HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY! But remember, FIREWORKS, including SPARKLERS, are forbidden on SMHA property.

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Fireworks are the traditional means to celebrate the holiday, however we encourage everyone to leave the fireworks to the licensed professionals and enjoy the public firework displays in your local community.

Your safety is our primary concern: We have just completed a survey and repaired where necessary all public hallway lights including emergency lights, and catwalk lights in Schonowee Village. We now have our boom truck on premises and will be checking all pole lights and wall pack lights on the building facades at the Ten Eyck, Schonowee and Lincoln Heights.

All work orders concerning lighting both inside and outside your apartment are considered urgent. All work orders regarding building entrance doors, apartment doors, intercom systems are considered urgent. If your call is not addressed within 24 hours, please call my direct line: 386-7003.

FREE SUMMER LUNCH: for anyone 18 and younger

No obligation or sign up, just drop by! The nearest locations to the downtown site are listed below. However, for a more complete list of locations throughout the City, please call Schenectady Inner City Ministry at 374-2683 ext. 108.

Fixed lunch sites:
- Friendship House 955 state Street 6/27 to 9/2 12:30 to 1:45
- Hamilton Hill Arts Center 412 Schenectady Street 7/5 to 8/19 12:45 to 2:00
- Jerry Burrell Park Hamilton Street 6/27 to 9/2 12:30 to 1:45
- Mi Sci Museum 15 Nott Terrace Heights 7/11 to 9/2 11:30 to 12:45
- MLK School 918 Stanley Street 6/27 to 9/2 1:00 to 2:15
- Refreshing Spring Church 327 Georgetta Dix Plaza 7/5 to 8/12 1:00 to 2:15
- Sch. Public Library Clinton Street 6/27 to 8/19 11:45 1:00
- Bridge Christian Church 735 Crane Street 6/27 to 8/5 1:00 to 2:15

Mobile Lunch Site: Look for a mobile Meals Truck
- Downtown YMCA 433 State Street 6/27 to 8/19 1:00 to 1:10
- Front Street Pool 157 Front Street 6/27 to 9/2
- Mont Pleasant Library 1026 Crane Street 6/27/ to 9/2 2:10 to 2:30
FRIENDLY REMINDER: NO SMOKING ON THE BLUE BENCHES.

Smoking is not permitted on the blue benches throughout the site because they are located extremely close to the resident’s apartment windows. We are aware that many individuals are sitting on the benches in the evening and on weekends and if they continue to do so, they will be cited for a smoking violation.

The designated smoking areas are as follows:

**Ten Eyck Apartments:** North end of 375 Bway on the bench by the path leading to the Golub community room door. **NOT ON THE BLUE BENCHES ON THE SOUTH END OF TEN EYCK** (the back where the garbage cans are)

**Schonowee Village:** any public sidewalk on Hamilton Street and Millard Street. **NOT ON THE BLUE BENCHES ON THE SCHONOWEE LAWNS AND BUILDING ENTRANCES**

**Lincoln Heights:** gazebo outside of the community room. **NOT STANDING AGAINST THE FENCE LINE, NOT SITTING ON THE STEPS IN FRONT OF YOUR APARTMENT.**

THE BUTT STOPS HERE We would like to thank those of you who go outside to smoke and ask that you take a small receptacle with you to put your cigarette butts in.

FREE DRYERS AVAILABLE FOR BEDBUG REMEDIATION

We have installed a free dryer in the Ten Eyck basement and a free dryer on the third floor of Building 4 in Schonowee Village for those to use as part of bedbug remediation. These dryers are free of charge to you because we know it can be a costly matter to put all your clothing and bedding through the dryer. We also provide garbage bags to transport them to and from the dryer. However, this is a very important part of the prep work that will insure that the exterminator’s treatment is most effective. **PLEASE CALL THE HOTLINE 372-5896 IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE BEDBUGS.** We will then contact you to coordinate access to these dryers and make an appointment for treatment. You will be allowed access by appointment, Monday thru Friday, 9am to 2:30pm.

Please call us immediately if you think you have bedbugs or if you know someone that does. Every day that treatment is delayed spreads the infestation thru the site. We will do everything possible to assist you to prep so do not hesitate to call me.

