



Watervliet Housing Authority



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Equal Housing Opportunity

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- **Emergency Number 273-6085 (after hours)**

- **Watervliet Police Dept. Call 911**

- **Watervliet Fire Dept. Call 911**



The office will be closed on Wednesday July 4th



Congratulations to all Watervliet High School class of 2012 graduates.



Once again the Watervliet & Cohoes Housing Authorities have been reaching out to our local businesses to fund the purchase of laptops for our Watervliet/Cohoes high school seniors going off to college in the fall.

The date of the distribution of the laptops will be July 10th at 12:00 at Saratoga Sites in Cohoes.

Save the Date

The Nassau Band will be performing at the Quinn apartments Thursday, July 26th. Come have a good time and enjoy some great music.



We have a Web site...
WatervlietHousing.org
Check us out.



WVLT channel 17 on Time Warner Cable

Watch this channel for great parenting tips, educational material on drug use, and a constant update on what's going on in your city. Comments? Suggestions? You want to get involved — call us.

Around the WHA...



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POOL PASS

All residents must obtain a pool pass at a cost of \$3/person. The City and the WHA has waived the cost for all WHA residents including VRV residents for the first pass only. If the pass is lost you must purchase a replacement pass yourself.



Hanratta Shower Cleaning Instructions

To properly clean the showers there are recommended products that will do a better job than others. Some products can even cause permanent damage.



Recommended

Soft Scrub
Chlorox Cleanup
Mr. Clean
Spic & Span
Tilex Soap Scum
Fantastik
Windex

NOT Recommended

No abrasives
NO Lysol
No Alcohol
No Drano
NO Dow
Bathroom Cleaner

SAVE ENERGY

Air conditioners are the biggest users of electricity. Save energy by:

- 1) Closing outside doors and windows during hot periods of the day and when the air conditioner is on.
- 2) Closing window shades and drapes.
- 3) Turning off the air conditioner when not at home or on mildly warm days.
- 4) Using the stove as little as possible.

Report water leaks

Did you know a drip at one drip per second wastes 5 gallons of water every day? If your faucet is leaking call us!



Outside Faucets

Every year we have parents that allow their children to abuse the use of the outside water faucets. These faucets left unattended or over used can cause damage to the lawns and even the building foundation. They also cause a mess and it may be dangerous. Please explain to your children that if this happens the faucet will be disconnected.



Hanratta Tenants

As a reminder the light over the door inside your apartment is for the generator emergency lighting. When the generator runs every Friday around 3 p.m., this light should go on for an hour, if it doesn't call the office. In the event of a power failure this is your only light in the apartment. **DO NOT USE CANDLES.**

Hudson Valley, known as “the community’s college”, tries to find out what our community members are looking for and then helps provide a way to give those educational opportunities to residents in a convenient way. Our “community” includes the entire Capital District. In most cases, we’ve held classes at high schools, but we’ve also been in community and state agencies, too. But it’s the other part of Hudson Valley that really works especially hard trying to meet the changing needs of the community, both businesses that need workers and our residents who live here. That’s why our Workforce Development Institute, known as WDI for short, was started over 10 years ago. WDI provides in-demand training to people who want to get right out into the job market and work, or increase their professional skills so they can advance at their job. Or maybe they can’t do their former work anymore so they need something new to do instead. Because these WDI trainings don’t give you college credit, the timing of when we can offer them is pretty flexible. Unlike credit classes, they don’t have to be given during the usual semester time frames. They may be offered during the day, the afternoon, the evening, even on weekends sometimes.



Usually the trainings are only a week or so. Sometimes they’re longer. Sometimes there are a series of trainings which build on each other and give you several certifications. It all depends on the specific training you want and how intense it has to be to give you the skills you need to be successful. And it depends on how far you want to go.

