



Watervliet Housing Authority



MAY 2012

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Resident survey? If we have your e-mail address and a work order was completed at your apartment, you would have received an electronic survey. Fill it out and let us know how we did.



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

Memorial Day A DAY Of REMEMBRANCE

THE WATERVLiet HOUSING AUTHORITY AND
OMNI DEVELOPMENT

Cordially invite you to the dedication of the

SARGENT DAVID FISHER
MEMORIAL



Sargent David Fisher

1st Battalion
101st Cavalry Regiment
New York Army National Guard
Newburgh, New York 42nd Infantry Division

Van Rensselaer Village Apartments
16th Street
Watervliet, New York
(Intersection of Early Drive & 5th Avenue)



MEMORIAL DAY
Monday May 28th, 2012
(Immediately following the City of Watervliet's Memorial Day Ceremony)

Honorably dedicated by Congressman Paul Tonko
and Mayor Michael Manning

Memorial Day is May 28th

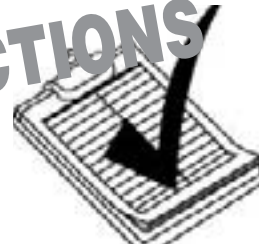
See you at the parade!

For your information...



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Hilton INSPECTIONS



Inspections will be conducted for all Hilton apartments in May. The inspection will be for the purposes of:

1. Checking for apartment cleanliness and care.
2. Checking contractor work for compliance.
3. Checking normal items that need to be repaired (either caused by tenant or wear & tear).
4. Look over the apartment for new items that will benefit both you and us.



Inspections will be:
May 16 Apartments 1-15
May 17 Apartments 16 - 30



Tenant Insurance. Make sure you are covered!

Tenant insurance is the best \$50-75 you can spend a year. In case of fire or water damage you risk losing everything. Call your insurance agent for more information.

Syringe Disposal

When disposing of medical syringes please be sure to place them in a plastic laundry detergent container. When the container is full be sure to put a LID on the container before placing it in the trash. Thank you for your cooperation



Special Note to Quinn Tenants

As you know, you NOW need to put your garbage in a trash can. We have ordered some trash cans with wheels to make it easier for you to bring out your trash. If you would like a can we'll swap the can for you.

Pet Rules

Don't tie your dog to the porch railing. Why? Many times the dog is found unattended, when children try to pass by it can scare the children, and for that matter even adults. Please be considerate.



Important Information...

Attention high school seniors heading to college

Are you a high school senior graduating and attending college this fall? Do you need a laptop? If you said yes to both of these questions



help is on the way. We have purchased 10 laptops that we want to donate to graduating high school seniors to help you as you enter college in the fall. We know that college isn't cheap no matter how much aid you may get, so we're trying to make it easier for at least 10 of our college-bound students. It is FREE as long as you attend one full year of college.

Our office is constantly seeking financial assistance from various organizations and we wanted to share our success with you. Call the office now for more details.



Tenant Fraud Tips

Don't be a victim of fraud Call the Attorney General's hot line number at 1-800-771-7755 Do Not leave behind any credit card or ATM receipts

Limit the number of credit cards and other items with personally identifiable information that you carry. Guard your social security number-avoid carrying your Social Security card or other cards with that number



Sign your credit cards as soon as you receive them. Also, cancel all inactive accounts.

Memorize ATM numbers and keep them secret.

Ronald Canestrari to Retire

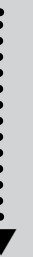
Recently, Assemblyman Ronald Canestrari announced he will not seek re-election. Ron has served as Mayor of Cohoes and then as Assemblyman for over 30 years. He deserves a much needed rest.



Ron has been a strong supporter of both the City of Watervliet and the Watervliet Housing Authority.

Ron and his staff will be greatly missed and we appreciate all his help and support. Please don't be a stranger and visit us when

you can.



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Around the WHA...



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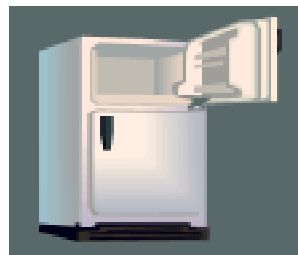
Litterbugs Beware

Anyone found littering in the Watervliet Housing Authority will be responsible for picking up their own trash as well as anyone else's that is found in the area. Please put trash in its proper place.



Range and Refrigerator Care

Kitchen appliances should be thoroughly cleaned on a regular basis. Greasy and dirty appliances are a fire hazard and can attract unwanted pests for which you will be held responsible. Don't forget to clean the stove hood and fan to keep them free of grease.



