

Portland Housing Authority

9 Chatham Court, Portland, CT 06480

June 2021 Monthly Newsletter



Hi everyone, the PHA staff hopes that everyone is doing well like always. Already June and soon the weather will get even better. COVID 19 continues and we must follow the protocols as each month they change.

Above we have pictures of what the front of the main office looks like now. An awning to keep dry when it rains and to block the sun from baking the door shut. The PHA will also be getting a new door installed along with a teller window much like the ones you see at the bank. Stay tune, coming soon!

We ask that during this time you continue to use the side door/ drop box by unit 8, instead of using the main entrance. Please talk to your children and make them aware playing on our front entrance is not safe.

As we focus on the safety of our residents, employees and community, please call the main office for an appointment and instructions on how to submit any paperwork to our office staff.

Reminder if you see something, Say something. As neighbors, we share our community, families and friends and sometimes we take our surroundings for granted. However it is important to stay alert, and if we see something that may not seem quite right, we should say something. Please call the police department non emergency line at 860-342-6780.

Dispose of trash properly. All trash should be placed inside of receptacles. Please do not leave trash on the ground or next to the dumpsters.

Quarry Heights:

Community room is now open please go back to dropping off rent payments at the community room drop box right next to the residents coordinator's door.

Starting June 1, 2021 BINGO every Tuesday for the month of June at the Quarry Heights community room from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm .



The Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) has partnered with Veyo to provide HUSKY Health members with another way to get to and from their medical appointments – using their own vehicle or in a vehicle driven by a friend or family member. Veyo provides compensation to drivers who give HUSKY Health members a ride to their eligible healthcare appointments. Members can also receive compensation when driving themselves to an appointment. This is called a “mileage reimbursement.”

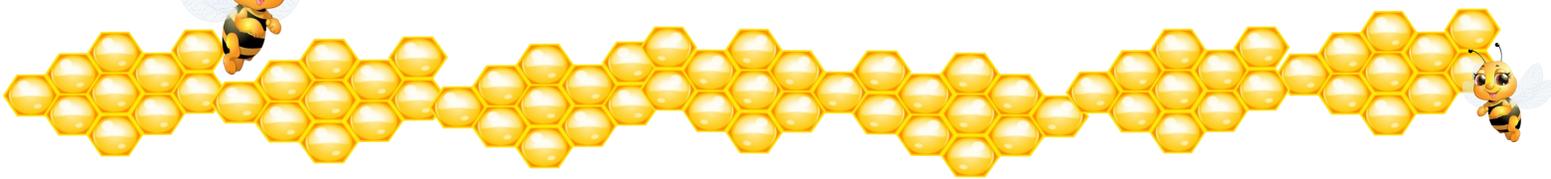
Trips will be paid at the level of \$0.54 per mile. The total amount paid is calculated based on the most direct route from the member’s pickup location to the healthcare facility and back. The route is generated using Veyo’s mapping software. Payments to drivers will be distributed electronically (unless the driver specifies otherwise).

1. **BOOK TRANSPORTATION:** To be reimbursed for a trip, transportation needs to be scheduled at least 2 business days before the member’s appointment to ensure eligibility. The booking phone number is 855-478-7350.
2. **REGISTER A DRIVER:** The driver must be registered with HUSKY Health? Veyo. To register as a driver, please submit the Driver registration Form before requesting reimbursement.
3. **REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT:** Fill out and return the milage reimbursement form to Veyo within 30 days of the first medical appointment listed on the form. Don’t forget to attach all parking and toll receipts.

For more information please check online at ct.ridewithveyo.com or please contact BJ our resident service coordinator.



QH Summer Garden



facts about bees!



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1. Honey bees are super-important pollinators for flowers, fruits and vegetables. This means that they help other plants grow! Bees transfer pollen between the male and female parts, allowing plants to grow seeds and fruit.
2. Honey bees live in hives (or colonies). The members of the hive are divided into three types:
 - Queen:** One queen runs the whole hive. Her job is to lay the eggs that will spawn the hive's next generation of bees. The queen also produces chemicals that guide the behavior of the other bees.
 - Workers:** these are all female and their roles are to forage for food (pollen and nectar from flowers), build and protect the hive, clean and circulate air by beating their wings. Workers are the only bees most people ever see flying around outside the hive.
 - Drones:** These are the male bees, and their purpose is to mate with the new queen. Several hundred live in each hive during the spring and summer. But come winter, when the hive goes into survival mode, the drones are kicked out!
3. What are these *buzzing* bugs most famous for? Delicious **honey**! But did you know they produce honey as food stores for the hive during winter? Luckily for us, these efficient little workers produce 2-3 time more honey than they need, so we get to enjoy the tasty treat, too!
4. If the queen bee dies, workers will create a new queen by selecting a young larva (the newly hatched baby insects) and feeding it a special food called "**royal jelly**". This enables the larva to develop into a fertile queen.
5. Honey bees are fab flyers. They fly at a speed of around **25km per hour** and beat their wings **200 times per second**!
6. Each bee has **170 odorant receptors**, which means they have one serious sense of smell! They use this to communicate within the hive and to recognize different types of flowers when looking for food.
7. The average worker bee lives for just five to six weeks. During this time, she'll produce around a twelfth of a teaspoon of honey.
8. The queen can live up to five years. In the summer months, when she can lay up to **2,500** eggs a day!
9. Honey bees are also brilliant boogies! To share information about the best food sources, they perform their '**waggle dance**'. When the worker returns to the hive, it moves in a figure-of-eight and waggles its body to indicate the direction of the food source. Cool, huh?

June 2021 Calendar/ Ongoing Events

- **Board Meeting** :June 21, 2021 Quarry Heights community room at 5:00 pm.
- **Father Day** -Sunday June 20, 2021

Office Directory: Dial 860-342-1688 to reach staff members.

-Allen Harrison/ Executive Director ext. 111

-Susan Nellis/Admin. Coordinator ext.113

-Carol D: Admin. Housing Assistant- ext. 110

-Dan R:/Accounting and HR—ext. 112

-BJ C: Res. Coordinator-860-342-1688 ext.115

John T: Maintenance— 860-519-3251-

Maintenance Emergency number, to be used after hours only!

