

CLINTON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

NEWSLETTER



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Lock Haven, PA 17745
(570) 748-2954

LH Lobby Open
MONDAY through FRIDAY
8:30am-12pm & 1pm-3:30pm

350 HURON AVE.
Renovo, PA 17764
(570) 923-0530

Renovo Lobby Open
Tuesday and Thursday
9am- 12pm & 1pm-3pm

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Snow & Ice Removal

Winter's snow and ice will be upon us before we know it. Safety is CCHA's top concern. Tenant Cooperation is the key to effectively clearing walks and parking areas. Please take a minute to read this article to find out what is expected of you.

IF YOU CLEAR YOUR OWN WALKS

Snow and ice must be removed from all walks, steps, and parking areas within 24 hours following the end of the snow and ice event. You should plan ahead. Make sure you have an adequate snow shovel and keep it in a readily accessible area.

CCHA Staff will deliver ice melt to your apartment in December. This is a once-a-year free service. Tenants must purchase additional ice melt from the local store of your choice.

If you share common walkways with your neighbors, you are all equally responsible for snow and ice removal. Make sure it gets done. You are responsible for the walks in front of your parking area. Please make sure those areas stay cleared as well.

Both the City of Lock Haven and the Renovo Borough have ordinances regarding snow and ice removal. Any tenant who does not comply will be fined. CCHA will report non-compliance.

IF CCHA CLEARS YOUR WALKS

Please be patient while CCHA clears your walkways and parking areas. Snow removal will begin when the snow events ends. When very heavy snow falls, CCHA will make an initial pass to open up your area and then return later to finish clean up. You are responsible to clean off your own vehicles. Please clean off your vehicles before CCHA makes the final clean up. You may be asked to move your vehicle so parking lots can be properly cleared. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

CCHA Staff make every effort to eliminate ice in the common areas. If you discover an icy area , please notify CCHA so the area can be serviced.



INDOOR HOLIDAY LIGHTS SHOULD BE TURNED ON BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00PM AND 10:00PM ONLY. PLEASE CONSERVE ENERGY!



DID YOU KNOW...

CLINTON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS STARTED A FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE JOHN YOST/JOHN SIMON COMMUNITY CENTERS.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK AND GET UPDATES ON WHAT IS GOING ON AT THE CENTERS!



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Cold Weather Reminders

LINDEN CIRCLE: Residents with a history of frozen water pipes are asked to leave a very small stream of water running during the very coldest weather. Turn off the water when the temperature exceeds 32 degrees.

MILLS PARK: Residents are reminded to keep their storage room doors closed and locked during the winter months. The electric heaters in these areas should be set at their lowest setting. Keep the heaters free from all obstacles to allow the heat to circulate. Residents who do not observe these guidelines will be charged for call outs due to frozen pipes.



ATTENTION RENOVO RESIDENTS:

Mina Blair (Americorps) will be working in the Renovo area to provide services to adults and youth. Watch for her flyers regarding workshops and special hours for the after school program.

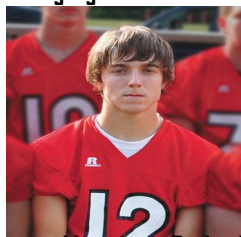
RENOVO OFFICE:

Renovo office will be closed December 24th and 31st. The office will open back up on December 26th and January 2nd. In case of inclement weather, Renovo residents are advised to call our office to confirm that the office is open.

Tenant Spotlight

We would like to create a new section in the newsletter to highlight some of the positive things our tenants do.

Our first highlight will be Trent Risley.



Trent is a 17 year old senior at Bucktail High School.

Trent is very active at Bucktail, playing on the baseball, basketball and football teams. Trent was named "Player of the Week" by the Lock Haven Express in October for his performance during the Bucktail Vs. Montgomery game. He has excelled in these sports while maintaining the high honor roll.

Trent also spent his summer working for the Clinton County Housing Authority as an assistant to the maintenance department. Trent was always willing to go above and beyond his required duties. He was a great help to the housing authority, his time and help was greatly appreciated!

Trent is planning on attending Lock Haven University in the fall. He is unsure of what he wants to major in but has narrowed it down to two options. The CCHA wishes Trent the best of luck with his senior year and future endeavors!

BED BUG TREATMENT CHANGES

Orkin will be treating infested units 3 times (2 weeks apart) in place of the 2 times. Two weeks following the 3rd treatment maintenance will come check the units. If units are found to still be infested, the tenant will receive an eviction notice for non-compliance.