Direct Deposit Banking

Seniors receiving monthly checks should consider direct bank depositing. This prevents social security payments from getting lost in the mail. Maybe this is something you should consider. Call your bank for more details.

Safety is Number One to Us & Should be to You

Report any problems to the office immediately. The electrical outlets in your bathroom and kitchen are called GFI's. They protect you against electric shock. If your outlet isn't working, push the reset button. If it still won't work it may be your appliance. Call the office. Also, report site lights that are out immediately.



Laundry Rooms

The laundry rooms at Joslin and Hilton are available to all Watervliet Housing Authority tenants. Why go to the expensive laundromat when tokens here are only 1.25 each. Seniors at Quinn, Day, and Hilton can also use the Quinn laundry facility for the same price. Tokens can be bought at the office. We do ask that if you use the laundry facilities to please clean up after yourself. It only takes a minute to throw away an empty container or a used laundry sheet.

Spring Has Sprung

Please help by raking and picking up papers. If we all pitch in we can make our homes ones we can be proud of. If you need rakes call or stop by the office.



Watervliet Civic Center 2012 Summer Recreation Program

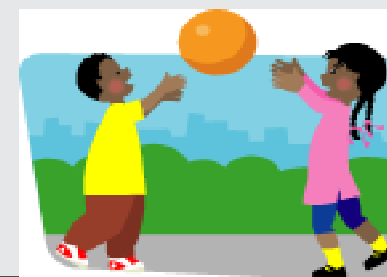
The Watervliet Civic Center 2012 Summer Recreation Program will be offered from June 25 - August 17, Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, extended hours are available from 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM. The program is available to children ages 5-13.

Children ages 5-7 will have the program conducted at Watervliet Elem. School, ages 8-13 will be held at the Watervliet Civic Center.

Watervliet Housing Authority children are able to attend this program at half price, there are a limited number of slots available to WHA children and will be available on a first come first serve basis. The weekly registration fee is \$68.00 per week (\$34.00 for WHA children).

Activities consist of; gym games, outdoor games, swimming, arts & crafts, group activities, musical activities, service program, weekly trips, special events and much more.

Applications are available at the Watervliet Civic Center. For further info. call 273-5922.



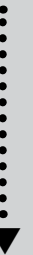
Love mom? Then tell her!

You have less than 10 days from when you get this newsletter to get a photo of your mother on WVLT. Make your mother proud that you remembered her. Newspapers charge a lot of money to put in an ad. We do it for **FREE!**



Veteran's Day Tribute

For the past several years we at the Watervliet Housing Authority have taken on the project to recognize our city veterans via our own TV channel. Nowhere in the entire United States has this been done to our knowledge. This unique tribute is by far the best way to honor our veterans. We currently have over 1700 veteran photos on DVD that lasts over 4 hours. Our staff takes the time out of our very busy day to scan and return photos to anyone who drops off a photo of their loved ones. Don't miss this tribute the week of Memorial Day. Don't wait, call our office for more info.



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READ CAREFULLY Drugs are no joke in our housing

Don't believe me, then read this article. Anyone that is living or visiting your home and caught having drugs or living at your home and caught somewhere else, the entire family can be evicted. Think about it. Try and explain that to your children. It is no laughing matter. Or better yet, is your children's home worth the risk if you are using drugs? Housing is a privilege. Everyone living at the Watervliet Housing Authority lives here under rules created by Congress.

Also, all tenants must report income. Not reporting income or a live-in is fraud. We now have one case pending for a criminal case against a tenant, others were evicted in the past. Report all changes immediately. If you want someone to live with you, report it. It's the Law!



Did You Know?

Each ton of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4,000 kilowatts of energy and 7,000 gallons of water!



Chalk on Buildings

We have noticed a lot of chalk drawings on the sidewalks, flower beds and buildings at various sites. Although it may seem innocent, chalk drawings on the buildings and flower beds are prohibited. Please be sure to ask your children not to use chalk on the buildings and flower beds.

“Parents who host, lose the most! Don't be a party to teenage drinking”

WHA News

Spring Cleaning

Cleaning of windows is here. If you need your windows cleaned and don't know how to remove them, call the office and someone will be glad to show you. It beats paying for a damaged window.



Tenants at Day and Hilton are reminded that they can remove the windows by pulling the clips outward and pushing the window up into the clips. This will release the window from the track, then by pushing the window to either side, the window will come out of the opening. To reinstall, place the window above the clips making sure the clips are in the outward position, slide the window downward and be sure to close the clips. You are responsible for the labor and costs of repair to the window if done incorrectly. If you need help don't hesitate to call the office.

