



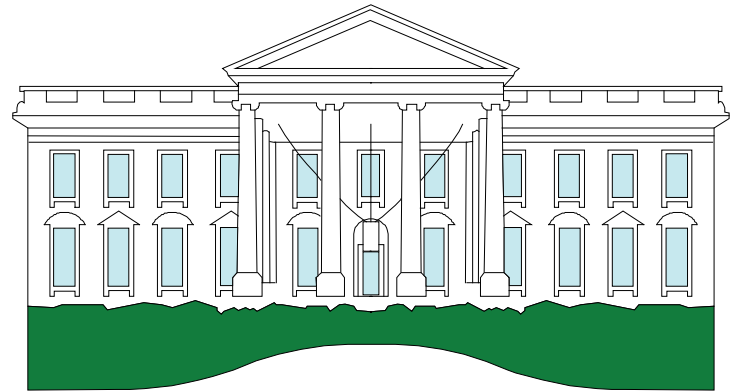
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SPOTLIGHT

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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 February 8, 2008, and April 8, 2008.

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

OTHER PROGRAM NEWS:

Steinmetz Homes Neighborhood Network Center-Is open to all MacGathan and Steinmetz Homes residents. The center provides free access to computers and the Internet. Assistance is available for all Microsoft programming, Internet access, job search and college assistance, creating resumes and much more. How can we help you? Please contact Naomi at 372-3620 for further information. Hours are Monday-Thursday 12:30-2:30pm at the Steinmetz Homes Boys & Girls Club Computer Center. Other hours are available upon request.

YWCA Children's Center at Yates Village-We currently have spaces available in the following rooms: Toddler (18 months to 2 years old), Preschool/Pre-K (ages 3 and four) and in our before and after school room (5 to 12 years old). We also have spots available in our Universal Pre-K Program. This is a FREE program for children who are 4 years old. It runs from 9:00 am thru 11:30 am and follows a curriculum coordinated with the Schenectady City School District. This program also automatically registers your child in school for Kindergarten. Please call 372-4895 or 372-5794 for more information and to set up an appointment for a tour.

YWCA Children's Center at Steinmetz Homes: We offer a FREE Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program from 9 am thru 11:30 am. for children who will be 4 years old by December 1st of each calendar year. Our children enjoy field trips, educational daily lessons and activities, cooking projects, literacy programs, and a cap and gown celebration upon completion of the UPK Program. Your child will be enjoying a safe play environment while learning necessary social, motor, and letter recognition skills to help them prepare for kindergarten. Please call 372-3288 between 8 am and 12 pm to enroll your child!

BNI-A new year is here. Will this be the year you commit to being a homeowner? If so, here is an incentive! Public housing residents who are ready to purchase a home and meet certain requirements are eligible to participate in the Section 8 Homeownership Program. You will receive a Section 8 voucher and have access to down payment, closing cost and rehabilitation assistance through a grant of up to \$18,400. One of the requirements is to complete our Home Buyer Education course. Upon completion, you receive a certificate. After that, you will find out whether you are ready or what you need to do to be ready. Get started by calling 372-6469 to register for the next series of home ownership workshops: Workshop #1-ARE YOU READY?-January 30, 2008; #2-FINDING THE RIGHT HOME-February 6, 2008; #3-LIFE AS A HOMEOWNER-February 13, 2008.

Child Program and Resource Center-located at 125 Bigelow Ave currently has openings for children 6 weeks through 5 years old. DSS approved subsidies or self-pay is accepted. Please call Anne or Zanetta at 346-5360 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.

SECURITY NEWS



- ◆ **ALL RESIDENTS:** If your license plates are expired, if you have no insurance on your vehicle, if it is uninsured, or if you take your car off the road, your car **WILL BE TOWED** and it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF THE TOWING SERVICE**. All vehicles must be legally registered in New York State, have a current inspection and be properly insured. At this time SMHA utilizes the services of Holmes & Kugler Towing.
- ◆ **ALL RESIDENTS - AFTER A SNOWSTORM,** you have 48 hours to clean your vehicle off and move it to a clean parking spot. This allows SMHA employees to clear the entire lot and provide as many parking spaces as possible.
- ◆ **STEINMETZ HOMES RESIDENTS:** The sidewalk is not made to drive your vehicle on.
- ◆ **YATES VILLAGE RESIDENTS:** You are not allowed to park in the back court yards. The court yards are not a designated parking area and SMHA will begin to tow cars. If your car is locked in by the chain, you will be responsible for payment of \$75.00 to SMHA for the time it will take SMHA personnel to come and drop the chains.
- ◆ Seven cars were towed in January for parking violations.
- ◆ **ALL RESIDENTS:** Just a reminder that all residents and persons on their lease, must report all their income to their Occupancy Specialist to make adjustments for rent. It is a CRIME per HUD regulations not to report all income. The Tenant Investigator will conduct an investigation regarding fraud. **ARRESTS WILL BE MADE!** SMHA will no longer allow residents to make arrangements for restitution. Restitution will be ordered by the Courts. Remember you have only 10 days to report this change.
- ◆ If you see a crime being committed, call 911.

FEBRUARY 2008 Rent Office Hours and Important Dates						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31 Rent Office Closed NO BUSINESS TRANSACTED!	1 Rent Windows Open 8 -11:45 am 1-3pm January Non-Payment Court	2
3	4 Rent Windows Open 8 -11:45 am 1-3pm	5	Federal 14-Day Notices Rent Windows Open 1:00-3:00pm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 NYS 3-Day Notices Rent Window Open 1:00-3:00pm	14	15	16
17	18 HOLIDAY AGENCY CLOSED President's Day	19	20 P & P's Prepared 8 a.m. Rent Window Open 1:00-3:00pm	21 P&P's to Process Server-Late Charge Assessed	22	23
24	25	26	27 Rent Window Open 1:00P-3:00pm	28	29 Feb 2008 Non-Payment Court 9:00 am -City Hall RENT RUN - NO BUSINESS TRANSACTED	1
2	3 Rent Windows Open 8 -11:45 am 1-3pm	4	6 Rent Window Open 1:00P-3:00pm	6	7	8

*** 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.**



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.

**RESIDENT ASSOCIATION
MEETINGS**

Steinmetz Homes-February 11, 2008, 7:00 pm. in the Community Room, FIC Center.

Yates Village - February 23, 2008 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room at Yates Village

Ten Eyck, Schonowee Village, Lincoln Heights - February 25, 2008, 7:00 pm in the Golub Community Room in the Ten Eyck.

**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

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!



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TO: