

# The Watervliet Housing Authority Welcomes you to the City of Watervliet



Prepared for the residents of the City of Watervliet



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# A WORD OF WELCOME

The Watervliet Housing Authority is very proud to offer quality, safe, and affordable housing to its residents. We work very hard to offer nothing but the best to our tenants. Everyone can make promises. The WHA has a reputation of keeping our promises and never accepting good as a

standard. We interview tenants for apartments who have good histories as tenants, demonstrate that they have good rent payment histories, can properly maintain an apartment, and are responsible. <u>If</u> rent, utilities and daily expenses are getting to be too much, call us, we are here to help.

We are proud to have created this booklet to help new and existing residents know how and where to access important services. If we can be of further help, please call the housing authority. We are very proud of our community and want everyone to feel welcome.



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Watervliet Housing Authority
BUSINESS HOURS
Monday thru Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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# What is the Watervliet Housing Authority?

The Watervliet Housing Authority was created by the New York State Legislature in 1959 at the request of Mayor Hugh Donnelly to provide homes for low income Watervliet families. The rent you pay does not fully cover the economic cost of shelter, but requires subsidy by the Federal Government.

All families must meet eligibility requirements with respect to income and are selected in accordance with the approved Watervliet Housing Authority Occupancy Policy and the Housing Act of 1939 mandated by Congress.

There is no discrimination of people of any race, sex, age, color, or religion in the selection of tenants.



### Michael J. Day Apartments

Built in 1959, the project was named after the first mayor of Watervliet, Mayor Michael J. Day. The complex consists of 90 apartments in 20 various buildings; 6 one bedrooms, 46 two bedrooms, 34 three bedrooms, and 4 four bedrooms.

### **Abram Hilton Apartments**

Built in 1961, the project, located in Port Schuyler, was named after Mayor Abram Hilton. This is a smaller project of only 30 units located in 6 buildings: 16 one bedrooms, 4 two bedrooms, 8 three bedrooms, and 2 four bedrooms.





### **Daniel P. Quinn Apartments**

Built in 1966 exclusively for Senior Housing, this complex consists of 60 one bedroom apartments and is named after Mayor Daniel P. Quinn.

### **Edwin Joslin Apartments**

Constructed in 1974 to meet the needs of our low income family residents, the project was built by Mayor James Cavanaugh and named after Mayor Edwin Joslin. The complex consists of 8 buildings: 18 two bedrooms, 36 three bedrooms and 4 four bedrooms.





### **Eugene Hanratta Apartments**

The Watervliet Housing Authority's only 4 story building is located on 16<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This building has 68 senior citizen apartments, built in 1974, and was named after Mayor Eugene J. Hanratta.

### Van Rensselaer Village

Van Rensselaer Village is located at the end of 16th Street at Early Drive. The complex has 81 units: 28 one bedroom apartments, 34 two bedroom apartments, 15 three bedroom apartments, and 4 four bedroom apartments to suit your unique needs. There are handicap accessible apartments should you need one. VRV was completely renovated in 2009-2010. These renovations included all brand new electrical.



plumbing, and mechanical systems. Also located at Van Rensselaer Village is the Sgt. David Fisher Memorial.

### **Green Island Senior Housing**

The Watervliet Housing Authority also manages 13 senior units in Green Island. The site is a former school which has been converted to apartments for senior housing.

In total, the Watervliet Housing Authority manages 400 apartments: 191 one bedrooms, 102 two bedrooms, 93 three bedrooms, and 14 four bedrooms. Our properties are managed by an office staff of 6 and a 4 member maintenance department. Five commissioners appointed by the City Council and two tenant-elected representatives are the governing body of the Authority.

# **City of Watervliet**

About the city you live in — your new home. Welcome to Watervliet.

So far we have only talked about the Housing Authority. What about the city you live in? Where are the schools, churches, library or parks? What are some of the activities? We can't tell you everything, but the following summary will give you some ideas about where you live.

Watervliet is small and very friendly. We have excellent public works, recreation, police and fire departments. Our public school system is well known for its excellence in both academics and athletics.

The following is a list of the many programs and services that will help make living in Watervliet an enjoyable experience. The City also sends out robocalls for events that residents need to be notified about. It is important that you register for this with the city office. For more general information about the City visit their website at <a href="https://www.watervliet.com">www.watervliet.com</a>, or call City Hall at 270-3800.

### **Schools**

Watervliet Elementary is a K-6 school of 750+ students. The school's education program includes Universal Pre-K, full day kindergarten, core curriculum in language arts, math, social studies, and science; as well as art, music, Physical Education, and Character Education. As a Reading First school, students receive

direct reading instruction with the support of reading specialists and a building reading coach. For the convenience of working parents, a before and after school program is also offered.

In addition, the school offers a wide variety of after school clubs and activities. An active PTA supports numerous activities throughout the year for students.



Watervliet Junior/Senior High School encompasses grades 7-12 with a population of about 625 students. Our highly qualified staff is focused on student achievement as well as ensuring success for all students.



Aside from a rigorous and relevant curriculum, we also offer a number of extra-curricular activities such as clubs and a multitude of successful athletic teams. There is a new addition of classrooms, gymnasium, and cafeteria.

All students must register for school through

our Central Registrar located at the high school. Any questions regarding registration please call 629-3204. More information about the district can be found on our website at

www.watervlietcityschools.org



### **Watervliet Civic Center** (273-5922)

The Watervliet Civic Center (Civ) has been serving the youth of Watervliet since 1946. The Watervliet Civic Center is a member of the United Way of the Greater Capital Region. The Civic Center has a wide variety of social and recreational programs and services for youth ages 7-18 including: board games, billiards, ping-pong, gym games, weight lifting, computers, athletic leagues and much more. The Civic Center is open from 1:00PM - 9:00 PM Monday-Friday. Monday, Wednesday & Friday are boys days and Tuesday & Thursday are girls days. The Civic Center requires a membership card for all participants. In addition to the many daily programs the Watervliet Civic Center operates a summer recreation program for an eight week period for boys and girls ages 6-12.

### **Before and After School Programs**

The Civic Center also operates a before and after school program for children in K-6th Grade. The program is conducted each school day at Watervliet Elementary School. The before school program is offered each day from 7:00AM-8:35AM and is \$32 per week. The after school program is \$60 per week. For both programs together it is \$83 per week. Sliding scale and family rates are available. Activities consist of: games, homework help, arts & crafts, board games, outdoor activities, drama/acting, enrichment activities, social events, and much more. A snack is available during the afternoon program. Applications are available at the Watervliet Civic Center. For further information please call the Civ at 273-5922.

# **Recreation Programs**

Watervliet residents who use the parks and/or the pool are required to get a photo identification card issued by the city. They are issued at the Dome, and proof of residency is required. The passes are free of charge for parks, but to use the pool during the summer months, a fee of \$3 for children and \$5 for adults is charged. Senior citizens and tenants of the Watervliet Housing Authority are free.

### **The Dome** (270-3824; 337-9115)

The Watervliet recreation facility (aka The Dome) is located at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street and is open throughout the week. In addition to basketball, we offer many activities for the youth of the City and routinely run different recreational programs at this facility, which will be listed on the City's website <u>www.watervliet.com</u>.

### **Swimming Pool** (270-3823)

Our municipal pool is located on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 16<sup>th</sup> Street and is open from the end of June until the end of August. Any residents can obtain a pool pass at a cost of \$3/child and \$5/adult. The City and the WHA has waived the cost for all WHA residents including VRV residents and senior citizens for the first pass only. If the pass is lost you must purchase a replacement pass yourself. The pool hours are as follows:

Open Swim
Mon, -Fri
Sat 12-4

Swimming Lessons
Mon & Fri
9am & 10am



(times and hours may change, so check with the pool for seasonal hours)

### **Summer Parks Program**

As soon as school recesses for the summer, our parks program gets underway. The parks are staffed with counselors and are open Monday-Friday in July and August from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Watervliet Recreation Department encourages our youth to utilize these parks and take advantage of the games and events that take place daily. There are four city parks: Brotherhood Park (25<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue), Clinton Park (18<sup>th</sup> Street and Clinton); the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Park (2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 15<sup>th</sup> Street); and 7<sup>th</sup> Street Park (7<sup>th</sup> Street in Port Schuyler).

### **Summer Recreation Program**

The City of Watervliet Recreation Department offers a wide variety of summer sports camps to resident children. Children will receive a pamphlet of programs at the end of each school year and registration will take place either by mail or in person at City Hall. Additional programs throughout the school year and during school vacations may also be added.

As with most youth sports programs, volunteers are the force that makes them possible. If you are interested in coaching or assisting in any of programs, don't hesitate to contact the program director.

For more information you can visit www.watervlietciviccenter.com

### **Citywide Youth Sports Program**

Keeping your children active in sports is a good way to increase your child's self esteem and to help them stay healthy and fit. Watervliet offers many programs for your child to choose from, including:

### Soccer

The Watervliet Youth Soccer League has over 300 boys and girls ages 5-13 participating. Children play at different levels depending on their age. Based on interest, travel teams may be formed. Games are held on Saturday mornings at Schuyler Flats in Port Schuyler, and the league runs from the beginning of September to the end of October. You can visit watervlietyouthsoccer.org for more information.



### Baseball

The Watervliet Little League is for boys and girls ages 4-12. The League's games are played at Brotherhood Park located at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave and 25<sup>th</sup> Street. Registration is held on different dates during the year. The season kicks off in April with a parade and goes through July. For more information, visit their website at <a href="https://www.watervlietlittleleague.com">www.watervlietlittleleague.com</a>

### **Football and Cheerleading**

Watervliet Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading is for boys and girls ages 5-13. The season begins August 1<sup>st</sup> and home games and practices are normally held at the high school. For more information, visit their website at <u>www.popwarner.com</u>.



### **PC's for Kids Program**

If your son or daughter is attending school or college and doesn't have a home computer, give the Housing Office a call. We are getting donations of older but usable computer parts and then reassembling them into computers for children in the Housing Authority that need them. It will be on a first come first serve basis with the older children

receiving priority. Don't wait, call the Watervliet Housing Authority now. Call 273-4717 for more information.

### **Television Publicity... FREE**

Let us know if you are aware of any upcoming events that are noteworthy for Watervliet families. We'll get the message on WVLT/Channel 17's bulletin board. Whether it's a church bake sale or a club meeting, we'll do our best to get it publicized on the community bulletin board. Give as much advance notice as possible so we can adequately air the information. Advertising forms can be picked up at the Watervliet Housing Authority Office from 8am-4pm or visit the Housing website at www.watervliethousing.org. You can also email any event to Office@watervliethousing.org. We try our best to keep our residents informed of what's happening in the community.

### **Food Pantry**

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish houses the Watervliet food pantry. Families in need can call the Parish Center at 273-6020 for assistance. Every so often the unexpected happens and finances can only stretch so far. Please keep in mind they are always looking for volunteers.



### **In the Event of an Emergency**

In the event of an emergency, such as extreme heat/cold or city wide power outage, the Quinn Community Room (located between Broadway & 2nd Ave and 23rd and 24th St) and the Hanratta Apartment Building (located on 16th St between 5th and 6th Ave) have generators and can accommodate residents if need be. If you need assistance, call 911 and someone will help you. You can also watch WVLT Channel 17 if power is available for more information.

Want to know more? Visit our website at Watervliethousing.org

### **Churches**

The City has many different places of worship. Below is a list of some of the churches in Watervliet:

273-2211
785-4959
273-6020
273-5635
272-7848
273-6752
274-3673
272-0644
273-0191
271-1492



### **Jermain Church Thrift Shop**

The thrift shop is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am-1:30pm and on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 10am-1pm. It has everything for your home, enjoyment and safety. The shop is a non-profit organization run by church volunteers. Donations are gladly accepted at any time. For more information call 273-5635.



### **Register to Vote**

If you moved, you must register to vote either by mail or in person. Forms can also be picked up at City Hall or the Watervliet Housing office. For more information, call the Board of Elections at (518) 487-5060. You can mail it in or drop it off at City Hall. The Board of Elections mailing address is 32 North Russell Road, Albany, NY 12206. Their website is boardofelections@albanycounty.com

### **Service Groups**

Want to get involved in the City, have a good time, and feel good about doing it? Watervliet has service groups that you can join. They are:

•	Watervliet Elks	273-9878
•	VFW	273-4896
•	AOH	273-9725

### **Watervliet Senior Citizens Center**

As a nonprofit, charitable organization, the center promotes the well-being and independence of persons 60 years & older through a host of human services, thus benefiting the community as a whole. As a part of its Nutrition Program, the center offers Congregate Dining, Mon–Fri at 12



noon and Wed at 5pm, with the suggested cost for lunch \$2 & Dinner \$3. The center also offers recreation programs with both structured classes & informal activities. Special emphasis is targeted to the minority elderly, elderly with the greatest economic and social need, and the frail and disabled elderly. We are always looking for volunteers to help serve food and spend time with the senior citizens. If you would like more information on the center, please call 273-4422. A dedicated staff member will be happy to discuss what the center has to offer. Find out why the center is "A Place to Meet Old Friends and Make New Ones...A Home Away from Home." Want to know more, go to the website at <a href="https://www.watervlietciviccenter.com">www.watervlietciviccenter.com</a>

### **Watervliet Library**

The Watervliet Public Library offers a collection of over 14,500 books. The collection offers a large inventory of children's picture books, adult fiction and they have a rotating video as well as an audio collection. The library belongs to the Upper



Hudson Library System, which gives them access to a database comprising the collections of 29 libraries in Albany and Rensselaer Counties. They have an electronic library that offers six computers for public access. Patrons can also access materials on-line. The Upper Hudson Library also supply large print books that rotate every 2 months. Every spring and fall, the Watervliet Public Library holds a weekly story hour for

pre-schoolers. In the summer, the library participates in the New York State Summer Reading Program.

Residents of the City can apply for a free library card upon showing proof of residency. Children of kindergarten age and older are eligible for their own library cards with parental/guardian signatures. Parental permission to access the internet must be given for all youth under grade nine. The library offers complete access to reading groups and many other services. Contact the library at 274-4471.

### **Hudson Shores Park**

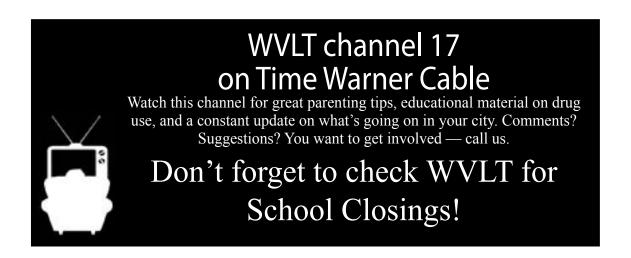
This beautifully park is available to any City resident to stop and enjoy a barbecue or just sit and enjoy the serenity of the Hudson River. The park contains a large pavilion and is also available to rent for a party at a nominal fee and can be reserved by calling the City Clerk's office @ 270-3800 ext 115.

### **Attention All Veterans**

Are you a war veteran or did you serve in the Armed Forces? WVLT 17 honors all our City veterans by displaying their photo on the TV channel every Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. If you have a friend, relative or if it is yourself that is a veteran drop off a photo at the Watervliet Housing Office and it will be included in the display of all



City Veterans. If you have an electronic photo of a veteran, you can email it to: Office@watervliethousing.org.



### WIC



WIC is a supplement nutrition program for Women Infants and Children with a successful record for improving the diets of infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, or breast-feeding women who are at risk for nutrition-related illness. The main focus of the WIC program is to educate mothers on the proper nutrition for babies and young children. The services are FREE.

To see if you are eligible, call toll free 1-800-WIC-FOR-U.

### **Alcoholic Anonymous (AA)**

This great organization has a meeting site right in our own back yard. Need help, encouragement, or just good support? Stop in any Friday at 7:00 PM or every Monday night at 6:00 PM at the Quinn Community Room located one block from the Housing office. For more information, contact the WHA office or stop by on either Monday or Friday evening.



# **Need Day Care?**

We have the best around.

### **Seton Family Resource Center**

The Seton Family Resource Center has 8 large classrooms to accommodate children from 6 weeks to 5 years old. A spacious indoor Gross Motor

Play Room is perfect for kids to expend their energy when the weather outside is inclement. On nice days, there are two large, fenced-in outdoor play areas; each specifically designed to meet the needs of both younger and older children. The preschool rooms are also equipped with computers to meet the growing curiosity of this age group. As participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, we also offer the option of providing formula for infants up to 1 year old. Call 272-4964.

### **Private Daycare Centers**

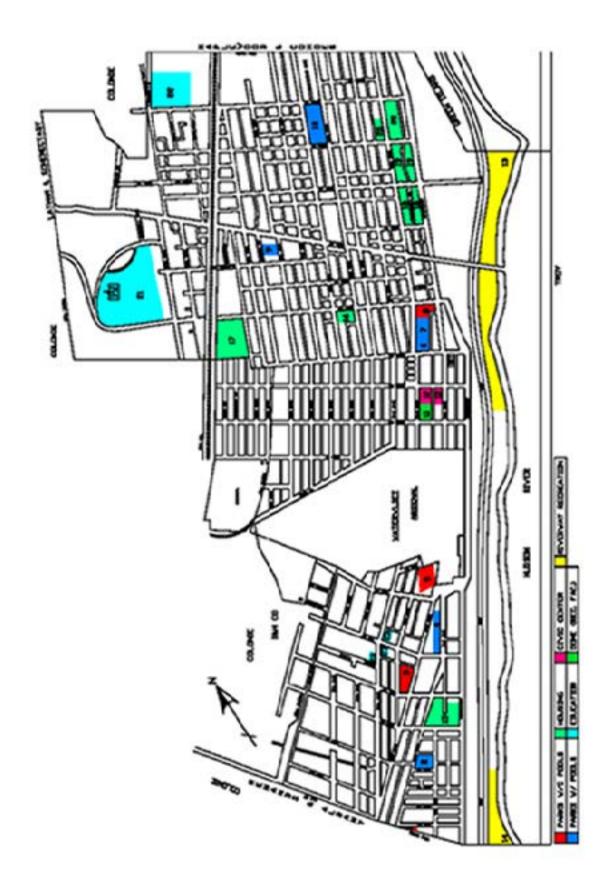
There are many more daycare providers located in the City that are licensed by the State. Call the Capital District Child Care Council at 426-7181 for a complete list of all licensed day care providers in the City.

### **Lap Tops for Seniors**

Each year, with many donations from local business, the Watervliet and Cohoes Housing Authorities are able to give lap tops to graduating seniors. This program is to help the students have the same advantages as other students.



# **Map of Watervliet**



# **Yearly Events**

### **Memorial Day Parade**

This parade is held every year to salute all our veterans of all wars. The parade starts at the High School and proceeds down 19th Street to our Veterans Park next to the City swimming pool.



### **Arsenal City Run and Community Night**

This event will be held on the fourth Sunday in September. The One Mile Fun Run is for children and adults of all ages and starts at 9:00 a.m., and the 5K starts at 10:00 a.m. Immediately following the race, we'll have the awards ceremony, live music, vendors featuring \$1.00 menu items, balloons, and lots more. For more information, call the City Recreation Department at 270-3800 ext. 123 or go to the City's website <a href="https://www.watervliet.com">www.watervliet.com</a>.

### **Easter Breakfast**

Bring your children to the Watervliet Senior Center the day before Palm Sunday for the City of Watervliet's Annual Easter Breakfast. In addition, there will be refreshments, a visit from the Easter Bunny, and more surprises. For more information, call the City Recreation Department at 270-3800 ext. 123.

### **The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting**

The Mayor invites all residents to the City's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in December at the Veterans Park located on 16<sup>th</sup> Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Broadway. Check the City of Watervliet's website at Watervliet.com or call 270-3815 for updated information..

# **Other Useful Information**

### **Household Trash**

The City of Watervliet picks up its own trash and recyclables. The schedule for regular weekly trash pickups is as follows:

MON - south of Arsenal to city line

TUES - Arsenal to 15<sup>th</sup> Street and the Michael J. Day, Quinn & Joslin apartments

WED – north of 15th Street to 19th Street to include 12th Avenue, Hillside Drive and Wiswall Avenue

THUR – north of 19th Street to 25th Street to include 10th Avenue, 11th Avenue, Glen Avenue, Ball Place, Grotto Court and Callahan Avenue;

FRI – grass clippings (from April through November).

The City also designates one day in April and one day in October for citywide bulk garbage pickup. In addition, on the last Friday of every month, you can go to the City Clerk's office, pay \$10 for a tag and bring your bulk item to the City Garage for disposal (senior citizens can pay \$20 and have the item picked up). For questions regarding trash pickup, call 270-5093.

### **Vendor's License Required**

A license from the City of Watervliet is required for any person who is engaging in any activity door-to-door. Vendors are listed with the Watervliet City Clerk and the Watervliet Police Department at 270-3800 ext 115. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

### **Neighborhood Improvement Ordinance**

To answer the complaints from the residents of Watervliet regarding problem properties, we have established a ordinance for these concerns. The Public Nuisance Law provides law enforcement with an appropriate and fair method to respond to the proliferation of various public nuisances and empowers the City to deal with these violations. The goal of the nuisance law is to foster and facilitate commerce, maintain and improve property values in the community and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the people. If you have any further questions regarding this ordinance, please contact the police at 270-3833.

### **Bed Bug Help**

Bedbugs can be big problem, but they can be taken care of. Preventing them from entering your home can be easy if you take the right precautions. Cleaning bedding and furniture regularly and other small steps can make a big difference in preventing them from entering your home. For more information on bed bugs you can go to our website at www.watervliethousing.org.