My Parents

AT SEVEN: My parents—They are the smartest people in the world; they know everything.

AT SEVENTEEN: My parents don't know as much as I thought they did.

AT TWENTY-ONE: My parents don't know anything compared to me—they just don't understand the younger generation.

AT THIRTY-FIVE: My parents know much more than I thought they did. They were really quite worldly-wise.

AT FIFTY: My parents were always right. Everything they did was for my benefit.

Work order Surveys! Fill out an win a New Kindle!



If you have an e-mail address and you had a work order completed lately you received an e-mail asking you to fill out a survey on the service you received. Nobody is perfect but we always want to be better. That is why we ask for your comments. Take the few minutes to respond to the survey and you'll be entered in a drawing in June for a new KINDLE. and others may also receive a FREE gift. Let us know what you think. We again think we are the only housing authority that provides this type of survey and will continue to improve with your help.

Conserve Water Tips

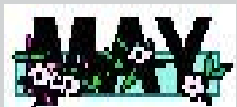


- Report all water leaks, drips no matter how small
- Do not use the hose to clean sidewalks
- Don't let children play unattended with hoses
- Keep swimming pools filled with a lower amount of water to reduce the amount of water splashed



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For Your Information...



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Attention Hilton Tenants

You can gain access to the basements to reset your circuit breakers by asking the seniors living in the apartments for access.

Put Butts In Their Place

Cigarette butts on the ground are disgusting and unsanitary. Please put cigarette butts in their place.



Outside "stuff"– move it

Since the weather is getting nicer, everyone wants to sit outside. If you have "stuff" outside like furniture, swings and tables for example, you need to know they will be moved when it's time to mow. Please make sure everything is out of the way for our mowers. Also, please make sure all garbage cans and bins are on the concrete slabs provided for them, NOT the lawn.



Farmers Market

Will open on June 12th at the Hudson Shores Park. They accept credit/debit & EBT cards. The Market is open every Tuesday from 2:30pm to 5:30pm from June 12th to October 9. Don't miss the opportunity to get fresh vegetables and fruits at discount prices.



Food rich in vitamin C- such as oranges, cantaloupe, broccoli, strawberries, and peppers-are fantastic for relieving arthritis pain.

Safety Begins at Home

- Park your car in well-lit areas, report any site lights out immediately to the office we have an answering machine.
 - Teach your children the importance of calling 911
 - Lost your keys, report it immediately to the office. Locks can be changed very quickly
 - Use the intercom-Seniors know who is at the door before letting anyone in your apartment.
 - Check throw rugs for tripping hazards like bumps and turned-up corners.
 - Check for proper lighting on and around stairways.
 - Use night lights in the bathroom and hallways.
- Provided by the GuildCare Adult Day Health Program,
301 Washington Ave. Albany
To schedule a complimentary visit to their program call
Ellen Many at 463-1211*



Learn more!

Be better informed and know the facts. Tara Peterson will be at Hanratta, Thursday May 15th from 11-12 to talk about Warning signs of STROKE, with Katy George, lifeline representative. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn about the facts. Also, you can have your blood pressure checked.

Tara Walsh Peterson,
Nurse Educator RN,BSN
Smoking Cessation Counselor
The Heart Program
Albany Memorial/Samaritan
Hospitals
518-471-3657



Truck For Sale

The Watervliet Housing Authority is selling one of it's pick-ups. You can go to craigslist or stop by the office to get more information or e-mail Charles Patricelli Cpatricelli@watervliethousing.org. Bids due May 15th.



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Check us out on Facebook!

**STROKE is an emergency.
Every minute counts.
ACT F.A.S.T!**

- FACE** Does one side of the face droop? Ask the person to smile.
- ARMS** Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- SPERCH** Is speech slurred? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Is the sentence repeated correctly?
- TIME** If the person shows any of these symptoms, call 911 immediately.

Have the ambulance go to the nearest designated stroke center.



Albany Memorial Hospital
Samaritan Hospital
Northeast Health
www.NortheastHealth.com

New York State DOH Designated Stroke Centers



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What Every Parent Needs to Know About Secondhand Smoke

Instinctively we know that children need fresh, clean air to breathe and thrive. Yet nearly 12 million American children under age 5 are exposed to secondhand smoke in their home, and 43% of American children aged 2 months to 11 years live in a home with at least one smoker. Eliminating your child's exposure to secondhand smoke may be best thing you do for their health.

