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

This year marks 70 years since the US started celebrating Mental Health Awareness month! It is estimated that 1 in 5 American adults experience at least one mental health issue. 1 in 10 people under the age of 18 have experienced an extensive period of major depression. Only 41% of adults in the US that live with a mental health condition have received mental health services in the past year. If you or anyone you know is suffering from a mental health problem, don't be afraid to speak out. There are many ways to get help in the Capital District. Some resources include the Albany County Department of Mental Health which offers a wide range of services to Albany County residents. You can contact them 24/7 at (518) 549-6500.

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The City of Watervliet will be hosting the annual Memorial Day parade on Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and proceeds from the Watervliet High School parking lot to 19th Street, east to 2nd Avenue, then south to 16th Street and ends at the Veteran's Memorial Park where a memorial service takes place honoring all veterans. We hope to see you there!

## TROY FARMER'S MARKET

The kick-off to the outdoor summer season at the Troy Farmer's Market starts on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am until 2pm at Monument Square on River street in Troy.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Friday, May 3rd, Bob Beston will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to benefit SSOW from 3:30pm-7pm at the Watervliet Senior Center. You can dine in or take out! Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the Senior Center Office at 1501 Broadway, Watervliet, NY 12189 or call 518-273-4422. In addition to the spaghetti dinner, there will be a Chinese raffle & 50/50!

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## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

This month's City Council Meetings will be held on May 2nd & May 16th at 7:00 pm at the Watervliet Senior Center.



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