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SPOTLIGHT

Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority
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Sunmark Federal Credit Union's Financial Literacy Class Saturday, October 17 9am – 3pm

- Free classes
- Free Child Care in the YWCA Day Care Center
- Refreshments
- Learn how to:
 - Manage your money
 - Avoid Eviction
 - Pay your bills on time
 - Save money for the future – college, car, or a home

On October 17, Sunmark Federal Credit Union will be hosting a financial literacy class at the Yates Village Community Center/E Court. This year's format has changed to a one-day event running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The new format will allow for participants to accomplish their financial literacy class in less time and was created from the great responses from past participants. Classes are FREE for all participants.

The mission of the financial literacy program is to help the families of the SMHA improve their financial well being through financial literacy education. The program helps expand opportunities for consumers to establish checking and savings accounts, accrue assets, as well as provide the education and confidence necessary to fully manage their finances. For more information on the October 3rd program, please contact Sunmark Federal Credit Union's PR Specialist Rich Meddaugh at rmeddaugh@sunmarkfcu.org or call directly at (518) 382-2597 ext. 3129.

We hope you can join us.

CHANGES IN THE OCCUPANCY DEPARTMENT

Effective October 1, 2009:

Cindy Brennan	Downtown Group (Ten Eyck, Schonowee, Lincoln Hgts.)	386-7064
Paula Matarazzo	Eastside Group (Steinmetz, MacGathan, Maryvale)	386-7035
Leiah Rodriguez	Yates Village	386-7024
Blanche Mandel	Recertifications	386-7033

SECURITY NEWS



FROM THE DESK OF THE SECURITY COORDINATOR:

- ⇒ Once again a reminder, no parking is allowed on sidewalks or clothesline areas (Steinmetz Homes), and fire lanes. SMHA will begin **towing without notification**. Your car will be towed to H & K, 374-8374, **at your expense**.
- ⇒ Parents, please be advised that if your children are fighting with other children and residents, you are responsible for their actions. If the crime is considered a misdemeanor or above, the children involved will be petitioned to Family Court. The age a child can be sent to family court is 10 to 15 years of age.
- ⇒ Parents, please remind your children to use the garbage cans instead of the street or grass. Take pride in where you live.



FROM THE DESK OF THE TENANT INVESTIGATOR:

As you know, in the past three months, we have had some criminal activity in Yates Village and Steinmetz Homes, specifically a rash of shootings. Most of the persons directly involved with these incidents are just visitors to the developments or also called "Persons Not On Lease," (PNOL). That being said, let me make one thing perfectly clear as it is spelled out clearly in your lease, **you the tenant, are directly responsible for all actions of your guest while they are on SMHA property, PERIOD!!**

EXAMPLE: If you are a tenant hosting a party and someone at this party, who you may not even know, gets involved in any activity that may be considered a lease violation, then it's that tenant (or Head of Household) who will be ultimately responsible for the action of that guest.

SMHA is working closely with the Police Department. One arrest was made and more are expected. The role each tenant and guest played in the recent rash of shootings will be reviewed. Numerous terminations are expected. **This type of activity will not be tolerated.**

If you have any question or concerns, please call me.

Steve Prokrym, Tenant Investigator

OTHER PROGRAM NEWS:

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

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

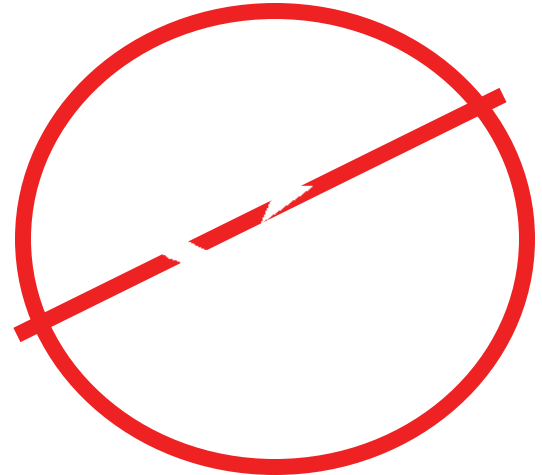


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RECERTIFICATION PAPERS

Rent monies (checks and money orders) are being returned in envelopes with recertification papers. Many times recertification envelopes may not get opened right away (for a couple of days). This causes a delay in your rental payment. ***Rent should be sent to Tenant Accounting in a separate envelope so that your rent payment is not delayed.***

Satellite Television Dishes



All satellite TV Dishes are prohibited at SMHA in common areas as of October 1, 2009.

SMHA residents are prohibited from installing any television or other antenna on the window sill or any place outside of their apartment. This includes any type of satellite dish antenna that might be attached to window frames, window guards, or the brickwork on the exterior of the building. Satellite dishes are only allowed **inside** of a resident's apartment. Roof antennas are not permitted.

Installation of cable television, which is available in virtually all Housing Authority developments, is the responsibility of the resident. You can contact Time Warner Cable directly for that service.

Safety of residents is a primary concern at SMHA. The satellite dishes are propped up in window frames, and pose a serious threat to the safety of family, friends and neighbors should the device fall or get pushed out of a window.

Articles 17 & 18 of the tenant lease between you and SMHA allows us to enforce this rule.

Another important reason to remove the antenna's from window frames is that we have initiated a comprehensive energy conservation project at SMHA, which includes improved furnaces, insulation, weather stripping and other improvements. As part of our contract to make those improvements, we must meet very strict conservation goals. The existence of those devices in windows will hurt our ability to meet those goals.

Your project manager will be inspecting early in October to confirm that the dishes have been removed. Please be sure to comply with this rule, as we will be forced to pursue lease termination for those who do not comply.

You can contact your project manager with questions.

Downtown Ten Eyck, Schonowee, Lincoln Heights: Sandy Baxter 386-7003

Eastside Maryvale/MacGathan/Steinmetz: Melissa Elwertowski 386-7004

Yates Village: Tom Bellick: 386-7007

ADULT TRAINING
SMHA'S Training Voucher Program

Virginia Santiago, Family –Self Sufficiency Director
(518) 386-7054

In collaboration with SUNY College Career Counseling Center, up to \$3,000 is available for educational or training expenses for the ten categories of the Capital Regions most in demand job training list. Funding is available for tuition, books, uniforms and School fees. Additional funding for supportive services such as childcare, CDTA swiper cards for transportation and job placement is also available.

Academic locations include Capital District EOC, Schenectady County Community College, BOCES LPN program, Modern Welding and Workforce Development programs included.

Eligibility: Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority –Public Housing Residents

Health Careers



Computer Training



TEN EYCK AND SCHONOWEE RESIDENTS WITH CATS:



TO DISPOSE OF KITTY LITTER:
Please place litter in **SMALL GROCERY BAGS** and place in the compactor chute. Do not flush or leave in bags near the elevator.

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS DURING OCTOBER

Annual inspections will be conducted during October. You will receive notification from your Project Manager when the inspections will be conducted in your development. If you have any questions, please call your Project Manager.



IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

MAINTENACE HOTLINE	372-5896	SENIOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM	386-7026
PROJECT MANAGERS:		Transportation/Hskg.	386-7062
Downtown-Sandra Baxter	386-7003	SERVICES UNLIMITED	386-7027
Eastside-Melissa Elwertowski	386-7004	SPOTLIGHT	386-7049
Yates-Tom Bellick	386-7007	TENANT INVESTIGATOR	386-7015
SECURITY COORDINATOR	386-7042		

RESIDENT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Steinmetz Homes-October 19, 2009, 7:00 pm. in the Community Room, FIC Center. (Delayed due to Holiday.)

MacGathan Townhouses - The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 8 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

Ten Eyck, Schonowee Village, Lincoln Heights - The next meeting will be held Monday, October 26, 2009, 7:00 p.m. in the Golub Community Room in the Ten Eyck.

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Watch for trick
or treaters.



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TO:

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