WDI also provides a variety of trainings and workshops for people who want to know what the world of work is really like before they take the first step into employment. What is it like to be employed? What will the employer expect them to do? What interpersonal “people skills” are employers looking for? Maybe someone just needs a little background first to prepare to take one of the trainings WDI offers. It all depends on what the person is looking for. Either way, Hudson Valley Community College and the Workforce Development Institute have a lot of choices to offer the community. And you’re part of that community.

Some people have used WDI training as a stepping stone to going to college if that’s what the person wants to do next. Not everyone does. Sometimes one of our trainings is enough to get a person going in the direction of their dreams. What about you? Where do you want to start? Where do you want to go? Have you thought about what it would be like if WDI was able to provide some training where you live here at the Watervliet Housing Authority so you didn’t have to worry about traveling to Troy or someplace else? Did you come up with any ideas for what kind of training you would be interested in? You’re a part of our community and we want to find ways to meet your needs. What are your goals and dreams? Maybe there’s a way we can help you reach those goals. Think about it. Talk with your friends and family some more about it. Be creative. Over the next few months, we hope you’ll start to share your thoughts and ideas with us. Maybe by talking about it, we can help you realize that your goals and dreams are closer than you think or even help you discover ones you didn’t know existed.



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Fresh Foods...Come and get it!

Farmers Market

Is now open at the Hudson Shores Park. Don’t miss the opportunity to get fresh vegetables and fruits at discount prices. They will accept credit/debit cards and EBT cards.



They are open Tuesdays
2:30PM-5:30PM
Now through October 9



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Hello from... “Mrs. Fran”

Student Assistance Counselor Watervliet Elementary School

Summer Fun

Summer is coming and with it lots of free time for our children. In order for their summer to be relaxed, healthy, and fun, we as parents need to make sure we are monitoring our children.

Monitoring what your children do also helps them avoid negative peer pressure. A very real probability in the summer, when there is often fewer adults involved in your children’s daily activities.

By monitoring, we mean keeping track of and watching over your kids. Having them check in and report:

- Where** they are...
- Who** they are with...
- What** they are doing...

...AND CONFIRM YOUR CHILD’S STORY WITH THE PARENTS OF THEIR FRIENDS!

One parent I know had four teenagers. She posted this note in a highly visible place on the refrigerator (a spot she knew her kids would visit often):

BEFORE YOU ASK ME TO GO ANYWHERE, BE PREPARED TO TELL ME:

- WHERE YOU ARE GOING
- HOW YOU WILL GET THERE AND BACK
- WHEN YOU WILL BE HOME (FAMILY CURFEWS ARE A GREAT THING AND MUST BE ENFORCED)
- WHAT YOU WILL BE DOING
- WHO YOU WILL BE WITH (PROVIDE PHONE NUMBERS OF PARENTS AND PLACES)

This parent had a good idea of what her kids were doing when they weren’t home.

SHE CONSISTENTLY DELIVERED CONSEQUENCES FOR THEIR BEHAVIOR:

Positive – for following through on their plans and the family rules.

Negative – for not doing what they said they were going to do.

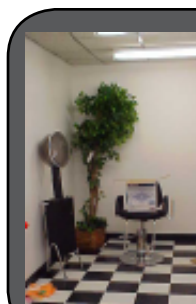
Regardless of whether your children are younger or older, monitoring their activities is imperative to their well being. It keeps parents involved and lets your kids know that you care about them and their safety. An additional benefit is that your kids will have fewer opportunities to get into trouble because they aren’t spending too much unsupervised time with other kids.

Let’s put it this way: If you don’t monitor your kids, someone else will be in charge of what they do and what they learn. That’s taking a big chance.

