

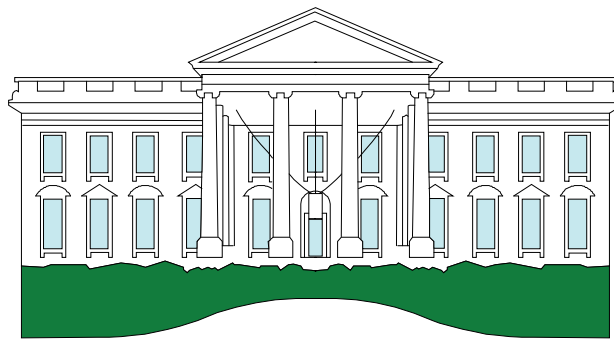


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SPOTLIGHT

Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority
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HUD needs to HEAR from YOU!

Facts about HUD's Resident Survey

What is the resident satisfaction survey?

The Resident Service and Satisfaction Survey is sent to a sample of public housing residents at each Public Housing Agency (PHA) on a yearly basis to find out how satisfied they are with the living conditions at their development. This survey is a part of HUD's increased commitment to monitoring Public Housing Agencies.

Who will receive this survey?

All Public Housing residents throughout the nation will be included in the survey process. Not all residents will receive a survey. Residents will be chosen randomly using a computer program. The survey will take place yearly, so if you do not receive a survey this year you may in the future.

Surveys will be mailed to randomly selected residents between April 24, 2007 and June 26, 2007.
(Survey administration delayed by HUD; timeframe is an estimate and subject to change.)

If you are selected for the survey, please complete and return the "Resident Service and Satisfaction Survey" to HUD.



ADULT TRAINING SMHA's Training Voucher Program

Virginia Santiago, Family Self-Sufficiency Director
Call 372-1414

HEALTH CAREERS

With career counseling assistance you select from the Capital Region's most in demand job trainings list.

**Medical
Assistant**

Funding is available for educational expenses such as tuition, books, uniforms and fees. Additional funding for supportive services such as childcare, transportation and job placement is also available..

LPN

Eligibility:

And More!!!

SMHA Public Housing Resident



WELDING

Computer Training

WASHINGTON IRVING EDUCATIONAL CENTER

General Equivalency Diploma Classes

Phone: 370-8220



Steinmetz Homes


Family Investment Center, Room 121
Monday – Friday, 12:30pm – 3:00 pm

Yates Village

Family Self-Sufficiency Center, E-34 Room 205
Tuesday & Thursday, 5:00pm – 8:00pm


Eligibility: Schenectady County Resident

WARNING
ALL SMHA RESIDENTS
DO NOT SHUT THE HEAT OFF TO YOUR APARTMENT
DURING THE WINTER MONTHS.
JUST LOWER THE TEMPERATURE TO 60 DEGREES.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION - SMHA

MARCH 2007 Rent Office Hours and Important Dates						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Rent Windows Open 8:00-11:45AM 1:00-3:00PM	2	3
4	5 Rent Windows Open 8:00-11:45AM 1:00-3:00PM	6	7 Rent Windows Open 1:00-3:00PM	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Rent Windows Open 1:00-3:00PM	15	16	17 
18	19	20	21 Rent Windows Open 1:00-3:00PM	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Rent Windows Open 1:00-3:00PM	29	30	31

***PLEASE NOTE: Non-Payment Court at City Hall begins at 9:00 AM. Persons who have been summoned to court MUST appear, SMHA will not accept payments at the window on the court date from persons who are scheduled for non-payment court.**

THE RENT WINDOWS ARE OPEN ON THE DATES AND TIMES LISTED ABOVE. These are times for you to pay your rent. If you wish to make payment at another time, there is a drop box in the lobby. You may put your payment in the drop box in an envelope clearly marked with your name and address. Payments left in the drop box after 2:00 pm may not be processed and credited to your account until the next regular business day. IF YOU NEED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS WITH THE RENT OFFICE AT TIMES OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED ABOVE, PLEASE CALL ROBIN AT 386-7009 TO ARRANGE A DATE & TIME.

 **Rent is due on the 1st of each month for the current month. You must save during the current month to have the next month's rent money on the 1st of the month. Once you fall behind it is difficult to catch up, you and your family need a place to live. You must make your rent payment a PRIORITY item in your budget.**

OTHER PROGRAM NEWS:

BNI NEWS: Did you know that by law you are entitled to one free credit report per year from each of the credit reporting bureaus? You can obtain your free copy by going to this website: www.annualcreditreport.com, or by calling toll free 1-877-322-8228. It is a good idea to check your credit report to make sure all the information is correct and to guard against identity theft. To learn more about credit, come to our home buyer workshops. The schedule for the next series is given below. Please call 528-372-6569 to register.

Workshop I	ARE YOU READY?	Wed, March 21, 2007
Workshop II	FINDING THE RIGHT HOME & MORTGAGE	Wed., March 28, 2007
Workshop III	LIFE AS A HOME OWNER	Wed., April 4, 2007

YWCA Children's Center at Yates Village: The YWCA Children's Center at Yates Village provides quality child care for children ranging in age from 18 months to 12 years old. The Center also provides a FREE Universal PreK program for children 4 years old through the Schenectady City School District. We now have openings for our Universal PreK program as well as our after school program. Please call 372-4895 or 372-5794 for more information.

FOOD STAMPS-Don't know if you qualify? Call the Nutrition Outreach and Education Program of Catholic Charities at 374-2427 for more information.

This is an equal opportunity provider. Prepared by a program of the Nutrition Consortium of NYS,USDA/FNS,NYDOH and NYSOTDA.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Free Computer Classes by RSVP only. All classes will be held on Saturdays from 9:00 am-12 pm. Please contact Naomi Schanz at 372-3620.

- ◆ Saturday, March 10-Computer Basics
- ◆ Saturday, March 17-Microsoft Word/Resume preparation.
- ◆ Saturday, March 31-Exploring the internet/employment and educational opportunities.

Computer Class Hours at the Steinmetz FIC:

- ◆ Monday and Wednesday-12:00-2:00 pm
- ◆ Saturday-9:00am-12:00pm(RSVP for March)

Hours at the Steinmetz Boys & Girls Club Computer Center-372-3620

- ◆ Monday, Wednesday and Friday-3:00-7:00 pm
- ◆ Tuesday & Thursday-12:00-7:00pm

UNITED WAY - VITA SITES Free Income Tax Preparation

Don't pay fees, don't lose part of your money, get your taxes done and return back quickly for free. Tax forms will be done, by appointment, at the following locations. Call today for an appointment.

FSS Center at Yates - 301-0653
SCAP, Albany Street - 374-9181
Union College, Nott Street - 388-6652
Washington Irving Education Center-393-4148

AARP SITE:
Schenectady County Public Library—813-6944

SECURITY NEWS

- ◆ Winter is upon us. Please remember that you must have your car cleaned off and moved within 48 hours after a snowstorm OR SMHA will have your vehicle towed. You will be responsible for all towing fees PLUS storage fees.
- ◆ Just a reminder from the Security Coordinator and the Tenant Investigation Office: We are actively investigating ALL lease violations concerning "Persons Not On Lease". As per your lease agreement, you may only have visitor's stay overnight fourteen (14) days a year total. If you are found to be in violation of this lease agreement section, you may be charged with committing fraud. Please note all persons living with you MUST go through the same screening process as you did.
- ◆ If you have an emergency please call 911.
- ◆ **Resident Association Elections:** Steinmetz Homes-March 24, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. In the FIC Community Room
Yates Village-March 21, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Yates Village Community Room



ALERT!!!!!!

A resident of SMHA recently was burglarized by someone representing themselves as being from a local agency there to help after the snowstorm. SMHA maintenance staff is in uniform and all office staff should show their SMHA badge before being allowed to enter your apartment. You will receive a notice 48 hours in advance of any contractors SMHA sends to your apartment. If you have any questions, please call SMHA **BEFORE** opening your door to someone you do not know. **KNOW WHO IS AT YOUR DOOR BEFORE YOU OPEN IT!**

RESIDENT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Steinmetz Homes-March 12, 2007, 7:00 pm. in the Community Room, FIC Center. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT THIS MEETING.

Yates Village - March 21, 2007, 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT THIS MEETING

Ten Eyck, Schonowee Village, Lincoln Heights - March 26, 2007, 7:00 pm in the Golub Community Room.

WOMEN'S HEALTH NEWS

A representative of Schenectady County Health Department will be in the Golub Room on March 29, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. to speak about women's health.

On June 14, 2007, the mammogram van will be at the Ten Eyck Golub Community Room. To make a reservation or for more information call Marge Hunter at 386-7027.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



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TO: