

Watervliet Housing Authority

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NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

THIS MONTH..

- Rent is due by Monday, November 7th. Payments after this date will have a **late charge of \$5 and an additional \$1 every day late after the 5th business day.**
- Hanratta Inspections will be conducted on the following dates:
 - 100-219 November 14
 - 301-319 November 15
 - 401-419 November 16

Inspections:

Apartments are inspected for cleanliness, repairs that may be needed, and also 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 or on the burners. Call in any work orders before the inspection.



2018 Watervliet Calendars

You should be receiving your new 2018 calendar from the Watervliet Housing Authority soon. This calendar is filled with information about the Authority and many important dates you need to know. We are very proud to have created this calendar and hope you find it useful. If you don't receive one and want a calendar, please stop by the office or call us.

Read more on the Watervliet Housing Authority's conversion to the RAD program on **Page 8**. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact the WHA Office.



Tenants: Please remember to keep your phone number, email address, and car information up-to-date with the Office! We need to know this information in case there is ever an EMERGENCY.

Tenants,

Now you can go online and view your balances, account information, and even your open and past work orders! Just go to the WHA website and click on the link to the portal to log in.

For more details call the office!

Did You Know that Greasy Drip Pans on your Stove are Fire Hazards?

This is a problem we often see in inspections. Tenants, please be sure to keep them clean at all times!

WORK ORDERS

If you have any work orders for your apartment, PLEASE get them in as soon as possible. It is important that you get them in sooner than later so the repair doesn't become worse. If it does, you will be charged a larger amount of money.

Remember AC's must be removed from the windows!

We are expecting record high prices for gas and we all need to do our part to conserve energy. There will be a surcharge for any air conditioners left in the windows of \$35.

They had to be out by October 15th. Please cooperate!

Ice Melt

There is a bucket in the front entrance of your hallway. Please help us out. Spread a little ice melt on the walkway when you are leaving your apt if you see that it is icy.



Note to Hanratta Tenants



If your deadbolt lock is locked on the door and you pull your emergency cord, your neighbors cannot enter the apartment to help you. You must wait for the EMT's, they have the key to assist you.

Security

We would like to again remind residents to please refrain from opening the outside building doors to anyone that you do not know. In addition, if someone calls your apartment and requests to be let in and you do not recognize the person requesting entrance, please do not buzz them into the building. We ask this in order to help us maintain the safety of your home. Also it's very important that you call in a work order for any outside light that is out. You see it usually before we do.

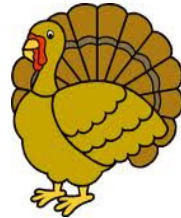
Attention Day Residents

Cellars must be in compliance with fire codes - no furniture and cleanliness. The cellars cannot be used as a playroom. This is for the safety both you and your neighbors.



Veterans Day

November 11th - Thank you to all those who have protected and served our country!



Happy Thanksgiving!

**OFFICE will be CLOSED
Nov 23rd and Nov 24th**

Equinox is having their 48th Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner November 23rd. **If you or someone you know would like a Thanksgiving Day meal brought to your door, you can call the office.** If you want to volunteer to help you

can also call the office. A volunteer will deliver your meal directly to your apartment.

The Equinox Hotline is 434-0131 (ONLY for Volunteers).



Cannoneer's Closet

Location:

Watervliet Elementary

- They are going to distribute donated coats on Monday, November 7th from 5-8 pm, and Tuesday, November 8th from 9 am - 2 pm. This is great as it will make the children's coats more immediately available to Watervliet families in need.

Don't miss the salute to our Watervliet Vets

WVLT has put together over 1,800 photos of our Watervliet veterans that will air on our city TV station. We are proud of what our vets have done for us and we hope you enjoy this presentation during Veteran's Day week. Are you a Vet? Drop off your photo and we will proudly add it to the future presentations. We are the only known city to produce such a program honoring our veterans.



Mario Romano



David Ross



Joseph Zavistowski



Steven Albert
Killed In Action

Attention All Residents



We are required by law to take reasonable steps to make the site as accessible for disabled residents as for non-disabled residents.

If any member of your household is disabled

or becomes disabled and needs accommodation or modification of the site or its policies, please bring it to our attention. You must also inform us if your household may have difficulty meeting its obligations under the lease or house rules because of a member's disability. We want to make sure that disabled residents are treated fairly and have the same positive experience at the site as non-disabled residents, and we need your help in meeting this goal.

Snow Removal

Again, winter is approaching and with that comes the snow. We must plow to keep the lots safe and usable. As always, we will be asking for 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 not mandatory and there will be NO excuse for not moving your car and being towed.



Neighborhood Watch Works

Report any sign of vandalism or suspicious activity to the police immediately. Let's keep unwanted troublemakers out of the apartment complexes. Call us so we can document the problem. We need this information in the event we need to go to court for an eviction.

Syringe Disposal

When disposing of medical supplies or syringes please be sure to place them in a laundry detergent container. When the container is full, be sure to put a LID on the container before placing a work order to have it removed from your apartment. Medical waste facilities will not accept containers without lids. Thank you for your cooperation.