Checking on your kids is one way you can help them avoid peer pressure. You can alert them to pitfalls, teach and discipline, and help them solve problems on their own. Monitoring also gives you many more opportunities to “catch’em being good,” which leads to more times you can use praise effectively. **DO NOT BE AFRAID TO SET CLEAR GUIDELINES AND CHECK UP ON YOUR KIDS.**

Peers will always have influence on your children – sometimes good, sometimes bad. But don’t fail to recognize how much influence YOU have. You can help your kids learn to recognize the wrong kind of peer pressure and teach them what to do about it. Even if you feel your children have already been negatively influenced by peer pressure, **IT’S NEVER TOO LATE TO START MAKING CHANGES FOR THE BETTER.**

I hope everyone has a relaxing, healthy and FUN Summer vacation!



Beauty Salon at Hanratta is open
Call 884-0646 for an Appointment

Announcements

Swimming Pools

It has again come to our attention that swimming pools of various sizes are being set up by residents at many of our developments. Due to concern about the possibility

of children falling into, or using these pools without proper supervision, we are reminding everyone of



the following rule: "Any pool deeper than **18 inches**, or any pool that needs to remain filled when not in use is hereby prohibited." The safety and well being of our residents is a high priority at the Watervliet Housing Authority, and we hope all of our residents will work toward that goal.

NO SLIP & SLIDES ALLOWED

REMEMBER:

You are responsible for any damage to the lawn areas caused by lawn furniture or pools. Don't forget that means all the empty juice boxes and freeze pop wrappers. If we pick them up, you will be charged for the clean up!

Check out WVLT Channel 17

We hope you have been watching because there are so many different programs that could benefit you and your family and also many for your enjoyment. We have this month:

**Watervliet High School
Graduation**

Flag Day Ceremony

and so many more. We do this for you and hope you find it beneficial.



Joslin Bicycle Storage Shed Policy

The sheds were constructed so you can store your bikes and leave more room in your apartment. The sheds are not a fort or play area for your children. The key we give you only opens your assigned shed. You must stress to your children to always lock the shed to prevent unauthorized entry. Report anyone causing damage or unauthorized entry to the office immediately. You are advised to lock your bike to the rack. The Authority assumes no liability if your bike is stolen or damaged. The authority is simply supplying you with a place for storage. There is no charge for the first key, replacement keys cost \$6. If you or your children are found to not be complying with the rules, the lock will be changed and you will no longer be permitted usage and a charge of \$25 will be charged to you for the key replacements.



Security Camera Policy

As you know we have increased the number of security cameras around almost every site. These cameras and the video are for the sole use of the Watervliet Housing Authority. They are being used for security purposes and to record violations of the lease provisions and any criminal activity. These cameras ARE NOT MONITORED! They simply record video and in the event of an issue they are reviewed. Tenants are not permitted to review any of the footage. The staff does not have the time to review the footage unless it is deemed necessary by the Executive Director.



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Fire Safety at Hanratta

Do not jam open fire doors.

These doors shut to prevent the smoke from going through the building. Shut all doors behind you.

Do not use elevators.

If you decide to leave your apt and want to leave the building stay to the right on the stairs. If the alarm is going off and you decide to stay in your apartment and for some reason (smoke coming in the apartment or fire) you feel the need to leave, if you cannot safely leave your unit, pull your emergency cord.

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, Stewarts 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



Kitchen Cabinet Care

The following is a list of rules and ways to take care of them:

1. No contact or wall-paper is permitted anywhere in the apartment.
2. Do not nail or tack anything on the metal backsplash behind the stove.
3. Clean grease filter regularly.
4. Do not put larger than a 60 watt bulb in the exhaust fan light.
5. Do not store newspapers behind or on the side of the refrigerator, it's a fire hazard.
6. Do not use soap or water on the cabinets, use the same product you would use to polish furniture.
7. Wipe water quickly off the fronts of the cabinets, it will stain and mark the finish.



Green Island Tenants

If you need something stored, please contact the office and we can arrange to have it placed in the storage room.



Warning...

Remember when you are finished using your gas grill to turn off the propane. NOTICE to VRV tenants no cookers are allowed on the front patios.

For your health...

