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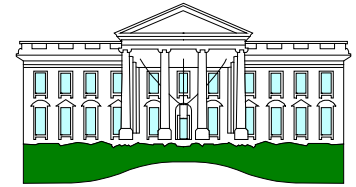
SPOTLIGHT

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 June 1, 2007 and August 3, 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.

HAMILTON HILL ARTS CENTER 409 Schenectady Street, Phone 346-1262

- ⇒ Kid's Stuff-Youth Talent Auditions-Hamilton Hill Arts Center - Saturday, May 5, 2-4pm
- ⇒ Gospelfest (Culturefest Concert)-Jerry Burrell Park - Friday, July 27, 7-9pm
- ⇒ Culturefest presents a Tribute to James Brown-Jerry Burrell Park - Friday, August 17, 7-9pm
- ⇒ Gallery Exhibits at the Hamilton Hill Arts Center:
 - ◇ "Speaking through my Eyes" - Weekdays, 10:30am-5:30 pm until June 27 (paintings by Larry Johnson, Jr.)
 - ◇ Exhibit to be Determined-July through August 6
 - ◇ Annual Children's Art Exhibit -August 9-September 20, Weekdays, 10:30am-5:30pm
- ⇒ Festival-Juneteenth Celebration-Central Park, Friday, June 15-Sunday, June 17, All Day (free outdoor celebration of the ending of slavery in the United States).
- ⇒ Kid's Stuff Summer Arts Program-Hamilton Hill Arts Center-Weekdays, 10:00am-3:00pm-Youth aged 6 to 17 participate in a variety of arts activities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE EVENTS, PLEASE CALL TONY GADDY AT 346-1262

OTHER PROGRAM NEWS:

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. The Children’s Center also provides a FREE Universal PreK Program (from 9:00am to 11:30am) through the Schenectady City School District. We currently have limited spaces available! Call 372-4895 or 372-5794 or stop by for a tour and more information!!!!

BNI: Do you wonder where all your money goes. A practical tool to help you track your expenses is a budget. To learn more about budgeting and saving for the purchase of your first home, come to our home buyer workshops. The schedule for the next series is given below. Please call 518-372-6469 to register.

Workshop #1	ARE YOU READY?	May 16, 2007
Workshop #2	FINDING THE RIGHT HOME	May 23, 2007
Workshop #3	LIFE AS A HOMEOWNER	May 30, 2007

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.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

Yates Village - May 1, 2007, the Contractor, Luizzi Brothers Contracting, is scheduled to begin paving work at Yates Village on Van Der Bogart Street. During the time of construction, all residents are asked to use the other roads in the Development and park their cars in other areas around the Development.


If your child meets the bus at the Van Der Bogart Street and Van Vranken Avenue intersection, your child will be meeting the bus, for pick up and drop off, at the intersection of Penta Road (the road running down the middle of Yates Village) and Van Vranken beginning May 1. If you have a child with special needs, the School District will communicate with you as to where they will pick up and deliver your child. If you are uncertain of the meeting place, or want to speak with the School Bus Supervisor , Lisa Farmer, you are encouraged to call her at 370-8101 extension 111.

This project is expected to last no more than 14 days, weather permitting. No apartment entry is necessary.

Ten Eyck Building - In May the SMHA will accept bids on the roof replacement project. It will involve replacing the entire roof over the building. The project is expected to take no more than 60 days and it will provide the building with a leak-free surface for at least 20 years. No apartment entry is expected during this project. Should this change, a notice will be issued prior to entry.

Lincoln Heights - In the month of May, there will be some excavation work behind Building B. This work will involve installing stone against a retaining wall for longevity. Also, the Contractor, Mike’s Remodeling, will have 4 catch basins cleaned out behind Buildings A & B, as well as repairing one catch basin in front of Building B. This project is expected to last 30 days. This project will also involve the loss of some parking spaces around Building B. We ask residents with vehicles to bear with us during this time and find another parking space within the development. No apartment entry is expected during this project.

It is also expected that the SMHA will receive bids on a roof replacement for 5 buildings at Lincoln Heights. This work will involve building new crickets, which will create a better water run off on the roofs, and shingle rip off and replacement. The buildings involved will be C, E, G, H and possibly A. This project may require the Contractor to access attic space in several areas, so apartment entry will be necessary. A notice will be distributed prior to entry.

