

PHA Post



Family Housing: Spring 2024

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Spelling Spree Showdown



A zany, wacky, fun spelling bee to support the Ted K. Center, with special hosts Completely Stranded!

This is not your average spelling bee! There will be games and other ways to keep teams going along with the quick-witted humor of Completely Stranded.

Come out and support the participants, and enjoy a fun night of entertaining improv and games!

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024

- 5 PM - 7 PM
- PLATTSBURGH HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
- FREE!! Suggested Donation \$5
- All proceeds will support the Jack Fisher Fund at the Ted K. Center

No Smoking Policy



- Please remember that there is no smoking/vaping of any substance in any PHA building, in any apartment, or within 25 feet of any building, play ground or common area (such as clothes lines).
- Did you know that when you quit smoking, your breathing gets easier and your lung capacity increases within 3 days and that you have more energy within 1 month?
- Did you know that there are **over 4,000 chemicals** in cigarettes and cigars - **43** of which are known to cause **cancer** and over **400** are **poisonous**?
- Did you know **your pets** are at higher risk for mouth, throat and stomach cancers from second hand smoke (and third hand smoke residue) as they breathe in the smoke and lick the harmful chemical residues off from their fur?
- Please discard your cigarette butts in a proper trash receptacle. Littered cigarette butts leach toxic chemicals such as arsenic and lead into the environment contaminating the ground and the water supply. Discarded cigarette butts only decompose by about 38% after two years. **Let's take better care of this planet!**

Annual pet fee at PHA

Effective 2024, PHA will no longer charge tenants with a cat or a dog an annual pet fee of \$15.00. Please remember to keep your pet's rabies vaccinations up to date as well as renewing the dog's license with the City Clerk's office and providing the updated documents to PHA.





SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!!!

With the snow melting, sun shining, and birds singing, it is the perfect time to do some spring cleaning. Spring cleaning can lead to healthier living conditions, better use of space and possibly even make you a few dollars. Here are some helpful spring cleaning steps to get you started:

- Clean out your closets. Are there old toys, clothes, or clutter that isn't being used or that is broken? Take an hour or two and have each person in the family go through these items to decide what should be tossed out and what is still in good condition but can be sold or donated.
- Get rid of those dust bunnies. Take the time to vacuum around baseboards, heating vents, curtains, under the sofa cushions, and wipe down window sills and furniture. Don't forget to vacuum under those big furniture items as well.
- Tackle the bathroom. Bathrooms are subject to a lot of moisture which can cause mold growth. This is a good time to make note of any leaking or damaged fixtures that would need repair. If you notice any damage, be sure to call in a work order so the problem can be corrected.
- Appliances need a spring cleaning too. Clean out the refrigerator and check dates on the bottles and jars; discard any items that have expired. If you can, pull out the refrigerator and check behind to make sure nothing has fallen since the last cleaning. Wipe down the outside of appliances with a soft cloth and a solution of 1/2 cup of bleach and 4 cups of warm water.
- Let's go outside! Now is a good time to clean up your yard and remember that the disposal of your personal property (furniture, televisions, appliances, toys, clothes, etc) is your responsibility and you either have to bring these items to the landfill or contact a private garbage hauler to remove those items at your expense.
- Get your home organized. Take an hour with your family to make sure things all have a place. Set up a tray for mail and another for keys. Are there hangers and hooks for coats? Is there a place for backpacks to go after school? Keeping things organized helps everyone keep the house tidy and gives the family more time for fun activities!!!



~ ~ Reminders ~ ~

Air conditioners: If you would like your air conditioner installed this summer by Maintenance, please call in a work order at 518-563-0430 ext 105 after May 15th. The cost for Maintenance to install an air conditioner is \$25.00 (1st air conditioner) and \$15.00 for each additional installed. If you are installing the air conditioner yourself, please call in a work order **the next business day after it is installed** so that Maintenance can verify that it is installed properly and safely. The inspection fee is \$10.00 per air conditioner. A \$20.00 fine will be placed on your account for each air conditioner you install but do not call in a work order to have the installation inspected by Maintenance staff.

Yards: Swimming pools, sprinklers, slip and slides, trampolines, bounce houses, tents, screened tents and canopies **are not allowed on PHA property**. In addition, fire pits, patio heaters, chiminea or any outdoor fireplaces, or any wood burning pits **are not allowed on PHA property**.

Work Order Phone Numbers: Please put the PHA work order phone numbers in your cell phone(s) as a contact.
PHA Work Orders: 518-563-0430 ext 105; PHA Emergency Work Orders: 518-726-0543

Inspirational Corner

"I can accept failure, everyone fails at something.
But I can't accept not trying." —Michael Jordan-

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