Secondhand smoke is a mixture of the smoke given off by the burning end of a cigarette, pipe or cigar and the smoke exhaled from the lungs of smokers. This mixture contains more than 4,000 substances, including 40 that are known to cause cancer in humans.

Research has shown that children are especially susceptible; their lungs are still developing and childhood exposure to secondhand smoke can result in decreased lung function as adults. Children who breathe secondhand smoke are more likely to suffer from pneumonia, bronchitis, and other lung diseases.

Exposure to secondhand smoke has been shown to contribute to a child's likelihood of developing asthma, the leading serious chronic childhood disease in the US. Secondhand smoke can also cause more frequent and severe asthma attacks; 200,000 to 1,000,000 children with asthma have experienced aggravated symptoms.

Secondhand smoke exposure causes buildup of fluid in the middle ear, resulting in 700,000 to 1.6 million physician office visits. Middle ear infections are the most common cause of childhood operations and of childhood hearing loss.

Prolonged exposure to secondhand smoke kills over 53,000 nonsmokers every year in the U.S. It may also increase the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

I Don't Smoke, What Else Should I Do?

- Don't allow smoking in your home or car, particularly if infants or young children are present. This includes family members, visitors, baby-sitters and others who may work in your home.

- Find out about the smoking policies of

the day care providers, preschools, schools and other caregivers for your children. Help other parents understand the serious health risks to children from secondhand smoke. Work with parent/teacher associations, your school board and other community leaders to protect your child's environment.



- When dining outside your home, patronize 100% smoke-free restaurants. In restaurants with smoking/nonsmoking sections, ask for the nonsmoking section that is as far away from smokers as possible.

I Smoke, What Should I Do?

- If you must smoke, there are things you can do to protect the people around you.
- Do not smoke in your home! Go outside to smoke.
- Don't smoke in a car, if there are others with you.
- Do not let other people smoke near your children.
- Do not take your children to smoke-filled environments.
- Finally, give serious thought to quitting. You'll feel better and so will your family, friends and others who are breathing your secondhand smoke.



More FREE Information...

Contact the Capital District Tobacco-Free Coalition for the following FREE resources to protect your children's health:

Want to Stop Smoking – a directory of nearly 20 smoking cessation resources and programs in the Capital Region.

This is a smoke-free home – static sticker to post on the door or window of your home.

This is my Smoke-Free Space – a sticker 2x3 inches long, with youth oriented images.

No Smoking, Baby Breathing – white infant bib with red lettering

Janine Stuchin, Project Manager
Capital District Tobacco-Free Coalition
(518) 459-4197, ext. 322

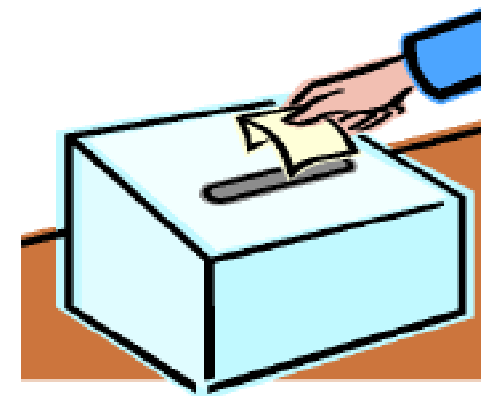


911 new system

If you need to call for the Police, fire or Emergency help you need to call 911. **DO NOT CALL THE OLD NUMBER 270-3833.** The City is now using 911 for ALL calls if you need help. If you call the old number you will get an answering machine that will take messages but if you need assistance it will tell you to hang up and dial 911, which you will be wasting valuable time.

Why the change, simply it is easier, more efficient and economical. The Albany County Sheriff Department will now be handling all dispatching and soon many other cities will be doing the same. If your only phone is a cell phone it will most likely go to the State Police but they'll transfer it to the Sheriff dispatch immediately.

We were taught use only 911 for an emergency, but now it is for EVERYTHING. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office. **THIS TAKES EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.** Only call the 270-3833 number for general information that you can wait to get a return call back. You will need to leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.



Tenant Commissioner Elections

Every two years tenants of the Watervliet Housing Authority vote for two of the seven Board members. The City Council of Watervliet appoints the other five.

Elections for Tenant Commissioners will be held on **June 13th**. A list of eligible tenants will be posted on the bulletin board at the office. Errors appearing on the list must be made known to the office not less than 60 days prior to the election.