Alcohol and the Brain Did You Know...



Alcohol dilutes itself in the water volume of the body in order to travel through the system. Those vital organs, like the brain, that contain a lot of water and need an ample blood supply are particularly vulnerable to the effects of alcohol. (Dunlap, 2001)

Heavy drinking over many years may result in serious mental disorders or permanent, irreversible damage to the brain or peripheral nervous system. (Narcotic Educational Foundation of America, 2002)

Alcohol affects all parts of the brain, which also affects the heart rate, coordination, speech, and destruction of brain cells. (Narcotic Educational Foundation of America, 2002)

Alcohol may encourage aggression by disrupting normal brain mechanisms that normally restrain impulsive behavior such as aggression. (Hingson et al, October 2001)

The brain does not finish developing until a person is around 20 years old, and one of the last regions to mature is intimately involved with the ability to plan and make complex judgments. (Kuhn, Swartzwelder, and Wilson, 1998)



The available evidence suggests that adolescents are more vulnerable than adults to the effects of alcohol on learning and memory. (White, 2001)

It has become clear over recent years that alcohol impacts both behavior and brain function differently in adolescents and adults. (White, 2001)

Satellite Dish Rules



Satellite dishes may not exceed 1 meter in diameter. Dishes may be installed in apartments or on own patios. They may not be mounted on exterior walls, in common areas, on roofs or at any location outside of the tenant's apartment. Satellite dishes may not be installed in ways that would enable them to fall on people from above. They may not extend beyond a patio and they may not be installed in windows or on window frames. Satellite dishes may not be installed in ways that damage units or buildings. Satellite dishes must be installed professionally with a member of maintenance staff present and the tenant will be charged for the time spent by the WHA for being present.

NO SATELLITE DISHES are allowed in VRV.

PC's For Kids (and Seniors)

The "PC For kids" has been very successful over the past year. We have served over 100 children, and even Seniors, in the Watervliet Housing community with their own personal computer. The children use the computers for school projects and to explore the Internet. Seniors also find it easy to use the internet or e-mail their



families. If you live in the Watervliet Housing or are on Section 8 you may qualify for a computer. Just call 273-4717.



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Important info...



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Violence Against Women Act



Things that you should know...

Did you know that every 15 seconds somewhere in America a woman is battered? Both Housing and Section 8 tenants that are victims of domestic violence are protected under this act. If at any time you are a victim please protect your rights and yourself from future violence and call us immediately. Repeated violations can result in eviction and if you don't follow some simple steps to protect them you can be evicted from your apartment. So please, protect yourself and your family.



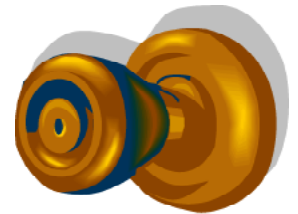
Do you have someone graduating in your family?

We will put their photo on WVLT-17. It doesn't matter what

grade, elementary, high school or college. Get their best photo and bring it over to the office. If they are graduating from high school let us know if they are going to college, and if so what college, so we can wish them well.

Lock out's

Tenants are responsible to pay for lock out's. As you know if you are locked out of your apartment during normal business hours there is no charge to open your door for the adult member of the family. If it's a child we need to talk to a parent before we let the child into the apartment.



After hours you are charged to open the apartment door because the Authority must pay the employee over-time to come out. This is why we encourage you to leave a key with a trusted friend or relative. Even at \$24 it doesn't cover the cost for the overtime but does help defray the costs. If you rip a screen and enter the apartment through the window you will be responsible for the damaged screen, window and the lock out charge.

Do You Have A Fruit Fly Problem?

They are usually found around overripe or decaying vegetables and fruit. They may also be attracted to bread or other baked goods containing yeast, and to liquids including fruit juice, soda, beer, and vinegar. Spilled milk or ketchup between counter tops are also potential breeding sites. On occasion, you may see one on a moist washcloth or a sponge near the sink or on a floor mop. The key to eliminating fruit flies is to remove their breeding sites. This is accomplished through cleaning.