Attention All Laundry Room Users!

Please clean up after yourself- the laundry room is not a place to leave unwanted clothes.

Joslin Laundry Room

Open daily 6am – 10pm

Anyone entering after hours will set off the alarm and be back charged.

Senior Medical Cards

We provide a senior medical card for all seniors to fill out and leave in the metal sleeve next to your front door. Fill them out and keep them current.

If you ever need a new one just call the office.

They are important because if you are sick and have difficulty speaking, the ambulance crew can use this to bring you to the hospital you prefer, call your personal doctor, and review your current medication. This is for your benefit. The difference in minutes could save your life.

Coats For The Community



The Coats for the Community event is over! And what an event it was. We served so many residents with some coats they seemed to love. We served residents of Cohoes and Watervliet and each person received one jacket and one coat. We collected about 2,000 really beautiful coats and jackets. The day went very well, with great volunteers who really seemed devoted to finding a great looking and fitting coat for each person. The joy on some of the faces of those receiving a coat was a treasured memory. After the day was over, the remaining coats were dispersed to Mary's Corner, Cohoes Schools, Cohoes Housing Authority, Alpha Pregnancy, Community Chest, the United Church of Cohoes,

and Catholic Charities Housing. Other remaining coats were given to charities in the area. The help was just amazing. Each volunteer gave so willingly, effectively, and joyfully. It was such a pleasure to work with them. It was a splendid example of city and community working together with supportive camaraderie. The hearts of Cohoes and Ladies of Charity is alive and well.

Thanks to everyone who helped. Each person did such a magnificent job of not only offering to help, but often taking the ball and running with it, making awesome decisions.

Preparing for Winter

Prepare your car

- Service the radiator and maintain antifreeze level; check tire tread or, if necessary, replace tires with all-weather or snow tires.
 - Keep gas tank full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
 - Use a wintertime formula in your windshield washer.

Be ready for weather-related emergencies, including power outages.

- Stock food that needs no cooking or refrigeration and water stored in clean containers.
 - Ensure that your cell phone is fully charged.
 - When planning travel, be aware of current and forecast weather conditions.
- Keep an up-to-date emergency kit, including: Battery-operated devices, such as a flashlight, a (NOAA) Weather Radio, and lamps; extra batteries; first-aid kit and extra medicine; baby items; and cat litter or sand for icy walkways.

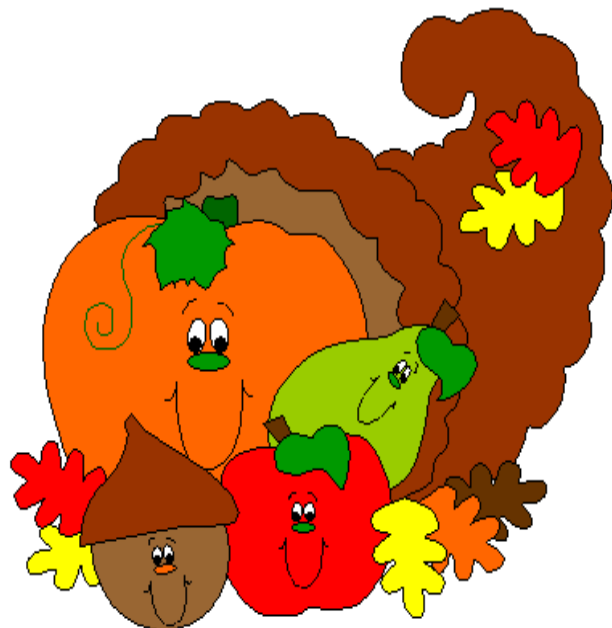
Take these precautions outdoors

- Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: layers of light, warm clothing; mittens; hats; scarves; and waterproof boots.
 - Sprinkle cat litter or sand on icy patches.
 - Work slowly when doing outside chores.
 - Take a buddy and an emergency kit when you are participating in outdoor recreation.
 - Carry a cell phone.
 - Avoid traveling when the weather service has issued advisories.
- If you must travel, inform a friend or relative of your proposed route and expected time of arrival.

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Draw your own turkey.

NAME: _____

****Bring your turkey drawing into the office with your name on it and we will hang them up in the window on display for the month of November.**





Christmas is almost here..

We want your child to have the best Christmas possible!

That is why the WHA is asking a local church and city residents to help provide gifts to families in need. If you're interested in participating in this program, please fill out this flyer by Friday, November 17th and return it to the office. If you have an idea of a small gift, please provide that as well (for instance, if they would like a doll, basketball, or some other small toy).

Child 1: _____

Gender: M or F Age: _____

Gift Idea: _____

Child 2: _____

Gender: M or F Age: _____

Gift Idea: _____

Child 3: _____

Gender: M or F Age: _____

Gift Idea: _____

Family Address: _____

Email Address: _____

REMINDER: The deadline is Friday, November 17th. Any slips returned after Nov. 18 we may not be able to filled. Drop in our mail slot or go on-line for a copy.

The Santa Visit will be on Wednesday, December 14th!