

June 2024 Newsletter

EVENT CALENDAR

6/19/2024 – JUNETEENTH– Main Office Closed

6/24/2024 – PHA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, in the Quarry Height Community Room at 5:00pm

MAIN OFFICE

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Main Office-Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday-8:30-4:30 p.m. Friday-8:30-1:30 p.m. <u>Please call before visiting</u>



QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Life is one big road with lots of signs. So when you riding through the ruts, don't complicate your mind. Flee from hate, mischief and jealousy. Don't bury your thoughts, put your vision to reality. Wake Up and Live!

News/Updates for everyone

All residents, please periodically check your black front door mailbox and the community room bulletin boards for Housing information, notices, and fliers that are relevant and important.

All residents have the option to pay rent via "direct debit." With direct debit, residents won't run the risk of a late rent payment, contact the main office if you would like to sign up.

For residents with complaints about other residents, there is a complaint process policy:

STEP 1: If there is a clear threat, call 911

STEP 2: Fill Out "Complaint Form" using accurate dates, times, names and facts.

STEP 3:Forward official "Complaint Form" to the Main Office

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.

CHATHAM COURT RESIDENTS:

The PHA is working on some new exciting changes/upgrades for the property. I'm sure some of you have notice contractors in the property, walking around marking the grounds. We ask that you speak to your children and ask them not to remove flags from the grounds and to stay away from any heavy machinery parked in the property.

Summer is here and things get a little rowdier due to the warm weather and the sun setting later. Please be aware of how noise/music volume carry.

PARENTS: Youth hanging out in the road, in front of the Main office ramp; sitting on the transformer in front of the main office; and or damages on the property will not be tolerated. Reign in your children so we can enjoy a clean, happy, healthy, safe/accident-free summer.

Lets enjoy summer but please do not disturb the enjoyment of others. Be a considerate neighbor.

The PHA would like to bring back family day ,in order to do this we need the cooperation of the tenants and children of Chatham Court. (TBD)

2024 John J. Kelly Memorial Scholarship Applications Make a difference in your own lives!

Applications are now being accepted for CONN NAHRO's 2024 John J. Kelly Memorial Scholarships. CONN NAHRO will award three or more <u>\$3,500</u> scholarships to students who live in CONN NAHRO member housing authority live in CONN NAHRO member housing authority communities or Section 8



of higher education opportunities due in part to their economic circumstances. Scholarships are available to both graduating high school seniors as well as students currently enrolled in college or vocational training institutions.

The Executive Director/CEO, or their designee, is responsible for verifying all application requirements, collecting all application materials, and submitting the application on behalf of their candidate(s).

Deadline for applications to be accepted is 5:00 p.m. Friday, June 21, 2024. Candidates are reviewed by the CONN NAHRO Scholarship Committee against a point scale that assesses criteria including need, grades, and accomplishments in and out of school including community service and employment. Recipients are presented their awards at the Annual Scholarship Luncheon at the CONN NAHRO Annual Convention in August of 2024.

Jobs/ Volunteer Work

- Tommy Pizza in Portland is looking for a reliable employee if interested please call Bill at 860-342-2450 for more information.
- With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer. However, the benefits of volunteering can be enormous. When individuals volunteer they may choose to help people, support causes or provide assistance to their local community. Additionally, volunteering benefits everyone and is a terrific way to have a positive impact in the community.

Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce looking for volunteers for the following Community events:

27th Annual Cruise Night on Main St. Middletown Pride FEST Cornhole Tournament

Please contact the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce if interested at 860-347-6924

Parents don't forget to sign your kids up for QUEST Summer Camp, June 24 to August 9 Register online at Portland.RecDesk.com

QUARRY HEGHTS RESIDENTS:

There has been little participation from tenants at Quarry Heights which makes it harder to get activities coordinated. Be wise on how you spend your time and who your spend it with!

Immerse yourself in nature with a delightful day trip to Blue Iris Farm in Lebanon CT. Experience the beauty of picturesque landscapes, interact with charming goats, bunnies, horses, chickens, cows and more ! Hop on the tractor, and enjoy a light lunch by the pond and bird watch. This upcoming trip with the Portland Waverly Senior Center promises to be an absolutely delightful experience, fostering connections, relaxation, and pure enjoyment for all participants. We can't wait to create unforgettable memories and share heartwarming moments amidst the serene beauty of the farm.

The bus will leave the Waverly Senior Center at 10:00am on Wednesday, June 5^{th} .

Please register by calling the Senior Center or online at Myseniorcenter.com



MEDICAL RIDES

The center provides rides to seniors and/or those with disabilities to medical appointments. The fee for round-trip service is \$5.00 per person. Please give a 2 week notice for a ride. There are also other transportation options available for your convenience. Call the Senior Center and ask for more information.

QUARRY HEIGHTS Bingo, continues to go strong. If you would like to participate feel free to join every Mondays at 12:00 pm in the Quarry Heights Community room.

Carol Culley would love to organize a game of Dominos starting on 6/7/2024 If interested please join her every Friday at 12:00 pm in the Quarry Heights Community room. She will teach and play the game of dominos with you.

June Birthdays

Quarry Heights	Chatham Court
Tommie Eskew	Angel Cartagena-Rivera
Joshua Botelho	Katiria Cruz
LeRoy Chambers	Ana Diaz-Almonte
Sandra Island	John Harvey
Thikra Musmacker	Lejeana Harvey
Sudhama Ranganathan	Brianna Liranzo
Linda Young	Eladio Liranzo 🛛 📈
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HOUSING NIGHT IN AMERICA

Come out to the Right Field Porch at Dunkin' Donuts Park to support the CONN NAHRO Scholarship Program .Tickets sales help support the CONN NAHRO Scholarship Program that annually provides three or more scholarships to graduating high school seniors and current college undergraduates who are residents of housing authority managed properties or Section 8 housing.

Cheer on the Hartford Yard Goats in their game against the Portland Sea Dogs on **Friday, July 12th**! This is a great event for your family and its free to Chatham Court residents.

Gates open at 6:00 p.m. with the first pitch at 7:10 p.m.



If interested please email Carol at Cdiaz@portlandha.org to request your tickets. Please respond by Monday June 17, 2024 to guarantee your tickets.

