# **PHA Post**



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### **Upcoming Events**

Mark your calendars for the following events:

#### **CVPH EASTER EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 19th 10:00 AM on the CVPH front lawn. Make sure to dress for the weather and bring your favorite basket!

#### **BIKE BLOCK PARTY** Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 10 AM until 1 PM

SUNY Fieldhouse, 167 Rugar Street, Plattsburgh

- Bring your bike to this event!
- Children ages 8 and up will learn bike safety and the rules of the road
- Giveaways and even a chance to win a free bike!

#### **PARKS COME ALIVE!** Two upcoming events:

- 1) Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 4:30 7:30 PM South Platt Street/Fox Hill Park
- 2) Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 4:30 7:30 PM South Acres Park on Flynn Avenue
- Games and activities •
- Giveaways
- Live Music
- Local Food Trucks
- More!!!

## 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 there are *over 4,000 chemicals* in cigarettes and cigars - 43 of which are known to cause cancer and over 400 are poisonous?
- 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!

#### ~ Reminders ~

- Please bring your garbage cart and recycling bin out to the curb **every week** for pick-up by Casella.
- Receiving paperwork from PHA is very important and often our requests have deadlines. Please remember to check your mailbox *at least* once a week to be able to respond in a timely manner to our requests.
- > If your telephone number changes, please make sure to let the office know as soon as possible so that your contact information can be updated.



# 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:

- 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. You can either bring these items to the landfill or hire a private garbage hauler to remove those items at your expense. Take the time to pick up and dispose of all garbage, cigarette butts, animal wastes, etc in your yards and continue to do so throughout the year.
- 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.
- 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!!!



#### ~ ~ Maintenance 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 April 15th. The cost for Maintenance to install an air conditioner is \$25.00 (1<sup>st</sup> air conditioner) and \$15.00 for each additional one 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*. Please keep your yards orderly to allow for ease of mowing in the summer.

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 105PHA Emergency Work Orders: 518-726-0543

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