MAY, 2007 Rent Office Hours and Important Dates						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Rent Windows Open 8:00-11:45 am 1:00-3:00 pm	2 Rent Windows Open 8:00-11:45AM 1:00-3:00PM	3	4 Rent Windows Open 8:00-11:45 am 1:00-3:00 pm	5 14 day Federal Notices
6	7	8	9 Rent Windows Open 1:00-3:00PM	10	11 April Non-Payment Court	12 NYS 3-day Notices
13	14	15	16 Rent Windows Open 1:00-3:00PM	17	18 P & P's Prepared	19
20	21	22	23 Rent Windows Open 1:00-3:00PM	24	25	26
27	28 MEMOIAL DAY CLOSED 	29	30 Rent Windows Open 1:00-3:00PM	31	1 Rent Windows Open 8:00-11:45AM 1:00-3:00PM	2
3	4 Rent Windows Open 8:00-11:45 am 1:00-3:00 pm	5	6 Rent Windows Open 1:00-3:00 pm	7	8	9

***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.

SECURITY NEWS

- ◆ Two residents voluntarily vacated for violating the one strike policy.
- ◆ Four cars were towed for not being moved after a snow storm.
- ◆ Remember to keep your music at a reasonable level.
- ◆ Residents are responsible for the actions of their children and guests on SMHA property.
- ◆ Failure to report all income is a violation of HUD rules and regulations. SMHA will investigate and arrest for FRAUD!
- ◆ If you have a change in your income, call your Occupancy Specialist.
- ◆ Please help out and pick up garbage in front of your apartment. This will allow SMHA maintenance staff to do repairs quicker on your apartment.
- ◆ Call 911 for police emergencies.

Below is an article reprinted from the Daily Gazette,
April 17, 2007:

It's Too Late 72-Hour Eviction Notice from Sheriff

Once a 72-hour notice is service or posted on your door, the Eviction is a civil matter outside the control of SMHA. The eviction will proceed and SMHA ***WILL NOT*** stop the eviction proceeding and will take any collection action deemed prudent to collect unpaid amounts due the SMHA.

Rent is due and payable on the first day of each month. If you mail your rent payment, be sure to mail early to ensure receipt by the first of the month.

OCCUPANCY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority continues to investigate and prosecute, to the fullest extent of the law, any Tenant found to be in lease violation for fraud.

Paragraph 14 Interim Rental Adjustments, of your lease, states: Rent, as stated in Article 6, or as adjusted following Regular Re-certification, will remain in effect until the next re-certification unless:

- B. It is determined that Tenant has misrepresented his income to the Authority, so that the amount of rent being charge is less than it should be. Tenant agrees to report to the Authority any changes in total family income within ten (10) days of its occurrence.

Paragraph 18 Tenant/Household's Obligations, of your lease, states:

- B. Not to provide accommodations for boarders or lodgers;
- C. Not to give accommodations to long-term guests or visitors in excess of 14 days each year.

If you would like to report any case of fraud, please contact the Tenant Investigator at 386-7015. All calls will be kept confidential.

WOMEN'S HEALTH NEWS

On June 14, 2007, the mammogram van will be at the Ten Eyck from 10am until 2pm. Appointments are going fast. To make your appointment, please call 1-888-423-3366.

RESIDENT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Steinmetz Homes-May 14, 2007, 7:00 pm. in the Community Room, FIC Center.

Yates Village - May 26, 2007, 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room.

Ten Eyck, Schonowee Village, Lincoln Heights - April 21, 2007, 7:00 pm in the Golub Community Room. Foster Grandparent Program will make a presentation. Future speakers include the Red Cross Disaster Preparedness and the Schenectady Fire Department.

Senior Independence Program

Improving Quality of Life
While Maintaining Independence
Assistance with Daily Living Activities
Case Management, Housekeeping/Laundry
Transportation, Errands and Weekend Meals
\$70.00 Month Fee
Available to Residents of Ten Eyck,
Schonowee Village and Lincoln Heights
Kelly Horton, Program Coordinator
Phone 386-7026



**SCHENECTADY MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, MAY 28, 2007,
IN OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY**



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375 Broadway
Schenectady, New York 12305**

TO: