# PLATTSBURGH HOUSING AUTHORITY SENIOR NEWS

January 2015

#### We have Wii's

Recently we had 3 Wii gaming systems donated to the senior high rises. The game consoles are secured in the community rooms of each high rise. We are looking at starting up Wii bowling tournaments. If you are interested in joining a team, add your name to the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in your lobby. We are looking for players and captains.

Any questions or to sign out the remotes and games please contact Julie at 562-0230. Thank you.



#### **PHA Senior Discussions**



We would like to hold an interactive meeting every other month for PHA residents & staff to come together and discuss any issues, concerns, and/or suggestions. The senior discussions will also provide you with up-todate housing information.

All residents are encouraged to attend. You can place items you would like more information on, suggestions you may want the PHA to look into, and your comments in the suggestion box of your high-rise, prior to the meetings.

#### Meetings will be held on:

March 17th 2015May 19th 2015July 14th 2015September 15th 2015November 17th 2015January 19th 2016Mark your calendar and plan on attendingRobert S. Long 9:00 - 9:50Lakeview Towers 10:15 - 10:50Russell H. Barnard 11:30 - 12:15 \*\*\* New time\*\*\*

	Senior Rent Pickup Schedule 2015	
	January 5 <sup>th</sup>	February 4 <sup>th</sup>
	March 4 <sup>th</sup>	April 6 <sup>th</sup>
	May 4 <sup>th</sup>	June 4 <sup>th</sup>
	July 6 <sup>th</sup>	August 4 <sup>th</sup>
	September 8 <sup>th</sup> ***NEW DATE***	October 5 <sup>th</sup>
-	November 4 <sup>th</sup>	December 4 <sup>th</sup>

# Activities to enjoy with your neighbors.

Lakeview Towers/Russell H. Barnard Apartments Nutrition Program -Lakeview Towers community room Monday-Friday 9:00 am coffee, 10:00 activities & noon lunch is served Monday: Wii Bowling, Tuesday: Bingo, Wednesday: Wii Bowling, Thursday: Craft/scrapbook day, Fridays: activities vary

### **Russell H. Barnard Community Room**

BINGO-

Mondays and Thursdays 2:00 pm-4:00 pm Card sales begin at 1:00 pm **\$.05 per card/game games 1-10 \$.10 per card for game 11 (coverall)** 

Coffee Club-

Saturday mornings 9:30 am- 11:00 am Cash and food donations are accepted.

#### Robert S. Long Community Room

Coffee Club-

Monday- Saturday 11:00 am

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Wednesday and Friday 5:00 pm

**RSVP- Strength Training** Monday 9:30 am-10:30 am

Please contact Kate @ 566-0944 for more information

#### Bingo-

Tuesdays 10:00 am

#### **Uno-**Thursday 5:00 pm



<u>Robert S. Long Sweet Treat Exchange:</u> <u>Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 pm</u>

Punch will be provided

Please bring a sweet snack to share with each other (cookies, brownies, cupcakes, individualized snacks please. No cakes or items that have to be served.)







#### **Risk Control Policy Statement**

The safety and well being of the residents and employees of the Plattsburgh Housing Authority are of the utmost importance. It is also important for the Authority to safeguard its assets. Risk management procedures will be established and maintained to ensure the highest level of safety is provided for all.

It is the intention of the Authority to abide by applicable laws and regulations which govern the health and safety of the residents, employees, visitors, and property. Risk control techniques and methods will be employed where feasible to prevent and control losses which may threaten the health and well being of those the Authority serves.

Risk management and control is the responsibility of all levels of the Authority. Management and employees shall make all efforts feasible to ensure that the optimal level of safety is provided. Through the administration of the adopted *Risk Control Policy Statement* and the cooperation and support of those involved, the Authority will make risk control a priority.

#### **SHOPPING CART REMINDERS...**

DO NOT REMOVE CARTS FROM BUILDING



Be sure to return the carts to the lobby when you are finished using them. Do not leave the carts in the elevator or on your floor. Please be considerate of your neighbors. You needed the cart to get your belongings and packages to your apartment and so does your neighbor.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

# WINTER PARKING During the winter months it is important that we keep the parking lots plowed. Please move your vehicle when requested to do so by PHA staff so that the plows can clean the parking spaces. If you go away during the winter for even a short period of time and leave your car in the parking lot, or are unable to personally move your car, please make arrangements for someone to move it for you. As part of your lease you are required to move your vehicle for snow removal and plowing. You will have 2 warnings and the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, your vehicle will be towed at your expense. Each occasion you will receive a notice in your door or it will be on the security channel if Plattsburgh Housing needs vehicles moved to clear the parking lots. If your vehicle is not moved and Plattsburgh Housing needs vehicles moved. If you are unable to move you vehicle you must make arrangements with someone that can do so for you. If you vehicle is towed, it is at your own expense. When cleaning the snow off your car, it would be helpful on your part to direct as much of the snow as possible toward outside the lot rather than into the parking spaces.

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## **FREE & FAST** Tax Preparation

#### by IRS-Certified Volunteer Preparers

#### **Clinton County**

Senior Citizens Council, 5139 North Catherine Street, Plattsburgh <u>Walk-ins</u> -- No Appointments taken! Call **518-335-8599** for information. <u>January 26 thru February 28 (closed 2/16/15)</u> Mon, Tues, Fri, Sat 9:00 to 2:00; Wed & Thurs 9:00 to 6:00 <u>March 1 thru 31</u> Wed & Thurs 9:00 to 6:00; Fri & Sat 9:00 to 2:00 <u>April 1 thru 15</u> Wed & Thurs 9:00 to 6:00; Fri 9:00 to 2:00

#### It's FAST...It's FREE...It's YOURS

#### What to bring to your appointment:

Picture ID for you and your spouse if married and filing jointly

Social Security Cards and Birth Dates for you, your spouse, and dependents

W-2 Forms for all jobs held in 2014; Information for all other income

Forms 1099 (1099R, 1099G, 1099Misc, 1099Int, 1099C, 1099DIV, etc), Broker Statements

Forms 1095-A, B or C (Affordable Health Care Statements)

A copy of last year's return

Proof of bank account for direct deposit and faster refund (bank routing number and account number)

Your spouse, if married filing jointly

OTHER RECEIPTS that *may increase* your tax refund:

Rental information for NYS credit (only if total household income is less then \$18,000)

Total paid to day care provider and their tax ID number (provider name, address, and amount paid)

Education expenses for you, your spouse, or dependent who attended college (1098T, Tuition Expense Statement, and/or 1098E, Student Loan Interest Statement)

Energy Improvements to your home (cost for insulation, storm doors, windows, etc.)

School and Property taxes, Mortgage Interest, unreimbursed Medical Expenses, Charitable Contributions

If you purchased a car during 2014, bring the sales tax information

# Support our kids...

During the month of April we will be holding a bottle drive for the Ted K. Center. All proceeds collected from the bottle drive will go to the purchase of a van for the Ted K. Center. Please help us to raise the funds to support our younger generation. If you have bottles you would like to donate please contact Julie to arrange pick up. Thank you.