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**Tenant Bingo** Game Dates

**SPECIAL BINGO:** July 5th @ 5:45pm
Sausage & Peppers, chips, soda: $4

**Regular Bingo:**
July dates at 6pm. 9th, 19th, 23rd, 30th

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**Downtown Tenant Association**

**Meeting:** Tenant Association

**Monday, July 25th** at 6:00 pm.

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**Rent Office Info...**

**Rent Office: Window Hours**

**All Day:** July 1, 5  8:15 - 11:45 am and 1 - 3 pm.

**Tuesdays:** July 12, 19, 26 from 1 – 3 pm.

**Thursdays:** July 7, 14, 21, 28 from 8:15 - 11:45 am.

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**Rent Court Schedule**

**NO COURT** in JULY

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**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND APT NUMBER ON ALL RENT PAYMENTS.**
**DO NOT PLACE CASH IN THE DROP BOX. LATE FEE OF $15.00 IS CHARGED AFTER THE 5TH.**
Attention Eastside Residents

No Fireworks on SMHA Property

Fireworks are definitely not allowed on public housing property. Fireworks are dangerous; children and adults are seriously injured every year from the use of fireworks. In recent years, children have been seriously injured because their parents allowed them to play with fireworks. Residents setting off fireworks on our property will risk lease Termination, and Eviction. SMHA will also pursue criminal charges.

HOW TO REPORT CHANGES IN INCOME

Any request for a reduction in rent due to a change in circumstances, must be delivered IN WRITING to SMHA, along with proof of change in circumstances, within 10 days of the change.

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When tenant is paying the minimum rent or if a previous reduction in rent was granted, tenant must report, IN WRITING to SMHA, increases in household income within 10 days of occurrence, until the next scheduled re-examination.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

SICM will be continuing their summer lunch program at the Family Investment Center’s community room starting June 27 through September 2 for 11:45 am until 1:00 pm. Xavier will continue to supervisor our site. At MacGathan, a mobile unit will be set up by the community room from 2:30 pm-2:45 pm

Inflatable Bounce Houses/Recreation Devices and Trampolines

For the protection of all Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority residents, and by recommendation of its liability insurance provider, the Board of Commissioners has determined that Inflatable Bounce Houses/Recreation Devices and Trampolines shall not be installed, set up, or in any way utilized on any Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority property. This is effective immediately. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

YOUR GARBAGE CAN

We know garbage is nasty and smelly, but it is your responsibility to keep your garbage can clean. This means no loose debris in the cans! All your garbage must be in bags, tied tight and placed inside your garbage can. We are all aware of the squirrel issue; however this does not relieve you of your responsibility.

GARBAGE CHARGES

You will be charged for any garbage we pick up off of our lawns, roads and gardens. This includes junk mail or any mail with your name and/or address on it, bags of garbage thrown on lawns and in some rare cases, if we see you throwing garbage on the ground we will ask you to pick it up. You MUST keep your area clean. If you don’t, you will be charged. Some of you have already experienced this. Our staff and I try real hard to keep our properties clean and free from debris. But we can’t unless YOU help! Please remember, YOU live here.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS
1. The use of grills on porches, patios or under overhangs is prohibited by Fire Code, and must be at least 15 feet from any structure.
2. The storage of propane bottles in dwellings, such as those used to fuel gas grills, is strictly prohibited. This could cause a serious explosion. Using self-starting charcoal is preferable. The use of other flammable liquids, such as gasoline, presents a serious fire hazard. Never add starting fluid to a grill once it has been lit.
3. Don’t leave a hot grill unattended; an adult must be present at all times. Make sure that coals are extinguished and cool before disposing them.
4. Camp fires, bonfires, and other devices used for burning wood, etc, are prohibited on SMHA property. Let’s all have a safe and happy summer!

AIR CONDITIONING UNITS
When you install your A/C in a window, the A/C must tilt outwards, not inwards. If it is tilted inwards, water will run out of the A/C and damage the window, walls and floors. You will be charged for any damage your A/C causes. Also, please remember your A/C needs to have an energy star rating. For ALL RESIDENTS, there is a **$20 charge** for each A/C for every month it stays in your window.

RESIDENT MEETING AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP
Community Leadership starts with you so come join us **MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016 at 5 pm SHARP** at the FIC community room for the Resident Meeting. Please come and show your support. **There is no July meeting.**

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THE GRASS, WEEDS AND WEED-EATING
We understand your concerns about cutting the grass, the weeds and weed-eating. Please bear with us. We are doing our best to accommodate your requests. If you have weeds in the front or the back of your area, we would appreciate the help if you could remove them, place them in bags and put them out with your garbage. We have black bags at the maintenance shop for you to use.

**Thank you in advance for your help!**

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ALMUERZO GRATIS PARA JOVENES QUE TIENEN 18 AÑOS O NIÑOS MENORES DE 18 AÑOS DURANTE ESTE VERANO

Yates Village Community Room
June 27th – September 2nd
Monday-Friday*

BREAKFAST SERVED: 8:50 – 9:05

For breakfast, look for the SICM mobile meals truck!

Lunch Served: 12:00pm – 1:15pm

*Closed July 4th in Observance of Independence Day

Sponsored by Schenectady Inner City Ministry (SICM)
For more information: www.sicm.us

If your garbage was not picked-up and you want to know why, keep reading

If your trash was not picked up on Tuesday by our Waste Removal Workers you will want to check your mail for a citation letter and make sure you bag your trash the following week or you will be charged with your second citation. Once you bag your trash we can pick it up. If you have questions call your Project Manager today, 518-386-7007.

Fireworks are Illegal in Schenectady and at Yates Village

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• Children and adults are seriously injured every year from the use of fireworks
• Anyone setting off fireworks on SMHA property will face lease termination, eviction and criminal prosecution. (Remember- if your guests bring fireworks to Yates Village, you will still be evicted-since you are responsible for your guests!)

The State Police handle on average 1,000 fireworks-related incidents each year, and many of these unfortunately result in injury and disfigurement to the fireworks user, some of whom are children.

Fireworks are the traditional means to celebrate the holiday; many communities obtain the required permits to launch a spectacular fireworks show. To have a safe holiday weekend, the troopers encourage everyone this July 4th to leave the fireworks to the licensed professionals, and to simply attend fireworks displays in your local community.

Check with your local town hall, municipality or the communities section of the local newspaper for the closest scheduled fireworks display.
Community Spay/Neuter
Income Qualified Pricing
APF SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC
We can help! Call 518-374-3944 ext. 121
All SMHA Registered Pets must be Spay or Neutered

Mediation
A Voluntary And Confidential Alternative To Resolve Conflict
The Center for Community Justice is located at: 144 Barrett Street, Schenectady, NY 12305

Please include your name and apartment number on all types of payment to the Tenant Accounting Office. Please save money by paying your rent on time. Just a Friendly Reminder if you do not show up for court you can face a ten day eviction. Late fees are $15.00 and will be charged when rent is late for any reason. Sheriff fee is $121.00. Thank you.

Important Dates
RENT WINDOWS OPENED AND COURT DATE
July 1, & 5
8:15am-11:45am & 1pm-3pm
Tuesday July 12, 19 & 26 1p,-3pm
Thursday July 7, 14, 21 & 28 1pm-3pm
July 8, Court @ 9 am

2nd Annual Family Fun Day at Steinmetz
Boys & Girls Clubs of Schenectady and Goose Hill Neighborhood Association in conjunction with our community partners are happy to present the 2nd annual family fun day at Steinmetz Park located at 2114 Lenox Road around the corner from Yates Village, on Saturday July 23, 2016 from noon to 3:00 PM with a rain date set for Sunday July 24, 2016. They will have:

• Woodworking Clinic
• Fishing
• Petting Zoo & Pony Rides
• Fire Safety House & Child Safe ID Cards
• Plus Food!
*Kids must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
FREE & FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

REMEMBER! THE CHILDREN ARE OUT OF SCHOOL. SLOW DOWN ON OUR ROAD WAYS AND WATCH OUT FOR KIDS.

Tenant Handbook Alert!

Garbage Disposal
The SMHA has provided each tenant with appropriate containers for proper trash and garbage disposal.

Your Project Manager or Occupancy Specialist will notify you of your trash removal schedule and rules for proper trash disposal. You must follow these rules. Not following the rules may result in eviction proceedings. When you violate these procedures, you will be issued a CITATION explaining why your trash was rejected. The City Ordinance will be enforced to keep our developments safe and sanitary.

The labor cost to the Authority to pick up strewn papers, glass, cans, etc. is a big expense each week at each development. This money can be used to help improve the apartments and development if tenants cooperate by picking up after themselves. Please don’t step over litter – pick it up.

Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority
375 Broadway, Schenectady, NY 12305
518-386-7000
518-372-0815 Fax
Maintenance HOTLINE - 372-5896
Project Manager: 386 – 7007
Rent Office, 386-7009
Occupancy Specialist: 386-7024
Senior Citizens Referrals/help: 386-7027
Tenant Investigator 386-7015

Phone# 518-346-1281
Fax# 518-346-1311
• This is a free service and is confidential for resident’s of Yates Village and SMHA
• Mediation is a process in which an impartial third party helps people in conflict to find a mutually acceptable solution to their dispute.
• The mediator does not decide the case, but helps the parties try to settle the dispute themselves.
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• Face Painting

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