

PHA NEWSLETTER

PHA CALENDAR

5/18/26– Board Meeting
Chatham Community room

5/25/26– Memorial Day/Office Closed



PHA MAIN OFFICE

We kindly ask for your patience and understanding as the main office works to respond to all requests. We strive to get back to you within 48 hours of receiving your request. Please note that not all requests are considered emergencies, but we will address each one as promptly as possible.

Call Before Visiting: 860-342-1688

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm
& Friday: 8:30am-1:30pm

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"Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

Ralph Waldo

Mother's Day



Was officially established in the United States by **Anna Jarvis** in 1914 to honor her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, who had pioneered "Mothers' Friendship Days" to aid, educate, and unify mothers in the mid-19th century. Appreciating mothers on Mother's Day involves acknowledging their unconditional love, strength, and sacrifices.

Happy Mother's Day
to all the amazing mothers out there!

FINALLY! Out with the cold and in with the much deserved warmer weather of Spring. The following are friendly reminders and things you may not know but must follow for both properties. The following reminders highlight important policies and guidelines to help maintain a safe, respectful, and well-kept community for everyone.

Maintenance Requests: When calling in work orders, please contact the main office first thing in the morning. Please refrain from calling or texting maintenance staff directly. All routine requests must be reported through the main office. The only time you should contact a maintenance staff member directly is after hours and strictly for emergencies only.

Fire Lane Safety: Multiple requests have been made to keep fire lanes clear; however, vehicles continue to park in these restricted areas, especially after hours and weekends. Fire lanes must remain clear at all times to ensure emergency access. Continued violations may result in charges to tenants or towing at the owner's expense. We appreciate your cooperation in avoiding these measures! Please make your guest aware of this, so they can avoid towing fees.

Unauthorized Occupancy and Mailing Addresses: Residents are reminded not to allow anyone who is not listed on their lease to use their mailing address for packages or mail. Doing so may be considered by the PHA as evidence that an unauthorized individual has established residency.

Courtesy Reminders for Parents/Guardians: Chalk may be used only on sidewalks—not on exterior walls. Bikes, scooters, toys, should not be left scattered around the property. Please be advised that tents, gazebos, and children's play structures are not permitted on the property.

Landscaping Guidelines: Planting trees on the property is not permitted. Residents are welcome to plant flowers with prior approval. Please let's keep pests away! If you are unsure, please contact the main office—it never hurts to ask!

Thank you for your attention any questions contact the main office.





It's that time again—Annual Housing Night in America at the Yard Goats game

Proceeds from ticket sales help support the CONN NAHRO Scholarship Program, which provides scholarships each year to graduating high school seniors and current college undergraduates living in housing authority or Section 8 housing.

The Housing Authority will be purchasing tickets for residents who are interested in attending. Come cheer on the Hartford Yard Goats as they take on the Binghamton Rumble Ponies on Friday, July 10, 2026. Gates open at 6:00 PM.

We kindly ask that you only request tickets if you truly plan to attend. Tickets are limited and available to Chatham Court residents ONLY! who are listed on the lease. The deadline to request tickets is Thursday, May 7, 2026.

To reserve your tickets, please email Carol at Cdiaz@portlandha.org with the number of tickets you are requesting. Tickets are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. We hope to see you there!



Applications are now being accepted for CONN NAHRO's 2026 John J. Kelly Memorial Scholarships.

CONN NAHRO will award three or more \$3,500 scholarships to students who live in

member housing authority communities or Section 8 housing who may not be able to take advantage 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.



Each CONN NAHRO member Housing Authority or Agency may submit up to ten (10) applications on behalf of their student residents who are, or will be, attending college in Fall 2026. 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. **Wednesday, June 17, 2026.** 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 on Tuesday at the CONN NAHRO Annual Convention & Exhibition in August.

If you have any questions, please contact Scholarship Chair Michelle Molina mmolina@jdamelia.com or stop by the main office to receive assistance.



QUARRY HEIGHT RESIDENTS

If you're interested in using the garden beds behind the community room, please contact Waleska Miranda at the main office at 860-342-1688 Ext 115. The beds at Quarry Heights are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Maintenance staff will prepare and turn over the beds so they're ready for planting. Residents who sign up and are approved will be notified when they can begin planting. Please make sure to call to sign up by May 14, 2026.

We kindly ask all residents to respect others' crops and plants.



