



Watervliet Housing Authority

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Watervliet Housing Authority

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Emergency Number
273-6085 (after hours)

Watervliet Police Dept.
call 911

Watervliet Fire Dept.
call 911



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



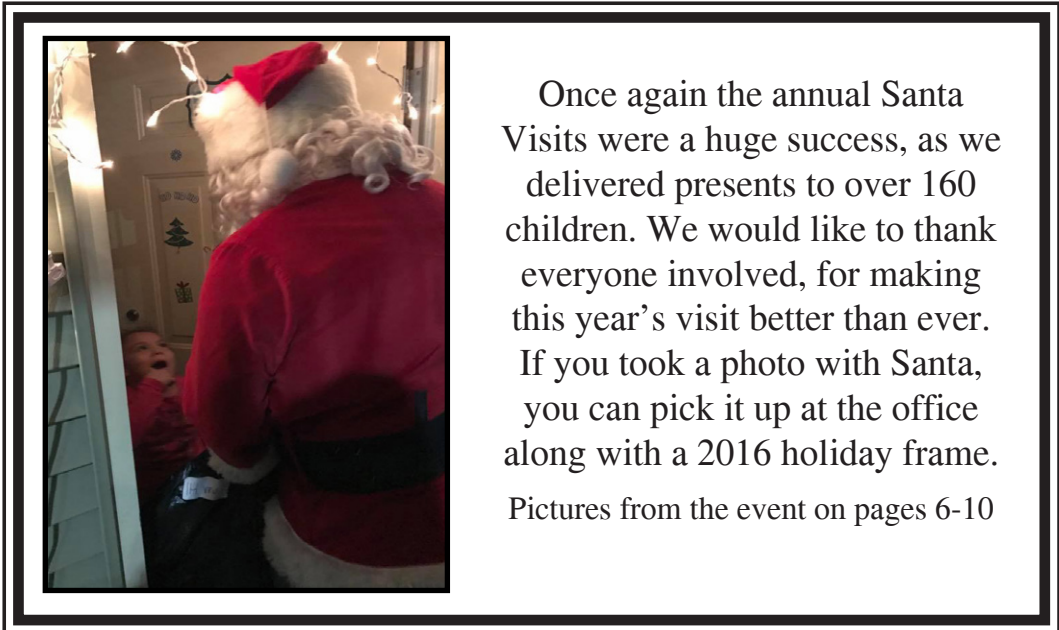
CALENDAR

The office will be CLOSED on
January 2nd and 16th
Rent is due Monday, January 9th.
Payments after this date will have a \$20
late charge!



A Message from the Executive Director

The past year was very fun and exciting for me as the new Executive Director of the Watervliet Housing Authority. We have accomplished a lot and I am looking forward to the work we have planned for 2017. I would like to extend my sincerest thanks, to each and every one of you who reached out during the past few months with kind words of encouragement. It truly meant a lot. I wish you all a very happy and safe new year!



Once again the annual Santa Visits were a huge success, as we delivered presents to over 160 children. We would like to thank everyone involved, for making this year's visit better than ever. If you took a photo with Santa, you can pick it up at the office along with a 2016 holiday frame. Pictures from the event on pages 6-10

Around the WHA...



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Do you have a plunger?

This is a \$5 item at most stores and could save you over \$50 in maintenance costs. We had a call during our last snow storm that they had a plugged toilet. The tenant had to wait 5 hours before someone could be freed up to go to the apartment. If they only had a plunger they could have corrected the problem themselves.

Also, an overtime call for a plugged toilet is a chargeable cost to the tenant. So please, make the investment and put it on your shopping list.