Nominating petitions for tenant members will be accepted at the office no earlier than March 2nd and must be received

by April 6th, 2012 **BY NOON TIME.** Nominating petition forms can only be obtained at the office.

Roberta Gilson of the Day

apartments and Regina Warner of the Quinn apartments are the current tenant commissioners Any



questions, please contact Matt or Mary Clinton for more information.



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More WHA news...



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Notice to all Elementary School Parents

WES students who live within .5 miles of WES will no longer be offered transportation for the new school year. We are also consolidating some of the stops and eliminating others. More information will be sent out as soon as we have made the final plans.



Hilton gutters and laundry room

Soon work will start on the installation of the new gutters at the Hilton complex. We are doing this to help provide better drainage and help with our plants and shrubs.

We are also going out to bid to extend the building to provide a small laundry room for the Hilton tenants on ground level. We hope this will make it easier for you to take care of your laundry needs. Any questions, please let us know.



Seniors, are you having trouble reading your bills?

We have 2 readers that will help you see your bills, important papers or even a magazine article located at both the Quinn and Hanratta Community rooms. Feel free to go over and try it out. If you need help, give Mary Clinton a call and she'll show you how.



M&T Bank Donates to WVLT!

M&T Bank again presented WVLT with a check for \$2,000. They have repeatedly stated that the mission of our station and the service it provides — not only to our residents but the entire city — is remarkable and feels this donation well deserved.

Our station is devoted to improving the quality of life of all our residents. It showcases the many special events in our city which instills a sense of community pride.

Mold Removal using Vinegar

Did you know that an effective and economical method for mold removal is using vinegar? Rather than using more costly products or ones that give off pungent odors white vinegar is safe and found in nearly everyone's pantry. Provide below is a step by step process using vinegar"



1. Make sure you use only white fermented vinegar to kill mold, other synthetic acetic acids will not do the job.
2. Fill a spray bottle with undiluted white vinegar.
3. Spray vinegar onto mold infested surfaces and in places where mold regularly grows, such as shower curtains, grout of tiles, walls, sealing underneath faucets, edges and outside of the bathtub, counter top, etc.
4. Leave the vinegar to sit for a minimum of 30 minutes for the acid to kill the mold.
5. Wipe clean the surfaces with water and let it dry completely. Remember moisture is the cause for mold growth.
6. Use a solution of vinegar and water to mop floor regularly. This helps to kill any mold residues.
7. To remove mold from clothing and fabric materials, soak them with the solution of vinegar and water and leave overnight without adding any laundry detergent.



8. Rinse off the vinegar water and wash with normal laundry detergent and warm water. This shall kill all traces of mold. Vinegar is a safe product to use for mold removal; as it is biodegradable and edible. It does not leave nasty residue like bleach does. You can even use vinegar to kill molds in kitchen. Spray vinegar onto the counter tops, dish drainer, cutting board will keep mold at bay

Watervliet Housing does it again!



With the help of a SUNY Intern we now have ready 30 reconditioned PC's ready for any new tenant that wants a computer for their home. Ken Hargrove helped prepared the laptop for our graduating high school seniors and PC's for our families. He also helped a few tenants with some computer issues. The Watervliet Housing Authority wishes to thank Ken for his help.

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A message from the Albany County Department of Health...



May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month!

Spring is here which means it's time to start protecting yourself against those pesky ticks! In the last 5 years, cases of Lyme disease in Albany County have nearly tripled. The best way to prevent Lyme disease is to protect yourself from ticks and to check yourself for ticks after you have been outside. Removing a tick as soon as you find it (particularly within 36 hours) will reduce the likelihood of contracting any disease that tick may be carrying. And don't forget to check your kids and your dog!

- Stay on cleared, well-traveled trails.
- Keep your lawn short and remove any leaf litter.
- Wear light-colored clothing (to spot ticks) and tuck pants into socks and shirt into pants.
- After every two to three hours outdoors, check for ticks on clothing or skin. Brush off any ticks on clothing before they can attach to your skin.
- Do a thorough tick-check of your entire body at the end of the day. Pay particular attention to the back of the knees, behind the ears, the scalp, the armpits and your back.
- Removing a tick within 36 hours reduces your risk of infection. To remove a tick: Use tweezers, grasping the tick near the mouthparts, as close to the skin as possible. Don't squeeze, crush or puncture the body of the tick, which may contain infectious fluids. Pull the tick in a steady, upward motion away from the skin.
- After removing the tick, disinfect the bite site with soap, rubbing alcohol or hydrogen peroxide. Wash your hands carefully. Record the date and location of the tick bite. If a rash appears or you experience flu-like symptoms over the next 30 days, contact your health care provider immediately.

Materials on Lyme disease prevention and tick identification are available at the Albany County Department of Health by calling 447-4648.



Stay informed and up to date!

Recently there was a water break at the VRV apartments early Saturday morning. Within minutes a call went out to all tenants at VRV telling them of the problem and what to expect. Those that didn't get a call we either didn't have their correct phone number or no phone number at all.

Also, the WHA found there was a job announcement and a home buyers program that we thought you would be interested in knowing. We again e-mailed everyone this information making WHA tenants the FIRST to know and take advantage of these programs. Maybe you didn't want to know but there could be something that you may want to know. With the technology we now have methods to keep you up to date. So remember to let us know both e-mail address and phone number. You never know!

FREE Classes...

ACAP's Career Services program offers job readiness training, various career trainings and credentials programs (e.g., health care field and construction) and job placement services – all for free! However, all the training in the world isn't going to matter unless you 'nail' that job interview. Follow ACAP's TOP 10 INTERVIEW TIPS to land that job!

1. **Be Prepared.** Make sure to research the company, and make sure you know the company's correct name – yes, it happens!
2. **Be on time.** You may want to drive to the interview location a day ahead to ensure you know how to get there.
3. **Be calm and yourself.** It's normal to stress over a job interview. Just be the most professional version of yourself. Always use the interview as a learning tool. You are likely to walk away with something new and useful, even if you don't get the position.
4. **Be friendly and open.** This is not the time to be shy. A smile will establish a good first impression and develop rapport with the interviewer.
5. **Make sure your handshake is firm and establish direct eye contact.** A dull handshake or no eye contact can make you appear meek and not at ease.
6. **Bring copies of your resume.** You will seem organized and prepared if you have extras.
7. **Dress for success.** A neat, professional appearance is important. Even if you know the position is typically business casual or a uniform is worn, you should still wear a well-fitting suit to make a first impression.
8. **Ask questions.** Prepared a few questions ahead of time to make sure you don't 'blank' when asked at the end of the interview. Interviewers will often gauge your interest in the position by whether you ask questions.
9. **Bring a pad of paper, a calendar and a pen.** This way you can take notes so you can ask a questions later or schedule a second interview!
10. **Write a thank you note.** Make sure to get business cards from each person you interview with and send a note to each one. So few people handwrite thank you notes anymore, so try that strategy -- it might just set you apart!

Interested in ACAP's FREE Career Services? Call 518-463-3175 to talk to an Employment Specialist and get started on your future!

Battery Recycling Program

The Watervliet/Cohoes Housing Authorities are spearheading a household battery recycling program. This program can help avoid the improper disposal of hundreds or even thousands of pounds of batteries leaking hazardous wastes in our soils. The housing authorities use nearly 1000 batteries each year for all their battery operated smoke detectors and will be sending those back and felt that offering it open to the city residents was the right thing to do. It will cost a few extra dollars and if the program gets too large, we'll seek outside funds to help support the program. Residents can drop off batteries at any of our maintenance shops, main offices and we're soliciting businesses that may want to participate and we'll add them to our list below as they notify us. Please tape the positive ends of the battery before you drop them off to the Watervliet Housing office.



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Salute to our Veterans

Don't forget to watch our tribute to our Watervliet Veterans. We have over 1700 photos of our residents that will run every Memorial and Veterans Day. Do we have your military photo? Get it to us today!



The American tradition of Memorial Day began approximately a century and a half ago, when two Civil War veterans saw a woman and her two children decorating the grave of a fallen soldier. Their gift of blossoms moved the two veterans so greatly that they decided to decorate more graves with flowers. From that humble beginning, a great tradition was born.

On May 5, 1868, Gen. John A. Logan, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, ordered that the 30th day of May be designated "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion."

For many years. "Decoration Day," as it was called at that time, was celebrated as a day for Americans to remember those who lost their lives in service of their country. In 1882, the name Decoration Day was changed to Memorial Day, and in 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday to be held on the last Monday of May every year. National observance is marked officially by the placing of a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.

Please join our City in honoring our veterans on Memorial Day, May 28^h with a parade which starts at the Watervliet Elementary School at 10am.



Annual Plan Public Hearing

Come join in and share you ideas on housing issues. A public hearing will be held on **June 11th** at 6pm at the Quinn community room.



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