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SPOTLIGHT

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SMHA Pet Policy

To all SMHA Residents:

This is a friendly reminder to pet owners and future pet owners. The following is part of SMHA's Pet Policy which is found in the Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy book. This book is located in the lobby at 375 Broadway and in all Project Managers offices for your viewing.

- 1. Only ONE pet per apartment is allowed at any time unless permission is granted for additional pets by the Housing Authority. This request must be in writing. Any pet must be licensed according to local regulations in the name of the tenant.**
- 2. Dogs weighing more than 20 lbs will not be permitted; turtles weighing more than 16 oz will not be permitted. Caged rodents weighing more than 2 lbs will not be permitted. Fish tanks in excess of 10 gallons will not be permitted.**
- 3. A \$100.00 security deposit shall be charged to owners of dogs and cats. This amount will be applied, if necessary, for services for clean up and extermination necessary because of the pet upon the tenants vacating of the premises. These monies must be paid in full prior to permitting said pet it unit.**

Please follow the Pet Policy. If it is not followed, you may be in violation of your lease agreement. For more information on pets, please call your Project Manager or the Occupancy Department.



SECURITY NEWS



FROM THE DESK OF THE SECURITY COORDINATOR:

- ⇒ Summer is just around the corner. With nice weather windows are open and residents come outside. Please keep music at a reasonable level. If not, Schenectady Police Department can make an arrest under the loud music ordinance.
- ⇒ Residents, please help keep the property clean by using garbage cans instead of the ground.
- ⇒ A reminder: if your car is not registered or has no plates, it will be towed at YOUR expense to H & K.
- ⇒ Several more residents are in the process of being arrested for under reporting their income or not claiming any income.



FROM THE DESK OF THE TENANT INVESTIGATOR:

- ⇒ SMHA is stepping up enforcement of unreported income. Not reporting income, or a change of income, within 10 days is a serious lease violation and will be treated as such. Further, no reporting income is considered a crime and by SMHA rules and regulations, you will be arrested.
- ⇒ Part of this crime is also having a **“Person Not On Lease”** living with you because obviously, if that person has income you are not reporting that income to us. This is also considered fraud. **So please, don’t forget to report all income, no matter what.**

SMHA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



ALL DEVELOPMENTS OF SMHA: The Schenectady Neighborhood Watch is looking for residents that would like to become members of the Watch. You can patrol your area or be a window watcher. For more information please contact:

Donna Schmid, Captain of SMHA Neighborhood Watch
E-Mail: schmiddonna@gmail.com
Telephone: 346-3170

Neighborhood Watch can set up a meeting at your location! Thank you!

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DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE



Please do not feed the birds, squirrels and other wildlife. Bringing wildlife to close to our home breeds disease. When fed, they move in. They chew holes, create odors in our hallways, make a mess, and can bite. Please, watch them from afar.

OTHER PROGRAM NEWS:

BNI: If you ever thought of being a homeowner now is the time to take action. There are 3 things that make buying a house this year a smart move. There is the \$8,000.00 first-time home buyer tax credit, the low interest rates and the lower home prices. In addition, there are still down payment and closing cost assistance programs available for income qualified first time home buyers. All you need to do is invest a little of your time and attend our home buying education program to learn more about the steps to homeownership. Our next series of workshops will be held on the following dates. Call 372-6469 to register.

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| 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.



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

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A special thank you to all the volunteers who assist each month with folding, collating and counting Spotlight Newsletters.



**RESIDENT ASSOCIATION
MEETINGS**

Steinmetz Homes-May 11 2009, 7:00 pm. in the Community Room, FIC Center.

MacGathan Townhouses - The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 14, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

Ten Eyck, Schonowee Village, Lincoln Heights - Due the Memorial Day Holiday, the next meeting will be held **Monday, May 18, 2009, 7:00 p.m.** in the Golub Community Room in the Ten Eyck.

**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



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TO:

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