Chatham Court



FREE SUMMER LUNCH FOR KIDS & TEENS

Free summer meals will be available for children ages 18 and under from Monday, July 6, 2026 through Friday, August 7, 2026.

To participate, please complete the FREE Summer Meal Preorder Form and return it to the main office by Monday, May 25, 2026. Submitting your form on time helps ensure your child receives meals.

If you're unable to pick up the meals yourself, you may designate a neighbor or trusted person to pick them up for you—just be sure to include their name on the preorder form.

Because storage space is limited, we kindly ask that meals be picked up on the scheduled dates and times provided. If you're unsure whether you'll be able to make those times, please consider this before signing up.

This program is made possible through a lot of care and effort. Please sign up if your family needs this support and you're able to follow the pickup schedule.

All meals will be picked up at the main office.

Pickup time is between 12:00 PM and 12:30 PM so staff can take their lunch afterward.

On Monday, July 6, 2026 at noon, you may pick up meals for both Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday, you can pick up meals for Wednesday and Thursday. Friday's meal will be available for pickup every Friday.

Week One : July 6 to July 10

Week Two: July 13 to July 17

Week Three: July 20 to July 24

Week Four: July 27 to July 31

Week Five: August 3 to August 7

**POST THIS FLYER ON YOUR FRIDGE SO YOUR
AWARE OF THE DATES FOR MEAL PICK UP !**

IMAGINEERS



MEET & GREET

Attention (PBV) Project Base Voucher and HCV Program Participants of Quarry Heights!

Friendly reminder! If you're a participant in the PBV or HCV program living at Quarry Heights, we invite you to join us for an upcoming presentation. You should have already received a notice with the details.

Please note, this presentation is exclusively for PBV and HCV participants.

Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 11:00 AM
Quarry Heights Community Room

Come learn more about **Imagineers** and your annual recertification process. Representatives from Imagineers will be hosting a presentation to walk you through the process and will be available to answer any questions you may have.



INTERFAITH COALITION OF PORTLAND WELCOMES ALL TO

NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER*

PRAYERS | MUSIC | MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS | REFRESHMENTS
TOGETHER IN PRAYER. TOGETHER IN SERVICE.

PORTLAND FOOD BANK STORIES OF H♥PE

HOW OUR FOOD BANK IS RESPONDING TO NEEDS



Thursday, May 7, 2026 | 6:30 pm

Portland Senior Center | 7 Waverly Avenue | Portland, CT
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

PLEASE DONATE

SNACKS:

Chips (Big and small bags)
Cookies
Fruit Snacks
Jello, Pudding & Fruit Cups

DRINKS:

Apple Juice
Juice Boxes
Coffee
Powdered Drink Mixes

GENERAL FOOD ITEMS:

Cooking oil (small)
Oatmeal
Hamburger Helper
Brownie Mix
Sugar (small)
Flour (small)
Crackers

HOME GOODS:

Paper Towels | Toilet Paper | Dish Detergent | Laundry Detergent (small)

JAR OR CANNED GOODS:

Spaghetti & Meatballs
Ravioli
Beefaroni
Hash
Potatoes

CONDIMENTS:

Ketchup
Mustard
Mayonnaise
Relish
Salt & Pepper

*NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

A 1952 U.S. Joint Congressional Resolution which became law that year has required, since 1988, that the U.S. Presidents declare each year a National Day of Prayer to be held on the first Thursday of May. This law encourages people of the United States to turn to God in prayer and meditation in houses of worship, or in groups, or individually, each after his or her own manner, for unity in the hearts of all mankind.

Chatham Court

SUMMER MEAL PREORDER FORM 2026



The PHA ask that you submit the forms back to the main office via drop box, no later than May 25, 2026. If you do not complete and submit on time you run the risk of not receiving the meals. We wont be able to hold meals for anybody. Please make sure that you arrange for someone to pick up your meals if your unable to.

HOH Name: _____

HOH Address: _____

HOH Phone #: _____

Week One : July 6 to July 10-____# of children in household that would like to receive lunch.

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Week Three: July 20 to July 24-____# of children in household that would like to receive lunch.

Week Four: July 27 to July 31-____# of children in household that would like to receive lunch.

Week Five: August 3 to August 7-____# of children in household that would like to receive lunch.

Person you have designated to pick up your meals: _____

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