



Portland Housing Authority

9 Chatham Court, Portland, CT 06480

September 2021- Monthly Newsletter



QUARRY HEIGHTS residents enjoying the Wethersfield Farmers Market on August 19, 2021.



Hi everyone,

August was like the Sunday of Summer. Tropical storm Henri was hype up, and the PHA is glad to see everyone was safe and that there was no damage to Chatham Court or Quarry Heights.

The PHA will like to begin this newsletter by addressing the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic which continues to impact our community. The PHA had hoped to be fully back to in person events, inspections and appointments but the variant has changed all of that. However, we are simply not at a place where we can let our guard down. I encourage all of our tenants and the community at large to remain vigilant on the COVID front. We must commit to the mask wearing and social distancing strategies that have been proven to slow the spread of the virus. The PHA will continue to work every day to support our tenants and applicants, provide advice and counsel the public sector, and be a constructive community partner whenever we can be. Please take care of each other.

Summer ending Checklist.

Here are 5 things you can do to get your home ready for next season.

- 1. **Tuck away outside furniture toys, bikes and hose etc.** Make sure your patio furniture is secure, and there is nothing scattered around you home. This could be hoses, gardening tools, and kids toys, odds and ends you'll want organized for next season.



Labor Day Holiday—Monday September 6, 2021.

The PHA will be closed in observance of the holiday. The office will resume their normal business hours on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 8:30 am.



2. **Change the sheets and décor.** It may not be exactly time, but changing to cooler weather sheets on the bed, and maybe putting out some throw blankets for the cooler weather to come.

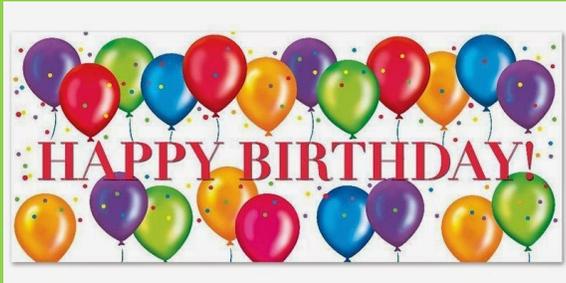
3. **Go room by room and clean.** It can be easy to get overwhelmed cleaning the house. Go room by room, starting at the top and go down. This way each room will be cleared, windows locked, and once you are at the front door you'll know you are good to go.

4. **Take care of perishables.** Take a look through your cabinets and refrigerator. Make sure there is nothing that has been sitting there all season long and needs to be thrown away.

5. **Purge your Closet.** Keep what you love and get rid of things you haven't worn in the last year.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR 2021

- **Board Meeting:** September 20, 2021 Chatham Court community room at 5:00 pm.



Vern Beckwith, John De Palma, Mary Olson, Erin Peters, Lori Phillips, Richard Stake, Allen Walden, Ana Diaz Almonte, Fabian Dickerson, Jessica Kozaryn, Eldin Liranzo, Rose Lopez, Joslyne Natal, Kamiya Ortega, Jarines Ortiz Diaz, Miguel Ortiz, Butterfly Rivera, Zimion Winston.



MEET SAM, HE IS THE PHAS PET OF THE MONT. HE IS 12 YEARS OLD. If you see him walking around the property make sure to say hi to him. If you would like everyone to meet your furry friend please feel free to submit a picture and info. on who your furry friend is and likes to Cdiaz@portlandha.org

BACK TO SCHOOL



FREE COVID-19 Testing Site In Portland
Thursday September 2nd
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Vehicles enter from the Portland Library driveway at 20 Freestone Avenue and exit by the Senior Center driveway (traffic will flow in one direction)

Sponsored by Chatham Health District & administered by SEMA4

Social Security Office New Location

The New Britain Social Security office has relocated to its new location at : 1 Herald Square, 2nd floor, New Britain, CT.

Due to COVID-19 the office is not able to accept in-person visitors, only appointment only. Please call before heading down or log onto [socialsecurity.gov/coronavirus](https://www.socialsecurity.gov/coronavirus).

Portland Food Bank Update

The Portland Food Bank is open to Portland residents to obtain food and/or clothing. Hours of operation are Monday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Please call 860-342-6795 prior to coming in. Deliveries will no longer be made to Quarry Heights or Chatham Court.

Donations of food or clothing are now accepted at the Food Bank during hours of operation. Clothing must be in season and in good condition. Again, please call prior to coming in. Please watch the RiverEast news or call the Food Bank as to when the FoodShare Truck will visit Portland.