Don't forget to recycle your used batteries

For Your Information...

Looking for a job? Employment Opportunities



At the Housing Authority it is our policy to assist residents whenever the opportunity presents itself. We accomplish this in many ways. One way is helping contractors and local businesses who periodically are seeking new workers find qualified persons for filling those positions. So we can more smoothly facilitate this process we are asking any resident who wishes to do so to fill out the accompanying questionnaire and return it to the main office. In doing so, we will be able to link employers with persons qualified in the line of work that is available. If you have any questions please contact Nicholas Ostapkovich at 273-4717.

Watervliet Housing Authority Employment Experience Survey

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Education: High School Associate's Degree Bachelor's Degree

Work Experience: *(check all that applies)*

Construction Plumbing Electrical Bookkeeping

Computer HVAC Laboring Clerical

Landscaping Masonry Roofing Painting

Cleaning (apartments)

Other Skills and or Experience: _____

What computer courses would you like to take? _____



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Attention Tenants:



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Attention Tenants REAC Requirements

According to the REAC requirements no tenant should have an air conditioner in a window in a room where there is not a second window or point of exit. This is done for the safety of the tenant.

If there is a fire in your apartment and the firemen need to gain access to the room through the window they would not be able to push the A/C out to enter.



Air Conditioners

Must have a piece of 2 x 4 wood under them 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 for a 2x4 now.

Special Needs?

If you live in housing we need to know if anyone has any special needs that in the event of an emergency the police or fire department should know who would need what. If your in a wheelchair, an oxygen tank, or have some serious medical condition that if you lost power you may need



help, please call the office and let Mary Clinton know so we can mark it in our computer program. We then share that list with the police/ fire department so they can try to help you in the event of an emergency. Regardless, if you need help always call 911.

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Attention all Section 8 Landlords

WHAT ARE THEY LOOKING FOR NOW?

If you never experienced a Housing Quality Inspection before, you might well ask this question whether you are the landlord or the tenant.



The Inspection Department recently reported the top ten reasons why apartments fail inspections. They are the following:

1. Faulty electrical wiring, outlets and other electrical hazards.
2. Missing or malfunctioning smoke detectors.
3. Peeling paint and crumbling plaster.
4. Poor heat and hot water
5. Inoperable appliances
6. Tripping hazards
7. Evidence of rodent infestation
8. Broken windows that won't lock
9. Broken locks/security issues
10. Inadequate apartment plumbing

The best advice we can give is to be responsive and responsible. You know when the inspector is coming: so make sure the apartment is ready for the inspection. Make sure that the Section 8 client or landlord is present to let the inspector into the apartment. Make sure the power is on.



Have a great summer

Noise!!!

According to the public nuisance law in Watervliet complaints, such as noise complaints can be reported 24 hours a day, not just after dark. In addition if police have to respond to an address more than once during an 8 hour period the guilty party may be arrested and subject to a fine.



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 the entire City of Watervliet.

Pet Policy

Don't forget to register you pets with the WHA office they must be in compliance with your lease. One per apartment,



shots are a must and only certain types of pets are allowed. Tenants cannot allow family or visitors to bring their pets. This is for you, and especially for the safety of the children. It is important to keep your pets shot records up to date. Also, don't forget to ask the office for a "Pet Finder" sticker for your apartment window so the Fire Department knows to look for pets in case of emergency.

Are You Moving Out?

First, if you are moving out it is important to give us a 30 day notice. This means you need to tell us on the first of the month that you are leaving the following month. Secondly, you need to think about your security deposit. Security deposits will be returned within four to six weeks after your move-out date. However, the amount returned is less charges and/or cleanup. Anything (furniture or garbage) that needs to be removed from the apartment by our maintenance staff is back charged against your security deposit. Any clean up of the apartment or appliances will also result in a charge. The charge for cleaning each appliance is \$25. Think ahead and you will be surprised at the amount you can save.



