

Spotlight on Yates Village

October 2010

Its Cold outside!

Do NOT Tamper with Thermostats

Your thermostat is set at 70° - which is higher than NYS and City law requires. (We can set it at 72° if you are 62 years or older)

If your apartment is not warming up to that temperature, call the maintenance hotline, and we will come and address the problem.

Do NOT use stove or space heater

These are fire hazards, and are considered a lease violation. By using your stove or a space heater, you are endangering the health and safety of your neighbors. Also using a secondary heat source can fool the thermostat into thinking it is warm enough in the house, so the thermostat shuts the heater off.

These are SERIOUS Lease Violations

You will be subject to lease termination proceedings, and you will be charged for excess utility consumption, and for maintenance labor costs.

YWCA Northeastern NY Women's Services

Are you in an abusive relationship - or are you a victim of domestic violence?? Women have a place to turn - and get some help & support.

24-hour crisis hotline: 374-3386

Domestic Violence Shelter & Crisis Hotline

The YWCA NENY Domestic Violence Shelter offers services 24-hours daily/365 days yearly. Case management & support. No money necessary.

Counseling

Confidential counseling is available for women 16 years and older who are or have been abused and their children 5 years old and up.

Safety planning, options, education, support. Flexible hours. No fee.

For an appointment call: 374-3394 - ext. 131

Flu Shots

You can get your flu shot right at Yates Village this year. For those 18 years or older, CVS Pharmacy will be at the Yates Village Community Room on October 15.

Call Beverly at 386-7027 to schedule an appointment and to determine whether you are eligible for free shots. Those folks with Medicaid, Medicare or private insurance may be eligible for free flu shots.

Maintenance HOTLINE 372-5896

Project Manager: Tom Bellick 386-7007
Drug and Crime hotline 386-7042
Rent Office 386-7009

Occ. Specialist Leah Rodriguez 386-7024
Tenant Investigator 386-7015
Senior Citizens referrals/help: 386-7027

Don't forget - The next Extermination day is Wed. Oct. 6 - E-H Courts

Roaches

Good sanitation is the best way to keep roaches out of your apartment. Clean kitchens and bathrooms will go a long way to keeping your apartment free of roaches. Calling the hotline when you see them is also key; and following the directions on the letter you receive is important too!

We need your help to get rid of roaches!

If you see roaches, you need to do the following:

1. Call SMHA Hotline right away
2. Clean entire apartment -
 - a. Wash your dishes
 - b. Clean kitchen
 - c. Clean your bathroom
3. Throw out all food laying around on plates or in bowls.

You will get a 2-day notice with the date our exterminator will come. It is very important that you prepare your apartment properly. We will charge you if you have failed to prepare for the extermination.

1. Remove all items from kitchen/bathroom cabinets, under sinks. Clean cabinets and drawers with soap and water.
2. Remove all items from closet floors, push all hanging items towards the center.
3. Move all items 8-12 inches away from walls, please leave space for technician to walk.

4. People & Pets – if you have medical concerns please be out of the apartment for 2-4 hours.
5. Note: Expectant mothers must stay out of the home for at least 8 hours, if possible we recommend remaining out for 24 hours.
6. Throw out all dead roaches – because the dead roaches become a food source – and attract more roaches .

Fraud

SMHA is continuing to investigate all cases of FRAUD.

This type of crime occurs when residents have unauthorized persons living with them and are not reporting their income. To report cases of fraud, please call the Tenant Investigator at 386-7015.

Help us fight crimes in public housing

We have received tips from residents over the summer, reporting crimes or suspicious activity in our developments from residents. These reports are very helpful, and we encourage you to continue making those calls to the tipline at 386-7050.

If you prefer, you can call the Project Manager Tom Bellick 386-7007 with information too.

Rent and Court

Rent Windows open

Fri. Oct. 1 @8:15am- 11:45am & 1pm-3pm
Mon. Oct 4 @ 8:15am-11:45am & 1pm-3pm
Wed. Oct 6 @ 1pm – 3pm
Wed. Oct 13 @ 1pm -3pm
Wed. Oct 20@ 1pm-3pm
Wed. Oct 27 @ 1pm-3pm
Mon. Nov. 1 @ 8:15am-11:45am & 1pm-3pm
Tue. Nov. 2 @ 8:15am-11:45am & 1pm-3pm
Wed. Nov 3 8:15am-11:45am & 1pm-3pm

Court Dates

September Non payments: Friday, Oct 1.
October Non payments: Friday, Nov. 5

*PLEASE NOTE: Non-Payment Court begins at 9:00AM

*Persons who have been summoned to court MUST appear in Court.

There is a drop box in the SMHA Administrative Lobby Bldg at 375 Broadway for dropping off your rent, please drop only money orders and checks in the drop box. Please indicate clearly on the money order, check and envelope: your name, your address and your apartment number. Please do not drop cash in the drop box.

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.