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Watervliet Housing Authority

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Newsletter

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273-6085 (after hours)

WATERVLIIET POLICE DEPT.
Call 911

WATERVLIIET FIRE DEPT.
Call 911



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

INSPECTIONS Hanratta Apartments

Inspections will be conducted as follows:

- 100-219 November 12
- 301-319 November 13
- 401-419 November 14

** Please remove all items away from your windows and off of your stove. We will need access to them for inspections.*

Annual Santa Visit

Yes, it is that time of year again and we are trying to get a list of children that want Santa to visit just before Christmas. We are trying to get a shopping list going so please fill out the form on page 6 and send it back. Santa's Elves want to get going early to take advantage of any sales. Sign up now.



Happy Thanksgiving!

**OFFICE will be Closed
Nov 11th, 27th, and 28th**



2015 Watervliet Calendars

You should have received your new 2015 calendar from the Watervliet Housing Authority. This calendar is filled with information about the Authority and many important dates you need to know. We are very proud to have created this calendar and hope you find it useful. If you didn't receive one and want a calendar, please stop by the office or call us. You can also request one by e-mail at cpatricelli@WatervlietHousing.org

WVLT CHANNEL 17 UPDATE

The new channel for WVLT is 116.2 for anyone who does not have a Time Warner Cable Box.





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FLAT RENT

Day, Hilton, Hanratta, and Quinn new flat rents are as followed:

One Bedroom	\$600
Two Bedroom	\$743
Three Bedroom	\$915
Four Bedroom	\$994

Joslin new flat rents are as followed:

Two Bedroom	\$638
Three Bedroom	\$753
Four Bedroom	\$807

CABLE

Cable for Quinn and Hanratta is \$40 per month.

Home Buyer Education

Brought to you by
Albany County Rural Housing Alliance, Inc

The Albany County Rural Housing Alliance, Inc is now making appointments for anyone interested in one-on-one home buyer education consultations.

To make an appointment or for more information,
call 765-2425



Around the WHA...

Senior Medical Cards

We provide a senior medical card for all seniors to fill out and leave in the metal sleeve next to your front door. Fill them out and keep them current. If you ever need a new one just call the office. They are important because if you are sick and have difficulty speaking the ambulance crew can use this to bring you to the hospital you prefer, call your personal doctor and review your current medication. This is for your benefit. The difference in minutes could save your life.

Attention All Residents



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

Community Maternity Services
is pleased to welcome your
participation in a 10 week "Nurturing Parenting" groups for
parents affected by Anxiety Disorder.

WHEN: Tuesdays beginning 9/16 through 11/18.

TIME: 11AM- 1PM

LOCATION: 27 N Main Ave, Albany

(Lunch is provided and bus tokens or gas cards are available)

You can call

MICHELLE SCHWENZFEIER at 482-8836 ext 232

for more information.



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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. Watch Channel 17 for school closings!

Important Information

Cohoes/Watervliet Pantry Helps

During Times of Transition and Need



Last October, Karen came into ACAP'S CO-HOES FOOD PANTRY in need of assistance. She had recently taken custody of her two young nieces due to physical abuse at the hands of a family member. Protective services gave Karen the choice of taking the girls or putting them into foster care. The latter never crossed her mind. Karen was single and lived on a fixed income.

Unable to receive public assistance, and at a loss of what to do next, Karen came to ACAP's Cohoes Outreach Office scared, yet driven to help her nieces live a better life. "I have nothing for them... no food, no clothing. I do not know what I am going to do," Karen repeated. ACAP's Cohoes Food Pantry staff was able to provide the family with emergency supplies to immediately stabilize the household. Basic meals along with personal hygiene products were provided, as well as a referral to a community clothing store. With these small basic needs met, Karen felt that she had the initial resources to start providing the level of care her new family required.

"With the support of the REGIONAL FOOD BANK OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK, we are able to provide our customers with access to non-food items such as hygiene products and diapers. Having access to these items can make a huge difference in a family's monthly budget."

- Josh Moskowitz, ACAP Program Coordinator

Albany Community Action Partnership (ACAP)'s Cohoes Food Pantry is located at 30 White Street, Cohoes, NY 12047 and open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am-12pm, 1pm-4:30pm. Tel. 518.237-9201.

For other programs and services provided by Albany Community Action Partnership (ACAP), visit www.albanycap.org.

Remember ALL air conditioners

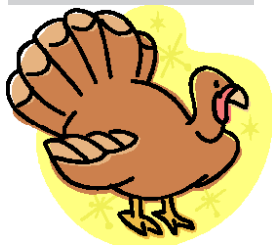
must be removed from the windows!

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

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



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Coats For The Community

The Coats for the Community event is over! And what an event it was. We served so many residents with some coats they seemed to love. We served 463 residents of Cohoes and Watervliet and they received about 925 coats and jackets (each person received one jacket and one coat). We collected about 2,000 really beautiful coats and jackets. This year we served 13 families and 38 people from Watervliet (up from one family last year).



The day went very well, with great volunteers who really seemed devoted to finding a great looking and fitting coat for each person. The joy on some of the faces of those receiving a coat was a treasured memory.

After the day was over the remaining coats were given to Mary's Corner, Cohoes schools, Cohoes Housing Authority, Alpha Pregnancy, Community Chest, and the United Church of Cohoes. In addition, we gave coats to Center City Ministry, United States Committee on Refugees and Immigrants, Catholic Charities Housing, Albany City Mission, and St. David's Church in Castleton (to help cloth about 100 refugees who are living in their area). The help was just amazing. Each volunteer gave so willingly, effectively and joyfully. It was such a pleasure to work with them. It was a splendid example of city and community working together with supportive camaraderie. The hearts of Cohoes and Ladies of Charity is alive and well. A special thanks to Bill Conroy for making the coat racks that held all of the donated coats. Thanks to everyone who helped. Each person did such a magnificent job of not only offering to help but often taking the ball and running with it, making awesome decisions.

Attention All Tenants

Now you can go online and view your balances, account information, and even your open and past work orders!

Just go to the WHA website and click on the link to the portal to log in.

For more details call the office!



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Christmas Is Almost Here...



*...and we want your child to have
the best Christmas possible.*

That is why the WHA is asking a local church and city residents to help provide gifts to families in need. If you're interested in participating in this program, please fill out this flyer by Friday, November 14th and return it to the office. If you have an idea of a small gift, please provide that as well (for instance, if they would like a doll, basketball, or some other small toy).

Child 1: _____

Gender: M or F Age: _____

Gift Idea: _____

Child 2: _____

Gender: M or F Age: _____

Gift Idea: _____

Child 3: _____

Gender: M or F Age: _____

Gift Idea: _____

Family Address: _____

Email Address: _____

REMINDER: The deadline is Friday, November 14th. Any slips returned after Nov. 19 we may not be able to filled. Drop in our mail slot or go on-line for a copy.

Important Information...

Attention Hanratta Residents:

The General Meeting has been changed to Thursday, November 6th at 10:00 am.

Bankers Life
William Hess will be coming to Harantta to answer any questions Seniors have about their Health Care on November 5, at 11:00 AM.
Refreshments will be served.



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The Nassau Band will be having their holiday performance at Hanratta on Thursday December 11th - 7 PM.

Notice to all tenants:

The City has said they are going to clamp down on skateboarders using private property as their play area. I'm sending out this notification to everyone to hopefully tell your children and neighbors that if they skateboard on private property, including the WHA they could be facing some other issues with the police.



For Your Information...



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Neighborhood Watch Works

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

Syringe Disposal

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



Attention All Laundry room users!

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

Joslin Laundry Room

Open daily 6am – 10pm
Anyone entering after hours will set off the alarm and be back charged.