Auto Repair & Services	Local Businesses
• Acme Auto Radiator Services 273-6061	• A&G Computers274-5123
• D&D Auto Repairs 273-8297	• Admiral Cleaners 279-7424
• East Coast Tire 272-0131	• AIT Computers 266-9010
• JD Auto Sales272-2670	• Ashline Storage Co 273-4642
• J.J. Cycles	• Axis Salon 874-1456
• Mamone's Auto Body 272-7772	• Caruso's Hair Replacement 273-4792
• Quality Transmission272-1074	• Conroy Bait Shop 273-2582
• Reed Auto Parts273-3233	• Cummings Funeral 273-0224
• Schuyler Auto Body 266-9658	• Elie's Unisex Hair Salon 273-1178
• Ashley Auto272-2777	• First Niagara274-1402
• Whalen Automotive 272-8601	• The Flower Girl 272-4896
	• Frank'oos Salon273-4055
	• Full Circle Beauty331-9509
Food	• Hair Beautique Hair Salon 860-6537
• Bambina's Pizza274-0675	• Hometown Healthcare 273-1402
• Black Bear 272-9486	• Jenna's Salon 225-2225
• Bob's Diner 274-2393	• Konicek & Collett Funeral Home 273-3500
• China Dragon 271-1569	• Laurel's Florals 273-0972
• Deacon Blues 273-8988	• Lovely Nails272-1833
• Dunkin Donuts	• Mike's Cut & Style 273-9016
• Giuseppe's Pizza 266-9222	• Moore Insurance 545-4311
• Gus's Hot Dogs273-8743	• Parker Brother Funeral 273-3223
• Larry's Tavern326-0104	• Pioneer Bank
• Local Flavor Cafe 270-1880	• Sawyer's Screen Printing 272-0586
• Mac's Drive In279-7899	• Schuyler Barber Shop 274-2726
• Michaels Pizza274-6081	• Schanz Beverage 273-4045
• Nick's Tavern273-2938	• Sheridan Insurance 273-5184
• Papa's Restaurant 273-3270	• Uptown Wine and Spirits 273-3522
• Patrick's Pub238-3687	• Vera's Custom Tailor273-4104
• Platinum Pub & Grill270-9907	• Zenek's Auto Sales 273-9999
• Purple Pub	Nood home reneire?
• The Rusty Anchor 273-2920	Need home repairs?
• Rusty's Pizza	• Advance Glass272-6800
• Sadudee Thai Food 326-0976	• Bill Sheehy Lawn Service 271 - 9234
• Schuyler Bakery 273-0142	• Boisclair Construction 365-3392
• Spiak's271-3858	• Capitaland Electric273-6607
• Subway271-3858	• Conroy Contracting274-6889
• Ted's Fish Fry273-0232	• Delollo's Hardware
• Valente's	• M&S Ceramic Tile 272-9764
• Watervliet Tavern272-6420	• Passano Paints273-3822

# **Watervliet Historical Society**



The Watervliet Historical Society was reformed in May of 2007. Our goals then and now are to research, preserve and educate Watervliet's rich heritage. We felt to accomplish the above, we should open a Watervliet History Museum dealing solely with Watervliet history for all of our residents to make them proud of our heritage, especially our young people, and encourage them to remain in Watervliet.

On May 15, 2008, a building use agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Watervliet Historical Society was signed by both parties for the use of the Christ Church at 1501 1st Avenue as the Watervliet Historical Society Museum. A very aggressive time frame for opening (September 2008) was established and with the cooperation of the societies members and city personnel, renovations, cleaning, collecting memorabilia and setting up displays was met.

The Watervliet Historical Society announced the Grand Opening of the its museum on September 26, 2008.





Permanent and revolving displays will deal with the Erie Canal, old and new businesses, the Watervliet Arsenal, churches, city government and Watervliet culture.

We want to thank the City of Watervliet for the use of the site and their help in making the museum a reality.

> Tom Ragosta, President (518) 428-2605 tragosta@nycap.rr.com

# **Laptops for Kids**



For the past few years we have been able to provide FREE laptops to our graduating High School Seniors that are going off to college. The Watervliet Housing Authority is very aggressive in providing and connecting all our residents in the technology that they need to compete in our highly technical economy. The Watervliet housing Authority is the only known Authority to provide FREE PC's to ALL its residents, provide FREE internet service to ALL its residents and also Run the only Public Access TV station that is now know as the BEST throughout the Capital District. None of our neighboring cities has such a station and we're very proud to provide such a service to the residents of Watervliet.

# **Area Websites**

Visit these websites to learn about events and activities in Watervliet

www.watervliethousing.org	Housing Authority
www.watervliet.com	City of Watervliet
www.watervlietpubliclibrary.org	Watervliet Library
www.cdta.org	Transportation
www.watervlietciviccenter.com	Senior Info
www.watervlietciviccenter.com	Watervliet Civic Center
www.albanycounty.com	Albany County
www.watervlietcityschools.org	Watervliet City Schools
www.vliet.neric.org	Watervliet City Schools

### Do you see a mistake or have a suggestion?

Contact the Housing Authority with your suggestions by emailing Cpatricelli@Watervliethousing.org.

# Be a part of our community... Volunteer to help with our Community TV station WVLT - 17 Contact Watervliet Housing for more information

Watervliet Housing's Visit with Santa



Thanks to the generous support of our community residents and organizations, each Housing Authority child was given a gift from Santa Claus.

### WATERVLIEICHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC. PO BOX 393 WATERVLIET, NY 12189

In 2006, the Watervliet Charitable Foundation was formed for the only purpose of providing funds to worthy organizations is this City. The IRS designated us as a public charity, making contributions tax deductible.

The Foundation is not associated with city government.

In the past 5 years the foundation has provided funds to the following organizations:

The Little League Senior Citizens Center
The Soup Kitchen The Civic Center
Pop Warner The Library

The Peer Support Group Watervliet Youth Soccer
The Watervliet Housing Authority's Children's programs

These organizations serve the youth, the elderly, the disadvantaged and the rest of the community. Most of these organizations are primarily staffed by volunteers and the Foundation is 100% volunteer, with 95% of collected money going to these organizations. Your one gift to the Foundation helps support all of the above organizations.

It is no surprise that those organizations which receive funds from the United Way or governmental agencies will have money from such sources reduced this year. For example, both the Civic Center and The Senior Citizens Center will have major reductions in funds from the United Way. While the Foundation cannot make up for those major losses, contributions can help the most essential programs run by all of these organizations. So, we are appealing to the citizens of Watervliet to make a contribution to our Foundation. A gift to the Foundation is a gift to each of these groups. You can support us with a check, or you may designate a part or all of your United Way contribution to the Foundation. You can fill out the form on the next page and send it with your donation to the P.O. Box at the top of the page.

### WATERVLIET CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

If you wish to donate, please fill out this form.

Then send it and your donation to:

## Watervliet Charitable Foundation P.O. Box 393 Watervliet, NY 12189

NAME:
ADDRESS:
EMAIL:
PHONE NUMBER:
DONATION AMOUNT:
ORGANIZATION YOU WISH TO DONATE TO:

# LIGHTS...CAMERA...ACTION!!!

# Watervliet Housing has a Successful Video Club Production



The Watervliet Housing Authority has worked together with the Watervliet Elks Club to establish a video club. Its intention is to help educate our young children on how to film, edit and produce shows for our TV station. WVLT is a public access TV station that is run by the Watervliet Housing Authority. It is the only known housing authority in the country that has its own station. We are hoping that by educating our children they will be able to carry forward the programming of the station. This is a great accomplishment and the Watervliet Housing has raised the bar for others to help educate our kids — both those living in housing and throughout the entire City of Watervliet.



# MARY'S CORNER

Mary's Corner is serving adults caring for children from newborn to 3 years, living in the City of Cohoes and Watervliet. Stop by on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10:00-12:00. Mary's Corner will be offering the following items free of charge: formula, Stewart's milk coupons, diapers, baby clothing(infant to size 5), baby furnishings(strollers, bouncy seats, baby gates), breast feeding items, literacy classes/GED tutoring, support group/Just Mom & Me, and other outreach services.

Registration and proof of residency is required. You may also call Mary's Corner at 518-269-6068.

> Open Door Community Center 115 Mohawk Street Cohoes, NY 12047 518-269-6068







# **RESOURCES**

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24 Hour Hotline (AA, NA, GA) 1-800-711-6375
Albany County Domestic Violence 24-Hour 1-800-621-4673
Albany County Rape Crisis 24-Hour447-7100
Alcoholics Anonymous 1-8556830319
Cocaine Anonymous
Gamblers Anonymous
Narcotics Anonymous
Narcotics Anonymous Family Support1-800-477-6291
Samaritans Suicide Prevention 24-Hour
Treatment Centers Directory
<u>Help Centers</u>
The Addiction Care Center
NYS Alcohol & Substance Abuse
<u>Community Agencies</u>
Adult Learning Center (GED, ESL)475-6525
Albany Community Action Partnership463-4175
Capital District Transportation Authority437-8300
Counciling Care and Services Inc
Food Pantries of the Capital District458-1167
Food Stamp Enrollment
Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless
MealsonWheels
Mohawk Hudson Humane Society
<u>Government Services</u>
Department of Social Services
NYSBenefitsmybenefits.ny.gov
<u>Albany County Shelters</u>
Capital City Rescue Mission
DePaul Residence
Equinox Inc
Mercy House (Women)
St. Charles Lwanga Center (Men)