Take a look at our flowers in front of the office! Watervliet Housing at its best.



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Upcoming Events

As always the management of the Watervliet Housing Authority is dedicated to provide the highest quality and safest living space for our residents possible. There are several projects underway that address areas of concern that we have. Some of these projects are underway currently while others are in the bidding phase. When completed each will prove be an upgrade on existing conditions. Provided below is a description of the projects as well as the sites that will be impacted.

Trees: A contractor will be starting the removal of a total 42 trees at the Day, Quinn, Joslin, and Hilton sites. The trees being removed are unhealthy or negatively impacting the adjacent sidewalks, power lines or buildings. We will follow the removals with the planting replacement trees that are more suitable for our type of sites.

Parking restrictions may occur in areas where trees are located near the curb line. Please follow requests from the contractor during the course of this project.

Quinn Gutters:

We will be installing gutters and downspouts at the Quinn Apartments.

Hilton Rain Gutters: Contractors will be installing rain gutters at all buildings at the Hilton complex. The contract has been signed and work will underway shortly.

Day Basements: There will be two separate activities undertaken at Day. We are replacing the existing sub panel and washer and dryer electrical boxes with non-corrosive materials. Additionally during the summer months in every basement we will be scrapping the loose water sealant from the walls and then spreading a new coat of a sealant in each basement. We ask that when you are notified that work will commence in your unit that all materials and furnishings are at least four feet from the wall to provide easy access for the contractors and our staff.

If you have any questions regarding any project please call Nicholas Ostapovich at the office.



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Wednesday July 11th from
11-12 there will be a blood pressure
screening at Hanratta.



Check us out on
Facebook!

Help Your Child Stay Hydrated This Summer

Children really look forward to summer. It is a time to spend days out in the playground, having a lot of fun in the sun. However, kids tend to get so engrossed in having fun that they forget to have water regularly and this could lead to dehydration. Kids sweat a lot while playing outdoors during summertime and lose fluids in the process. Not having sufficient intake of liquids can lead to dehydration and weakness. In more severe cases, children can suffer from heatstroke and impaired kidney function. The responsibility falls on the shoulders of parents to ensure their children are re hydrated regularly. There are some simple signs of dehydration that can help parents identify that they need to pay special attention to their child's water intake. Such as:

- Sallow and sunken eyes
- Tearless crying
- Infrequent urination
- Strong smelling and darkish yellow color urine

Another way of testing your child for dehydration is to quickly pinch the back of his/her hand. If the color takes a long time to return, then it is a sign of dehydration.

To ensure that your child is well re hydrated during summer, keep reminding your child to drink water. If needed, take water out to him/her and make sure he/she takes a break to rest and replenish liquids. Parents need to make sure that the child takes in plenty of plain water in addition to juices. Having fizzy drinks and soda does not count as water intake. In addition, try to keep your child indoors during peak heat times, from noon till mid-afternoon, when he/she is more likely to lose maximum fluids. Always carry sufficient water with you when you take your child out so you don't have to rely on external sources.

Albany Community Action Partnership's Head Start program is a FREE Early Learning/Pre-K program for children ages 3-5. For more information on how to enroll your child next fall (2011-2012 school year), please CALL 518-463-3175 or go to www.albanycap.org



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Lose weight easier WITH FIBER, Fiber is an incredibly powerful tool for controlling weight. Since high-fiber foods are very filling you'll naturally eat less. Plus, when you eat more fiber-rich foods, you'll automatically eat less of other, more fattening foods. A very important way to lose weight and keep it off is to eat more fiber.

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Watervliet is now using the 911 system for all police, fire, and medical issues. If you need any of these services, call 911.



Bed Bug Help

Bed Bugs can be a big problem. Preventing them from entering your home can be easy if you take the right precautions. Bed bugs are usually unknowingly carried into homes by luggage, bedding, or furniture. To prevent an infestation, make sure you wash luggage and clothing immediately after returning from a trip. Also inspect used furniture before bringing it into your home. Never bring discarded bed frames, mattresses, box springs, or upholstered furniture into your home. Make sure to clean your bedding and furniture regularly. Call the WHA office if bed bug infestation occurs. We will take care of the problem. For more information, go to our website.

Meet Watervliet's Newest Residents!



These animals have decided that Watervliet is a great place to live! They're moving in and getting their house situated. They're not your normal neighbor, yet we must all treat them with respect and try not to disturb their new habitat. They certainly seem like they'll be courteous neighbors and won't throw any wild parties.

Garbage pads at VRV

We have two central locations where you can bring your garbage and recyclables. This will avoid the look of the unsightly garbage cans all over the site and provide an easier and more efficient way to pick up the cans. We have found that tenants are not recycling and putting their raw garbage in the recycled containers. This causes us to have the garbage dumped and thus costing us extra dollars. Please be sure to put all household garbage inside the dumpsters in each shelter. The cans on the outside of the shelter are for recyclables only. any bulk items can be placed next to the recycling containers. We and your cooperation and support. Please separate your garbage according to the rules posted.



RECYCLE-RECYCLE-RECYCLE

Why? It is good for everyone, it makes sense not to waste our valuable resources by just throwing them away in the dump.

Recycle

If its paper, glass or plastic and is clean, recycle, save our landfills and save our environment.

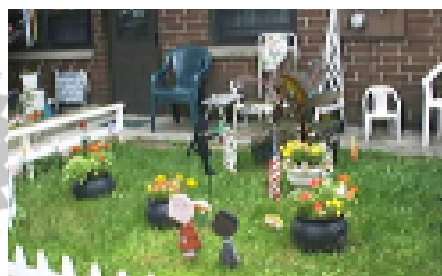
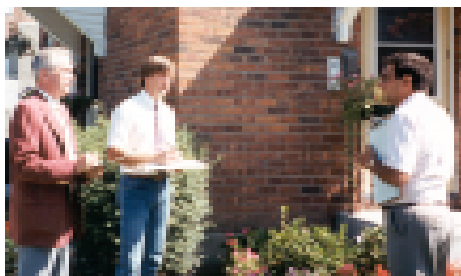
Don't forget that we are still recycling batteries and you can drop them off a the office to send back to be properly and safely recycled.



Other Energy Saving Projects

Soon you'll see workers around the site installing many energy saving measures to help reduce our energy costs. It is important that we all do our part. If you see a site light on during the day, call us so we can repair it so we don't waste energy.

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Do you think you've got the nicest looking apartment?

A beauty contest for the nicest looking outside apartment will be held in July. Prizes will be awarded to the tenant who has the best display outside of their apartment . Consideration will be given to the overall appearance including shrubs, lawn care, and flowers. Remember, more isn't always better. You must keep within the existing Watervliet Housing Authority landscaping scheme. Let's all take pride in doing well not only for the prizes but because you care. Of course the prizes don't hurt any! If you are not interested or unable you can do a lot just by picking up papers.





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Laptop For Kids Program

Once again the Watervliet & Cohoes Housing Authorities have been reaching out to our local businesses to fund the purchase of laptops for our Watervliet/Cohoes high school seniors going off to college in the fall. There are 10 senior that will be receiving them this year.

We are very proud to have this type of program because we feel that technology is vital to the growth to our area and especially our children. No child here at housing will be denied the opportunity to learn and grow or not be on the same playing field as others to be able to advance their education and job skills. It is totally up to the child and their parents to take advantage of these programs. We will be giving out the laptops July 10th at noon at Saratoga Sites in Cohoes Housing.



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Charles V. Patricelli, Director



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