Snow

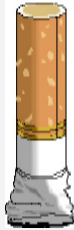
Shoveling the snow from your sidewalk is essential and is part of your lease, with the exception of seniors. The Housing Authority will back charge to clear any walks or porches that are not cleared within 24 hours of a snowstorm. **Also, be sure your car is moved by 9 am the day after it snows so we can plow. Cars will be towed so we can be sure the area is clean. This is for your safety. DO NOT PARK IN THE PIONEER PARKING LOT.**

Attention all Seniors with lobbies: ICE MELT

There is a bucket in the front entrance of every senior hallway, please help us out. Spread a little on the walkway when you are leaving your apartment if you see that it is icy. If you see the pail going empty, please let us know. Be safe and not sorry.

Painting Policy for all WHA tenants

Any tenant requiring their apartment to be repainted and require more than one coat of paint, will be charged for the additional expense. This may be caused primarily due to smoking in the apartment. This policy is for current residents. For those that vacate it will be charged against your security deposit.



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.

Candle Safety

Nearly 10,000 residential fires are caused each year by the careless or inappropriate use of candles. The National Candle Association urges consumers to always keep a burning candle within sight, keep candles away from anything combustible, and to keep candles out of the reach of children and pets. More than half (58%) of home candle fires occurred when some form of combustible material was left or came too close to the candle.

Do not leave burning candles unattended!



Around the WHA...

What is an emergency?

When you call the emergency number, please remember it is only for emergencies. What is an emergency? A gas leak or an electrical problem not related to a circuit breaker or a National



Grid power outage are emergencies. A toilet not working, a water leak that can't be stopped, or a sewer back up are emergencies. A lock out is also something that you can call for, but there is a charge. A dripping faucet, a light out, or a blown circuit breaker are **NOT** emergencies. A broken refrigerator, or range are not emergencies. All must be called in the next business day or you can leave a message on the office phone extension 201.

Safety Tips for Joslin and Hanratta Tenants

If the air/exhaust vent is covered by snow or damaged by falling icicles, the exhaust may be blocked and cause malfunctioning of the unit. Keep the area around the air/exhaust vent free of snow and icicles. Do not use this appliance for anything other than heating your apartment. Do not allow anyone to sit on or lean against the appliance. Do not place articles containing liquids on top of the heater. Liquids spilled on the controls may cause extensive damage. Young children should be supervised at all times. Hand or body contact with the levers should be avoided.

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. You can sign in using your first initial and your last name as your username, and the last 4 digits of your social security as your password.

For more details call the office!

Reducing the Risks of Our Staff

During the winter months this is especially important because of the cold weather issues, such as ice and snow. To assist us, we ask that anytime that you see a potentially unsafe condition, you inform the office so that our maintenance crew can address the situation. This not only includes ice and snow issues, but any condition that may possess a risk to the residents. Conditions such as site lights being out, ponding on sidewalks, trip hazards in paths of travel, and any other situation that you think may be creating an unsafe condition, should all be called in to the main office so that the staff can take corrective action. With your assistance, we can make our properties as safe as possible.



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For your information...



ARE YOU GOING TO BE A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE THIS JUNE?

If so, NYSPHADA provides a scholarship of \$2,500 to one graduating high school student. The runner up will be rewarded a laptop computer. This scholarship is for high school seniors living in public or assisted housing. If you would like an application you can come to the housing office to pick one up.

**The deadline to apply is
February 13, 2017**

2017 Watervliet Calendars

You should have received your new 2017 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 of our 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.

Computers for Kids Program

If your son or daughter is attending high school or college and doesn't have a home computer, give the office a call. We have donations of older, but usable, computer parts. We reassemble them into computers for children in the housing authority that need them. It will be on a first come first serve basis with the older children receiving priority. Don't wait! Call us now.

BED BUGS

There have been many issues among housing authorities in the past due to bed bugs. Many of these issues can worsen due to tenants not wanting to tell their housing authority management about the bed bugs. But, not telling management can be a big problem. Why? They are everywhere and it has nothing to do with your income or how nice your apartment is. The longer you wait to inform us, the harder and more expensive the task to get rid of them. Please don't be embarrassed. Tell us as soon as you think you have a problem. You can call and talk to us in the office and we'll keep the issue confidential. If you fail to tell us, the cost for the extermination can be placed on your account. Questions? Call us NOW!



