

PHA: Newsletter

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Greetings everyone! The PHA Newsletter is one of the ways to advertise or update the tenants. Last month we introduced automated voice and text messaging from Text-Em All. This is an easy and fast way for the PHA to communicate on a large scale. Not all messages will pertain necessarily to you, the PHA just wants to make you aware of what is going on in the property!

You do not need to respond to the messages unless asked by text. If you have a question about the text message sent, please contact the main office for more information. If you decide to opt out of the messages, you run the risk of missing out on important updates and opportunities. If you have opted out of receiving the messages, you can opt back in by simply texting UNSTOP to 833-682-8153 and you'll begin receiving text messages again from the PHA.

During severe winter weather the PHA will send you a text message reminder of when vehicles need to be moved for our maintenance team to continue with snow removal. If you do not have a vehicle please disregard the text message or voice call. Vehicles will be towed at the owners expense if the plow trucks cannot remove the snow from the main parking areas. This is not a threat, but a friendly reminder!

The PHA would like to update that at this time the list of residents who are 75 years old have been submitted to the Senior Center. They are scheduled for their first shot Tuesday March 2, 2021. The vaccines will be given at Saint Clements, 1931 Portland Cobalt Road, Portland CT 06480. You can also schedule an appointment by calling the Hot Line at 860-262-7238, please leave a message and someone will call you back to confirm your appointment.

The CDC makes recommendations for who should get the vaccine first, then each state makes its own plan. We are working hard to make that available to our residents ages 75 and older with underlying medical conditions with increased risk for severe illness. It is important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic as we learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work in real world conditions. Continue to cover your mouth and nose with a mask, stay at least 6 feet away from others, avoid crowds, and wash your hands often. We have asked those that fit the current criteria for the vaccination to report back to BJ, our resident service coordinator, that they are interested in receiving the vaccine. The PHA will submit this information to the town for when more vaccinations become available. The vaccines are short in supply and everyone is working hard to get organized so the shortage does not happen again. If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact BJ our resident service coordinator at 860-342-1688 ext. 115.

Proof of rent paid for the year 2020 for **CT RENTERS REBATE PROGRAM** will be mailed to you at the end of March, along with information on how to schedule an appointment with Mary Pont. You will also need to gather the following:

- ◆ Proof of income. If you filed a federal tax return a copy of that return is required. Otherwise you must bring a 1099 showing Social Security benefits, pension payments or dividends.
- ◆ Proof of utilities paid. Utilities include electricity, gas, water and fuel oil. For electricity you must call Ever-source at (800) 286-2000 and ask them for a statement for the calendar year 2020. Have your account number on your electric bill available. **Must have full year.**
- ◆ You must also provide a copy of your bank statement showing balances on December 31, 2020.
- ◆ If you are disabled, you must also provide a letter from Social Security providing proof of your disability. You must either go online and create a my social security account at www.mysocialsecurity.gov/my_account or call (800) 772-1213 to request a letter.

Office Directory:

Dial 860-342-1688 to reach the following staff members:

- Allen Harrison/ Executive Director ext. 111
- Susan N./Admin. Coordinator ext.113
- Carol D./Admin. Housing Assistant- ext. 110
- Dan R./Accounting and HR—ext. 112
- BJ /860-342-1688- Resident Coordinator-ext.115
- John T./860-519-3251-Maintenance- Emergency number, to be used after hours only!

FOOD BANK DELIVERY DATES FOR MARCH

3/11/ 2021

and

3/ 25/ 2021

March 2021 Calendar

-Board Meeting -March 15 ,2021. You can also dial in using your phone. (Toll Free): [1 866 899 4679](tel:18668994679), Access Code: 779-148-245

-Happy St. Patrick's Day- March 17, 2020.



During extreme cold weather the PHA ask that you please keep all your windows closed in your unit. This will help prevent frozen pipes as this has happened in the past.

MOVING?



A reminder that if you are planning on moving out you must notify the PHA with a 30-day notice to receive your Security Deposit, back .

2020 Tax Forms

Federal Tax Forms:1040 & 1040SR forms and their instructions booklets are at the Portland library. Request copies for curbside pick up!

CT State Tax Forms: The state of CT is not sending paper copies to the Portland Library this year. The Portland Library have made copies of the forms at the library. To order a copy from the state see the phone numbers below:

DRS Assistance at Taxpayers Fingertips website: Portal. Ct.gov/DRS : has the answer to many state tax questions . Dial 860-297-5962 :Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm with any questions.

WHAT DO WE WANT ?

OUR HOUR BACK

WHEN DO WE WANT IT ?

AN HOUR AGO!



BIG SHOUT OUT OF APPRECIATION to the ladies of the Cross Street A.M.E Zion Church in Middletown. Who deliver bread and pastries to both Chatham Court and Quarry Heights tenants. Ms. Perry, Ms. Schofield and Ms. Vereen, Thank you. We appreciate what you do.

Kids complaining they are bored again! Parents check out the Portland Library website. They offer online story time, science projects , family craft nights, nature crafting, mystery book clubs, everything is via Zoom!

