

# Cohoes Housing Authority



May 2016

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## Board Meeting

The CHA Board Meeting will be held on **May 17, 2016** beginning at 6:00 PM at the Manor Sites Community Room. Everyone is invited. We will also be going to the other sites as well in the upcoming months.

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- Donna Braman ..... Tenant Commissioner

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#### Administration

Katherine Oliver	Executive Director	117
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RJ Langlais	Mod Coordinator	125
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Josephine M. Shufelt	Housing Eligibility Assistant	120
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#### Tenant Relations

Randall Wachunas	Tenant Relations Officer	113
Janice L. Medina	Sr. Account Clerk	111



**Regardless who pays for the utilities, we need to save our earth's valuable resources**

### Office closed

The CHA offices will be closed on Monday, **May 30, 2016** in lieu of Memorial Day.

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# For Your Information...



## 2016 Annual Plan

The Cohoes Housing Authority is preparing its 2016 plan for its public housing, Section 8 and Capital Fund Program for 2015 and 2016. A PUBLIC HEARING will be held on **June 21, 2016** at the Roulier Heights Community Room at 5:30 PM. Everyone is invited. Please come join in and share your ideas on housing issues.



## Chalk on Buildings

We have noticed a lot of chalk drawings on the sidewalks, flowerbeds and buildings at various sites. Although it may seem innocent, chalk drawings on the buildings, sidewalks and flowerbeds are prohibited. If our maintenance personnel have to clean it, you will be charged. Please be sure to tell your children no to use chalk on these areas.

## Range and Refrigerator Care



Kitchen appliances should be thoroughly cleaned on a regular basis. Greasy and dirty appliances are a fire hazard and can attract unwanted pests for which you will be held responsible. Don't forget to clean the stove hood and fan to keep them free of grease.

The CHA website is [www.cohoeshousing.org](http://www.cohoeshousing.org).



## IMPORTANT!! Garbage Chutes at the Towers

It has been brought to our attention that some tenants are leaving items in the garbage rooms. Small appliances or other household items are to be brought outside to the dumpster. Glass and recyclables are to be placed in the appropriate containers. Cat litter, glass, needles, etc., are NOT to be thrown down the chute. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mayor Shawn Morse  
&  
the Common Council  
announce

**Spring Clean-Up Day  
Hazardous Waste Day  
Electronic Recycling Day**  
(No Charge for Hazardous Waste or Electronic Recycling)

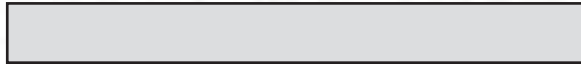
**May 21, 2016**  
**8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**at**  
**Lansing Park**  
Enter on James Street



All passenger vehicles will be allowed at no cost.  
A \$10.00 fee will be charged for pickup trucks  
A \$20.00 fee for most vehicles with a trailer  
A \$50.00 fee for any U-HAULS

Additional fees may apply for propane tanks, tires and automobile batteries.

**\*Proof of residence status required\***  
Drivers license, current utility bill, vehicle registration or current tax bill.



## Attention CHA Tenants



The Cohoes Housing Authority has a HUD regulation that every tenant (unless exempt) needs to complete 8 hours of community service per month.

Contact the Office if you have any questions.

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Sons of the American Legion  
Squadron #476

Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner  
Bread and Butter

Takeout - Friday, May 6, 2016

Pick up between 3PM - 7PM

Prepay at the Legion - \$10.00

For information call 235-4989

# Did you know?



## Memorial Day A Day of

The American tradition of Memorial Day began approximately a century and a half ago, when two Civil War veterans saw a woman and her two children decorating the grave of a fallen soldier. Their gift of blossoms moved the two veterans so greatly that they decided to decorate more graves with flowers. From that humble beginning, a great tradition was born.

On May 5, 1868, Gen. John A. Logan, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, ordered that the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May be designated “for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion.”

For many years, “Decoration Day,” as it was called at that time, was celebrated as a day for Americans to remember those who lost their lives in service of their country. In 1882, the name Decoration Day was changed to Memorial Day, and in 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday to be held on the last Monday of May every year. National observance is marked officially by the placing of a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.

Please join our City in honoring our veterans on Memorial Day, May 30th.



## READ CAREFULLY. Drugs are no joke in our housing

Don't believe me, then read this article.

Anyone that is living or visiting your home and caught having drugs or living at your home and caught somewhere else, the entire family can be evicted. Think about it. Try and explain that to your children. It is no laughing matter. Or better yet, is your children's home worth the risk if you are using drugs? Housing is a privilege. Everyone living at the Cohoes Housing Authority lives here under rules created by Congress.

Also, all tenants must report income. Not reporting income or a live-in is fraud. We now have one case pending for a criminal case against a tenant, others were evicted in the past. Report all changes immediately. If you want someone to live with you, report it. It's the Law!





## Saratoga Sites Apartment Inspections:

**The Annual Apartment Inspections for Saratoga Sites will be May 9 through May 13.** In the upcoming months we have scheduled the other sites as follows:

Manor Sites – June 6 through June 10, 2016



### MOVING FROM THE APARTMENT

If you decide to move, you must give the office a written thirty (30) day notice prior to your expected move-out date. Failure to properly notify the office can result in the loss of your security deposit refund and an additional month's rent.

You are required to leave the apartment in the same condition as it was when you moved in. The apartment will be inspected by the maintenance department and any damage will be charged to you.

For your protection, you may arrange an appointment with the office for a final move out inspection. This will give you the opportunity to explain any problems that may jeopardize your security deposit. It is our aim that your stay in the apartments owned or managed by the Cohoes Housing Authority will be a pleasant experience for you and your family and a profitable one in terms of enabling you to meet your living needs within your budget. If you leave because you can afford private rent or a home of your own, our purpose will have been accomplished.



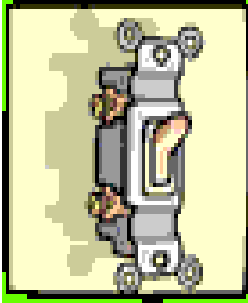
## Around the CHA...

Hello all,

Happy spring!!! I hope this warm sunshine meet's you with health and happiness!

## Charges for work orders

Tenants are encouraged to call in work orders before the problem is an emergency. The CHA will not charge for wear and tear of the materials or the labor time. We know items wear out and need to be replaced but when the item is damaged and it could be an accident



we have to charge for the repairs. We work very hard to get the best prices on materials but it all adds up. If a man is called out for an overtime call we have to pay him for his time. This is why we needed to

raise the lock out charge to cover the cost for his time. Please consider leaving a key with a friend or neighbor to call in the event you don't have your key.

We here at the CHA want to provide quality work and housing for everyone. If we make a mistake on a repair, call us. If something doesn't work right, let us know. We are here to help you. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Want to get a hold of us?

Try email, it is the best way of getting us and the quickest way of getting a response. Please, make it short and to the point so we can respond easier, please don't write a book, we can't read them as easy nor can we really determine the issue.



**The Cohoes Housing Authority is looking for summer help over the age of 16. Visit or call the office if you'd like more information!**

## A few food tips.....

**Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster. ?**

**Store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and not mold!**

**Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking. ?**

**Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef. It will help pull the grease away from the meat while cooking.**

**To really make scrambled eggs or omelets rich add a couple of spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream; then beat them. ?**

**Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and at the end of the recipe if your want a stronger taste of garlic.**

### **Reheat Pizza**

**Heat leftover pizza in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove; set heat to med-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy micro pizza. I saw this on the food channel and it really works.**



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## ALBANY

- Monday**  
5:00 - 5:45 | Lincoln Square, 3 Lincoln Square
- Tuesday**  
11:00 - 12:00 | Whitney Young Health Center, 920 Lark Dr  
12:15 - 1:00 | Center for Disability, 646 South Pearl St  
2:00 - 2:45 | Koinonia Primary Care, 533 Clinton Ave  
3:00 - 3:45 | Howe Library, Schuyler & Broad
- Wednesday**  
11:00 - 11:45 | Steamboat Square Apts, 20 Rensselaer St  
11:15 - 12:00 | Robert Whalen Homes, 305 Colonie St  
12:00 - 1:00 | Thurlow Terrace, 2 Thurlow Terrace  
12:15 - 1:00 | St. Sophia's Church, 440 Whitehall Rd  
4:45 - 5:45 | North Albany YMCA, 616 North Pearl St
- Thursday**  
12:15 - 1:00 | Arbor Hill/W Hills, Henry Johnson & 2nd  
5:00 - 5:45 | Creighton Storey Homes, 158 3rd Ave
- Friday**  
11:00 - 12:15 | South Mall Towers, 101 South Pearl St

## SCHENECTADY

- Monday**  
1:00 - 1:45 | Father Leo O'Brien, 3151 Marra Ln  
2:00 - 2:45 | Hometown Health Center, 1044 State St  
3:00 - 3:45 | Schenectady DSS, 797 Broadway
- Friday**  
1:30 - 2:00 | Summit Towers, 720 Albany St  
2:15 - 3:00 | Lincoln/Keane Schools, 1325 Albany St  
3:15 - 4:00 | Ten Eyck Apts, 375 Broadway

## COHOES

- Wednesday**  
3:00 - 4:00 | Cohoes Senior Center, 100 Cayuga Plaza

## TROY

- Tuesday**  
11:30 - 12:00 | Barker Park, Corner of 3rd & State  
12:30 - 1:00 | Blooming Grove Senior Housing, 105 Blooming Grove Dr
- Wednesday**  
2:30 - 3:15 | Lansingburgh Apts, 41 114th St  
3:30 - 4:15 | O'Neil Apts, 2121 6th Ave
- Thursday**  
11:00 - 11:30 | Edward A. Kane Apts, 115th St & 2nd Ave  
12:30 - 1:15 | Burns Apts, 720 Federal St  
2:45 - 3:45 | Kennedy Towers Apts, 2100 6th Ave

## RENSSELAER

- Tuesday**  
2:15 - 3:00 | Mayor John Warden Apts, 85 Aiken Ave  
3:15 - 4:00 | Patroons Dorp, Fowler & First
- Thursday**  
10:45 - 11:15 | Van Rensselaer Heights, 460 Forbes Ave  
11:30 - 12:00 | Renwyck Place, 18 4th Ave  
3:00 - 3:45 | Church of the Redeemer, 1249 3rd St

## WATERVLIET

- Thursday**  
2:00 - 2:45 | Public Library/Senior Center, 1501 Broadway



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# CHW Scholarship Fund



**\$17,000 in Scholarships**  
Financial aid for students living in affordable housing.

The 2016 Cannon Heyman & Weiss Scholarship Fund will make scholarship awards for full- and part-time study at approved colleges, junior colleges, technical schools, and other post-secondary institutions leading to a degree, diploma or certificate. The Scholarship Fund is an extension of the CHW mission and reflective of the firm's commitment to the affordable housing industry and community development. Graduate studies are not included.

**This year's awards are expected as follows:**

\$10,000 • \$5,000 • \$2,000

**Application deadline:**

May 17, 2016

**For an application or more information, visit:**

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# Mice

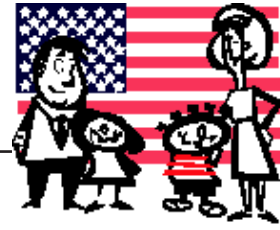


Mice can always be a problem. No use standing on a table, that won't help. If you have mice call us right away. Mice reproduce quickly and can get out of hand very quickly and will take much longer to get rid of. Feeding the birds can also cause you problems. It draws unwanted birds but also mice and even rats. Please don't throw bread for the birds, it is unhealthy for all of us.



## Spring Clean-Up

Spring is here and when the snow melts everything looks dirty. Please help by raking and picking up papers. By raking and cleaning up the spring flowers bloom more easily. Let's all help make a good impression. If you need rakes call the office. Remember it's your home, so keep it clean!



### Sound like your house?

## My Parents...

**AT SEVEN:** My Parents—They are the smartest people in the world; they know everything.

**AT SEVENTEEN:** My parents don't know as much as I thought they did.

**AT TWENTY-ONE:** My parents don't know anything compared to me—they just don't understand the younger generation.

**AT THIRTY-FIVE:** My parents know much more than I thought they did. They were really quite worldly-wise.

**AT FIFTY:** My parents were always right. Everything they did was for my benefit.



## Watch out for Children..

Its that time of year again and the Ice Cream Truck is here! All tenants and their guests should be extra careful driving throughout the sites. Also, please tell your children not to run in the roads and to throw their wrappers into the proper waste containers located throughout the sites. Thank you and be safe.

# Risk Control Policy.....

The following Resolution was introduced by Commissioner Colleen Mayo, read in full and considered:

## RESOLUTION NO. 16-02

**LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Commissioners of the Cohoes Housing Authority has adopted the Risk Management Policy as follows:

The safety and well-being of the residents, guests and employees of the Cohoes Housing Authority are of the utmost importance. Proper procedures must be established in order to ensure that the highest level of safety is provided for all.

It is the intention of the Cohoes Housing Authority to abide by all applicable laws and regulations which govern the health and safety of the tenants, visitors and property. Risk Management methods will be employed to prevent and control loss which may threaten the health and well being of those the authority serves.

Risk Management methods will be the responsibility of all levels of the Authority. The Cohoes Housing Authority shall make all efforts feasible to ensure that optimal level of safety is provided for all. Through the administration of this adopted Risk Management Policy and the cooperation and support of those involved, the Cohoes Housing Authority will make risk control a priority.

The foregoing Resolution was proposed by Commissioner Colleen Mayo, which said motion was seconded by Chairperson Charles Alonge.

Upon a roll call vote, the Ayes and Nays were as follows:

**AYES**

Charles Alonge  
Walter Harbacz  
Mark Pascale  
Colleen Mayo

**NAYS**

None

The Chairperson thereupon declared said motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

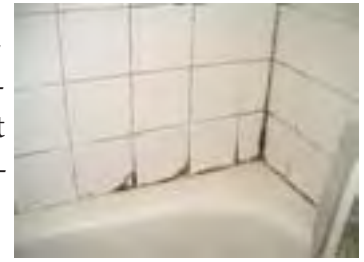
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Check out our Tenant Portal at  
[Cohoeshousing.org](http://Cohoeshousing.org)



# Mold Removal using Vinegar

Did you know that an effective and economical method for mold removal is using vinegar? Rather than using more costly products or ones that give off pungent odors, white vinegar is safe and found in nearly everyone's pantry. Provided below is a step by step process using vinegar:



1. Make sure you use only white fermented vinegar to kill mold, other synthetic acetic acids will not do the job.
2. Fill a spray bottle with undiluted white vinegar.
3. Spray vinegar onto mold infested surfaces and in places where mold regularly grows, such as shower curtains, grout of tiles, walls, sealing underneath faucets, edges and outside of the bathtub, counter top, etc.
4. Leave the vinegar to sit for a minimum of 30 minutes for the acid to kill the mold.
5. Wipe clean the surfaces with water and let it dry completely. Remember moisture is the cause for mold growth.
6. Use a solution of vinegar and water to mop floor regularly. This helps to kill any mold residues.
7. To remove mold from clothing and fabric materials, soak them with the solution of vinegar and water and leave overnight without adding any laundry detergent.



8. Rinse off the vinegar water and wash with normal laundry detergent and warm water. This shall kill all traces of mold. Vinegar is a safe product to use for mold removal; as it is biodegradable and edible. It does not leave nasty residue like bleach does. You can even use vinegar to kill molds in kitchen. Spray vinegar onto the counter tops, dish drainer, cutting board will keep mold at bay.