



The SMHA Community

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2022 Tenant Commissioner Election

SEPTEMBER 2021

Our next Tenant Commissioner Election will be held on **Tuesday, March 29, 2022.**

SMHA residents elect two Tenant Commissioner Representatives every two years to represent residents of Public Housing and Section 8 Tenant Based Housing Choice Voucher Programs. The SMHA Board of Commissioners oversees and helps to establish policies and procedures at the Authority. As a Tenant Commissioner, you must attend the monthly meetings that are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 5pm.

Packets with information about how to become a candidate for the Tenant Commissioner representative will be available on December 29, 2021.

Contact Katie Gregory at 518-386-7053, or kgregory@smha1.org for more information.

Not Paying Rent During Pandemic?

There is a temporary halt in resident evictions during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many SMHA residents have not paid their rent during this time, which is a violation of the SMHA Lease Agreement. Once Evictions resume, SMHA will begin the eviction process against all families that owe rent.

If you owe back rent to SMHA, please do everything you can to catch up as soon as possible. We do not want to evict any of our families, but we must uphold the Lease Agreement and demand that rent is paid in full.

Need Help Paying Rent, Read THIS:

- If you have experienced a change or loss in income: Report it to your Occupancy Specialist IMMEDIATELY. The SMHA team may be able to substantially reduce your rent.
- Many local agencies are providing rental assistance to those who qualify. Schenectady County Department of Social Services and the Schenectady Community Action Program (SCAP) are a couple.
- * Contact SCAP today at (518) 374-9181 or stop in their offices at 913 Albany Street.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL VEHICLES ARE REGISTERED AT THE OFFICE AND PARKED LEGALLY! IF CARS ARE PARKED IN THE SMHA PARKING LOTS WITHOUT PROPER PERMITS, THEY WILL BE TICKETED AND



How to Pay Rent:

SMHA Offices remain closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but there are three convenient ways to pay your rent:

- Mail a check or money order to: SMHA (Rent Office), 375 Broadway, Schenectady, NY 12305
- Use the drop-box at the 375 Broadway Office Entrance. No need to enter the building. The slot is outside the building to the left of the entrance door. Monitored by Camera, the drop-box is accessible 24 hours a day for your convenience.
- * You can pay your rent online easily by visiting: www.SMHA1.org. Under the Public Housing tab, click on the "Pay My Rent" link and register to create an account.



IMPORTANT SMHA PHONE NUMBERS:

Main Office: 518-386-7000

Maintenance HOTLINE: 372-5896

Rent Office: 386-7036

To Contact Your Project Manager/Occupancy Specialist:

EASTSIDE (Steinmetz, MacGathans, Maryvale):

386-7004/ 386-7035

DOWNTOWN (Ten Eyck, Schonowee, Lincoln):

386-7003/ 386-7008

YATES Village:

386-7007/ 386-7024

Senior Citizens Referrals/Assistance:

386-7027

Tenant Investigator

386-7015



FALL IS HERE..

Please remove your Air Conditioners!

September marks the end of the cooling season and our lease requires all residents to remove their air conditioners no later than September 30, 2019.

If you have a medical condition that requires you to use your air conditioner make sure your paperwork is on file with your property's management office!

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