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# SPOTLIGHT

Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority  
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## SECURITY NEWS

### FROM THE DESK OF THE SECURITY COORDINATOR:



- Just a reminder that your guests must park in the designated areas for visitors.
- As the snow melts, litter from the winter is left behind. Please take advantage of the nice weather and clean the area near your apartment. Set a good example for your children.
- The warm weather is here. Please be considerate of your neighbors and keep your music at an appropriate level.
- Fraud investigations are continuing. If you have a change in your income, report it as soon as possible to your Occupancy Specialist to avoid being arrested and terminated from housing.
- If you see a crime occurring, call the police. This includes, shots fired. SMHA wants to provide you with a safe environment. It is a team effort.

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### FROM THE DESK OF THE TENANT INVESTIGATOR:



- ⇒ Warm weather has arrived. More people will be out and about. Please report any suspicious activity to the police first, then SMHA.
- ⇒ Recently, we have been receiving a lot of complaints regarding pets/unauthorized dogs. All pets must be approved by SMHA. One pet per household, dog or cat. All dogs **MUST BE UNDER 20 POUNDS**. It is a serious violation of your lease to have an unauthorized pet. If you are not following the rules, sooner or later you will be caught!!!!
- ⇒ MacGathan Townhouses: We have been getting reports of four wheelers riding around. They are not allowed on SMHA property. Any motor vehicle must be street legal, insured, and register with the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles. There are no exceptions!!!!

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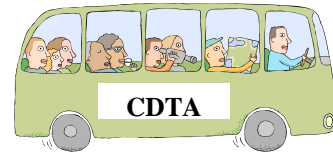
### FROM THE DESK OF THE PROJECT MANAGER:



**KNOW WHO YOU LET IN!!!!!** Before you open the door to let someone into your building or your apartment, make sure that person is there to visit you and that you know who it is. Be safe, not sorry!!!

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### CDTA TRIP PLANNER



- ◆ New to the area?
- ◆ Unsure of the current bus routes?
- ◆ Do you need someone to help you with taking the bus?
- ◆ Do you need someone help you plan a special trip on a route you have never explored?
- ◆ Did you know if you need to transfer you should ask the driver for an all day pass?
- ◆ Did you know that senior ID's are available for discount rates?

If you have any questions regarding CDTA or need assistance planning a trip, please call Barbara Artis at 344-2757. This is a **free** service provided by CDTA.



**SMHA OFFICES ARE CLOSED  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
12 NOON-1:00 P.M.  
FOR LUNCH**



### **ADULT TRAINING SMHA's Training Voucher Program**

Virginia Santiago, Family-Self Sufficiency Director  
518.386.7005



In collaboration with SUNY College and 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, swiper CDTA cards for transportation and job placement is also available.

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

**Eligibility:**

*Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority-Public Housing Resident*

**Health Careers**



**Computer Training**



**RESIDENT ASSOCIATION  
MEETINGS**

**Steinmetz Homes**-April 13 2009, 7:00 pm. in the Community Room, FIC Center.

**MacGathan Townhouses** - The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 10, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

**Ten Eyck, Schonowee Village, Lincoln Heights** - The next meeting will be held Monday, April 27, 2009, 7:00 p.m. in the Golub Community Room in the Ten Eyck.

**OTHER PROGRAM NEWS:**

**BNI:** Every day is a chance for a new beginning. If your household is not financially healthy there is a cure. The remedy is called budgeting and saving. Here at Better Neighborhoods our counselors can help you develop a realistic budget and share with you savings tips that can get you started on developing the habit of paying yourself first. It is no secret that living beyond your means leads to financial ills. Next time you are about to spend your hard earned money ask yourself, do I need this or do I want it. Learn more about budget and savings by attending our home buyer education program. Our next series of workshops will be held on the following dates. Cal 372-6469 to register.

Workshop #1 ARE YOU READY? May 6, 2009

Workshop #2 FINDING THE RIGHT HOME May 13, 2009

Workshop #3 LIFE AS A HOMEOWNER May 20, 2009

**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 NY-SOTDA.

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