**Don't forget to watch
WVLT channel 17 for
school closings**

Ice Melt

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



Note to Hanratta Tenants

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

Security

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

Attention Day Residents

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

Holiday Spending Budget



It's not too early to start thinking about the holidays and gifts. Use these instructions for making a holiday spending budget.

1. Determine the total dollar amount available in your budget for holiday spending.
2. Prepare a list of gift recipients and set a budgeted amount for each person's gift.
3. List possible gift choices along with appropriate size, color, and stores carrying item.
4. List miscellaneous expenses (decorations, cards, etc.) and set a budgeted amount.
5. List the estimated cost for each gift choice. Check the estimated cost for each gift choice against the budgeted amount.
6. Consider another choice if the estimated cost is greater than the budgeted amount.
7. List the price paid against the budgeted amount.
8. Total the price paid amounts. Check the price paid amounts against the total amount available for your holiday spending. It's easy to get over your head...



Domestic Violence is Everywhere!

October was domestic violence month and we wanted to do something that would help everyone here at Watervliet Housing understand that domestic violence should never be accepted. We attempted to get some speakers, trainers and literature but were not very successful. We did get some videos from the NYS Criminal Justice that we have been running on WVLT for the entire month. Both videos were excellent in explaining what someone should do if ever confronted with domestic violence. We hope you had a chance to watch them and they will run periodically throughout the year.

If you have toilet bowl stains, we have a chemical that can help.
Call the office for assistance. We will take care of the issue.



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Around the WHA...



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Video Club

Are there any interested children in our community that want to learn more about videography? The WHA, under the supervision of Charles Patricelli, is hosting a video club to teach a course and produce some Watervliet videos. This opportunity will allow children to learn about all the various components that local and national TV stations use. It will introduce you to technology that you will not see anywhere else. Many other communities have such programs, why now here in WATERVLIET? Take advantage of this and learn how to take video correctly, edit, prepare shows, etc. Interested? Call Watervliet Housing at 273-4717 for more information. The video club has traveled to Siena College to interview both the men and women basketball team members and coaches, St. Rose baseball teams and even to the Joe Bruno Stadium for an exclusive interview with the San Francisco Giants World Series champs.



November is American Diabetes month.

It is important to be aware of this disease. Diabetes is usually a lifelong (chronic) disease in which there are high levels of sugar in the blood.

Causes, incidence, and risk factors

Insulin is a hormone produced by the pancreas to control blood sugar. Diabetes can be caused by too little insulin, resistance to insulin, or both. To understand diabetes, it is important to first understand the normal process by which food is broken down and used by the body for energy. Several things happen when food is digested:

- A sugar called glucose enters the bloodstream. Glucose is a source of fuel for the body.
- An organ called the pancreas makes insulin. The role of insulin is to move glucose from the bloodstream into muscle, fat, and liver cells, where it can be used as fuel.

Article from

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmedhealth/PMH0002194/>

1 IN 2
PEOPLE WITH
DIABETES
DON'T KNOW THEY HAVE IT



Fun For Kids...

Draw your own turkey.

NAME: _____

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



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Hello from... “Mrs. Fran”

TOPIC: Helping with homework

This month’s article will discuss HELPING WITH HOMEWORK. Given the schedules of most parents, finding time to help children with homework is no easy feat. Nevertheless, the time you can spend together keeps you involved with your child, decreases the chances that you child will fall behind in class, and **shows your child that you value education.**

Okay, so maybe you don’t feel comfortable helping with fractions, physics, or diagramming sentences. There are still some things you can do to help your children complete their assignments:

- First, be available and watch for opportunities to praise them for staying on task with their homework.
- Second, set a positive example. Read a book. Write a letter, balance the checkbook, or make a grocery list while they are studying. Leave the TV and radio OFF. (If need be, videotape your favorite show and watch it later). You help set the tone for the importance of homework. When there are questions you can’t answer, and there will be, your children can call a classmate or teacher. Then, have them explain the answer to you so you both can understand what they’re doing.
- Third, help your children organize their time and materials (for example, pens and paper) for homework. This might involve having them use a notebook for keeping track of their assignments. This notebook can be their school planner. At the end of each class, they write the assignment in their planner and bring it and related schoolbooks home after school. You also can use the planner to start discussions about their school day.
- Finally, they need to get started studying at the designated time. Kids generally do better if they have a routine to follow. Pick a time that works best for both you and your child.

There will be times when activities prevent your children from studying at that time, but those activities should be the rare exception, not the rule.

CONTACTING TEACHERS

Contact between parents and teachers can be a problem. To be blunt, teachers often blame students’ problems on parents and parents often blame children’s school problems on teachers. **Instead of assigning blame, work together to help your children get the best education possible.**

Start by attending the open house that almost every school offers at the beginning of the school year. Introduce yourself and be sure to mention to the teachers that they can call you whenever necessary. Explain that you are interested in keeping informed about your child’s progress and that you may call during their free period if that’s acceptable to them. Then, at the end of the first week or so, call the teacher and ask how your child is doing in school. You also can share with the teacher some of the skills you are teaching your child, such as following directions and asking for help. Discuss how the teacher might be able to help by focusing on similar skills at school. Keep the teacher informed about major events in your child’s life, such as the death of a relative or other emotional situations. Always thank the teachers for the hard and intense work they do and the time they take with your child.

Calling or meeting with a teacher sends a clear message to everyone (your children, their teachers, the school administration) that you are interested and involved in your children’s education.

Important Health Info



Diabetes... *Know the symptoms*

Millions of people have diabetes. Many don't even know they have it. Diabetes is a serious disease and should not be ignored. If you have diabetes, your body can't make or use insulin. Insulin helps change sugar into energy to keep you alive. There are different kinds of diabetes. The main ones are Type 1 and Type 2.

Type 1 Diabetes

This type of diabetes is mostly found in children and young adults. If you have type 2 diabetes, your body does not make insulin and you must take insulin shots every day.

If you have type 1 diabetes, you may:

- Urinate often.
- Be very thirsty.
- Be very hungry.
- Lose a lot of weight.
- Be very tired.
- Be irritable.
- Have blurred vision.
- Have trouble seeing.

Type 2 Diabetes

Most people with diabetes have this form of the disease. Type 2 is usually found in people over 45, who have diabetes in their family, who are overweight, who don't exercise and who have cholesterol problems. It is also

common in certain racial and ethnic groups (blacks, American Indians, Hispanics) and in women who had diabetes when they were pregnant.

If you have type 2 diabetes, your body cannot make enough insulin or correctly use it. Treatment is diabetes pills and sometimes insulin injections, as well as diet and exercise.

If you have type 2 diabetes, you may have:

- Any of the symptoms of types 1 diabetes.
- A lot of infections.
- Cuts or bruises that heal slowly.
- Tingling or numbness in your hands or feet.
- Skin, gum or bladder infections that keep coming back.

If not treated, diabetes can give you infections that won't go away. It can also hurt your eyes, kidneys, nerves, and heart.

Taking Care of Your Diabetes

Correct treatment of diabetes can help you live a long and healthy life. If you think you might have diabetes, call your doctor. Look for your doctor's name and telephone number on your member ID card. If you need help making an appointment, call Member Services at 1-800-288-5441.



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Election Day is Nov. 4th
Don't Forget to Vote

For Your Information...



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Too Hot? Too Cold?

If you have these type of valves on your radiators you can regulate how hot or cold they get. If there is little or no heat and the valve is on 5 or too much heat coming out and the valve is on 1 or 0 then the pin may be stuck. Just call the office and we'll send someone over to check it out.



5 = HOT
0 = COLD

Snow Removal

Again, it is approaching winter and with that comes the snow. We must plow to keep the lots safe and usable. We will again be asking your support to have all vehicles moved by 9am the day following the storm. We can not always promise that we can give any prior notification other than this policy but we'll try the phone system method as much as possible. **BE SURE WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT PHONE NUMBER AND ANY UPDATED VEHICLE INFORMATION!** If you changed your number or want us to call a cell number be sure the office has the new number. Again this method is a courtesy not mandatory and it will be **NO** excuse for not moving your car and being towed.

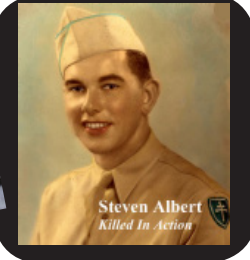


ATTENTION ALL VRV TENANTS

Recently the laundry room had to be closed due to its filthy condition. There was soap spilled on the floor, lint, and dryer sheets all over and someone broke the door of the dryer. This is **YOUR** laundry room, not the general publics. If you can't monitor it and keep it clean and report anyone damaging the units or making a mess then it may need to be closed again and the rates to do a wash or dry will increase. If we have to do more work that will generate an increased expense it will be charged to the laundry room and that will result in an increase in price of the room. I'm thinking that we're more convenient and cheaper than a general Laundromat. We want to keep the cost down as much as possible but that will be up to you. Hopefully we expect your cooperation. **REPORT ANYONE MAKING A MESS.** We'll keep your report private, we can back up the tip with video footage. Please also tell your children to keep it clean, you'll be charged for their actions also. Any questions, give us a call.

Don't miss the salute to our Watervliet Vets

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



Why report your income?



WHA has recently conducted several investigations using a new HUD program called EIV. This program allows WHA to view the current

income of all household members living in public housing. As result of these investigations WHA has evicted four households for fraudulently not reporting income. The Watervliet Police Department is now looking into this matter and charges are pending. One investigation resulted in an over \$3,000 back charge for rent. The household will need to pay towards this amount each month, as well

as keep current on their rent or face eviction. The final investigation we would like to make you aware of a tenant was back charged \$600, this amount was received at a court date as directed by a Watervliet City Court Judge to stop eviction. Please be sure you keep your income and all household information up to date with the office to avoid putting your family in situations like these. Although your rent may go up as the result of a new job or a family member receiving a raise, keeping this information from the office is not worth losing your apartment or having to pay a back charge. This information can be updated with the office at anytime, not just at the time of your yearly recertification.

CAREER PATHWAYS PROGRAM

In addition to our food pantry ACAP (see Page 4 for our information) is excited to announce the beginning of our new Career Pathways Program. This program offers FREE career training and guidance in 6 targeted career paths. The program takes about 6-8 weeks to complete and includes one full year of job retention services. It is a FREE, income-qualifying program of connected education and training programs and support services that enable you to secure entry level employment within a specific industry and to advance over time in that industry. Each step on a Career Pathway is designed explicitly to prepare you for the next level of employment and/or education. The six designated Career Pathways are growing Capital Region industries, and offer real opportunities for advancement. The purpose is to create both avenues of advancement for current workers and job-seekers and to supply qualified workers to local employers.

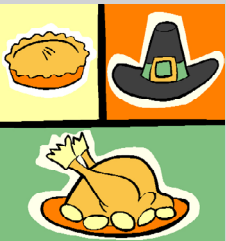


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FREE HOLIDAY MEAL (ALBANY SARANG FELLOWSHIP CHURCH)

Wants to deliver your home a holiday meal November 15th. All you need to do is call the WHA office to RSVP by November 7th and we'll put your name down for a meal or you can also email CPatricelli@watervliethousing.org. Meals will be delivered between NOON-3, so you will need to be home.



Equinox Thanksgiving Dinner...

Equinox is having their 45th Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner November 27th. If you or someone you know would like a Thanksgiving Day meal brought to your door, you can call the office. If you want to volunteer to help you can also call the office. A volunteer will deliver your meal directly to your apartment.



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