City of Watervliet Emergency notification system is now in place

We are encouraging everyone to register for the emergency notification system in place with the City of Watervliet. You can go on the City of Watervliet website www.watervliet.com and click emergency notification center, the link to sign up is there. You can also call City Hall at 270-3815. Someone can register you over the phone. This is very important if we ever have a flood, water line break, snow, or any other emergency. The system can also send texts. It is FREE and can be very helpful.

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For your information...

Watervliet Firefighter Exam

The City of Watervliet will be administering the firefighter exam on Saturday, March 18, 2017. Packets are available in the City Clerk's office at City Hall and on their website under the Civil Service Department.



Emergency Evacuation

Are you wheelchair bound? Do you use oxygen? In the event of a fire can you leave your apartment? Many times we don't know who can't leave their apartments



in the event of an emergency. If we don't know, the Fire Department certainly doesn't know. Call now and let us know so we can put this in our file and then send it to the Police and Fire Departments. If you are a neighbor of someone that you think would need assistance in the event of a disaster, call and let us know and we'll check it out.

City Snow Removal Policy

When a snow emergency is declared, the snow removal process starts.

- The Watervliet Police Department informs residents to move their vehicles.
 - Failure to do so will result in being towed to Hudson Shores Park.
 - Vehicles will not be released until the tow charge and ticket are paid (which is a total sum of \$250).
- Once plowing on your street has been completed, vehicles can be moved back.

Managable and Healthy New Year's Resolutions

1. Get more sleep.
2. Eat a veggie or fruit with every meal.
3. Find a form of exercise that you love.
4. Make more social plans with friends.
5. Extract yourself from a toxic relationship.
6. End negative self-talk.
7. Stop sweating the small stuff.
8. Cook more at home.
9. Cut back on sugar.
10. Come up with a healthy living mantra!



To read more about how to achieve these healthy new year's resolutions, visit www.womansday.com

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**From everyone here at the
Watervliet Housing Authority,
we wish you**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We strive to keep the Watervliet Housing Authority “A Great Place to Live,” and programs such as our Santa Visits allow us to do so. We hope these events bring our tenants together as well as strengthen the relationships our staff has with the tenants. Putting smiles on the faces of our residents brings us great happiness, and it is rewarding to say that we’ve been doing so for over 30 years.

**Thank you to our many sponsors for making our 33rd annual Christmas visit a huge success! It’s a lot of fun for the children and for us as well. Special thanks go to Matt Ethier, James Verhagen, Kelly Veshia, Kylea Spain, Michael VanPatten, Daria Leibach, and Scott Kilcullen for volunteering their time to deliver gifts, and we can’t forget Santa.
(shhh... it was Mark Gleason).**

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Santa Visits the WHA

If a photo was taken at your apartment they are at the office for you to pick up!

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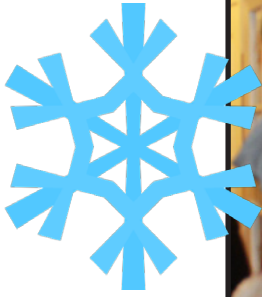


Every year we have amazing people who are generous and give wonderful gifts to the families of Watervliet Housing. We appreciate their help, and we hope you do as well. To show your appreciation, we're asking that you make a thank you card for their generous actions. You can bring them into the WHA office and they will make sure the cards are delivered properly.

We also have coloring pages for you to color for Santa at the office.



WVLT channel 17 on Time Warner Cable. Check WVLT for any school closings!





A Quinn Christmas



In Memory of Sgt. David Fisher



It has been 13 years since the passing of Sgt. David Fisher on December 1, 2004.

The Watervliet Housing Authority honored him with a monument in Van Rensselaer Village. We honor his memory each year by putting up a wreath during the holiday season.



Check out Throwback Thursday on WVLT Channel 17. Each Thursday, we air old videos and events from Watervliet.

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