### **General Health**

Healthy Capital District Initiative	462-
7040	
<u>Parenting Services</u>	
Albany Women's Health Center	489-3296
Community Maternity Services	482-8836
Families Together	1-888-326-8644
Senior Services	
Home Delivered Meals	
432-0333	
NYS Senior Citizen Help Line	1-800-342-9871
Representatives of New York State	
Charles Schumer, Senator	431-4070
Kirsten Gillibrand, Senator	431-0120
Paul Tonko, Congressman	465-0700



### **My Father's House**

At 529 5th Ave in Port Schuyler
Thrift Store opens June 23rd, and they have produce from 1-2pm daily.
One box per family is given.

The Watervliet Housing Authority has recently reconstructed Van Rensselaer Village. Look at the improvements!

# **BEFORE**







# **AFTER**









Want to know more? Visit our website at Watervliethousing.org













## **EnergySavingTips:**

- When buying new appliances, be sure to purchase energy-efficient ENERGY STAR® labeled models.
- Set the furnace thermostat at 68 degrees or lower, and the air-conditioner thermostat at 78 degrees or higher, health permitting. 3 percent to 5 percent more energy is used for each degree the furnace is set above 68 degrees and for each degree the air conditioner is set below 78 degrees.
- If your old air conditioner is on its way out replace it with ENERGY STAR® labeled energy-efficient model.
- Use compact fluorescent lamps. You can lower your lighting bill by converting to energy-efficient low-wattage compact fluorescent lighting and fixtures.
- Replace old windows with new high performance dual pane windows.
- Clean or replace furnace and air-conditioner filters regularly, following manufacturer's instructions.
- Set the water heater thermostat at 140 degrees or "normal." If you have a dishwasher. Otherwise, set it at 120 degrees or "low." Check your dishwasher to see if you can use 120 degree water. Follow the manufacturer's direction on yearly maintenance to extend the life of your unit.
- Fix defective plumbing or dripping faucets. A single dripping hot water faucet can waste 212 gallons of water a month. That not only increases water bills, but also increases the gas or electric bill for heating the water.
- Wash only full loads in a dishwasher and use the shortest cycle that will get your dishes clean. If operating instructions allow, turn off the dishwasher before the drying cycle, open the door and let the dishes dry naturally.
- Defrost refrigerators and freezers before ice buildup becomes 1/4-inch thick.
- Install shades, awnings or sunscreens on windows facing south and/or west to block summer light. In winter, open shades on sunny days to help warm rooms.
- Close the damper when the fireplace is not being used. Try not to use the fireplace and central heating system at the same time.



# A Message From the Mayor



On behalf of myself, Mike Manning, and the staff of the City of Watervliet we would like to welcome you and encourage you to visit our website, www. watervliet.com, which contains useful information regarding our city's operational policies, regulations, departments and personnel information and activities happening in the city.

My personal interest in city government is to promote a shared belief that Watervliet is a great city and my hope is this website will be one of the tools used by everyone to help achieve this mission. Like all small upstate cities, we have our challenges. My staff and I feel these challenges can be solved with a straightforward approach and a "can do" attitude. We have already been working on a variety of issues to move Watervliet forward. I believe that 2013 will be a year of progress for our great city.

We cannot do this alone so please feel free to contact me at <a href="mikemanning@watervliet.com">mikemanning@watervliet.com</a> if you have suggestions or comments on making this website more useful and informative.

(This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it)

# **Important Phone Numbers**

Watervliet Housing Office	273-4717
City Hall	270-3800
Police Department	911
Fire Department	911
City Garage	270-3821
Watervliet Elementary School	629-3400
Watervliet High School	629-3200
Watervliet Post Office	273-0423
Watervliet Building Department	270-3800 ext 107
Watervliet Refuse & Recycle Department	270-5093

<sup>\*</sup> Watervliet now uses 911 system for ALL police, fire, and medical issues. If you need any of these services call 911.

2400 Second Avenue, Watervliet, NY 12189

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