It is VERY important that all tenants, whose units are being treated are following the prep list very carefully! This includes but not limited to all clothes being dried and placed in new bags, leaving all clothing in the bags until unit is free of bed bugs, staying out of other peoples units and not allowing visitors into your unit. Tenants must also follow any recommendations that Orkin or the Clinton County Housing Authority provide to them.

At the discretion of the Orkin technicians, units that are not properly prepared will not be treated as scheduled. Units not properly prepared will be charged a service fee.

Starting in January, 2014 Orkin will begin applying preventive services to Carter Towers, Putnam Manor and Probst Plaza. Units will be treated a total of 3 times throughout the year.



ARTICLES

PHADA SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The PHADA (Public Housing Authorities Directors Association) Scholarship Program announced they will award three (3) college scholarships to high school seniors living in Public or Assisted Housing throughout their entire senior year. Eligible applications will be accepted from agencies nationwide. The scholarships to be awarded include:

- 29TH Annual Stephen J. Bollinger Memorial Scholarship for \$7,000
- Freedom and Civil Rights Scholarship for \$5,000
- HD Supply Scholarship for \$5,000

Contact Tenant Initiatives Coordinator, Tia, at (570) 893-1911 for an application packet or download a copy at the PHADA website www.phada.org. The deadline to return applications to CCHA is January 31, 2014. CCHA must certify the application and forward to PHADA. Winners will be contacted directly by the PHADA Scholarship Committee. CCHA encourages graduating seniors to consider this outstanding opportunity.

RENT REBATES

After January 1, 2014

If you qualify for a Pennsylvania Rent Rebate, CCHA can provide the required Rent Certificate.

DO NOT bring your rebate booklets to CCHA. CCHA only provides the Rent Certification. Contact Ruth at 748-2954 in the Lock Haven CCHA office to request a Rent Certification for 2013.

Rent Rebate Booklets should be sent to those who qualify. If you do not receive a book by February they will be available at the following office in February.

CLINTON COUNTY RESIDENTS

State Representative, Mike Hanna
29 Bellefonte Avenue
Lock Haven, PA
(570) 748-5480

Reminders from Clinton County Housing Authority

Tenant Parking

Be reminded, family units have one parking stall per dwelling unit. These parking stalls are designed for one vehicle only. Do NOT park more than one vehicle in your parking stall.

The parking stalls at Carter Towers, Putnam Manor, Probst Plaza and Randsdorf Manor are for tenant parking ONLY, on a first-come, first served basis.

All other vehicles, including your guest and visitors vehicles, must be parked curbside.



Work Orders

If you leave a message on the work order machine and then call the office, please let someone know that you already left a message on the machine. That will help prevent having duplicate work orders for your unit.

When leaving a message please be patient, as we will get to your work order as soon as possible. If it is an emergency, then you should call the office ONLY if it is during working business hours. Please refer to your lease for after hour emergencies!

Renovo Drop Box

There is now a drop box for after-hours payments at Randsdorf Manor. This box is located by the Identifone at the rear entrance of the building. **Deposit checks and money orders only...NO CASH!**

Food Items

Reminder that tenants are not to throw any food items outside. Food items outside attract insects, rodents and other unwanted pests and can become a health and safety hazard.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROBST PLAZA

Tenant Council Meetings:

Tenant Council meetings take place on Monday, February 3rd and March 3rd in the evenings at 5:30. There will be no January council meeting!

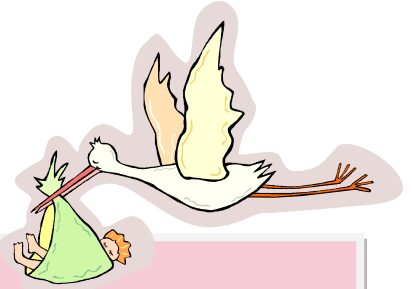
Christmas Dinner will be on December 18, 2013 at 5:30. This year's dinner will include filled meatloaf and baked macaroni and cheese. Please bring a dish to share. This dinner is \$5.00 for residents and \$7.00 for any guests.

Everyone who lives in Probsts Plaza is invited to attend the tenant council meetings and the meals!



Importance of Tenant Councils

Do you know the benefits of having a tenant council? Have you considered starting a tenant council in your building or neighborhood? Now is your chance! Having a tenant council can allow your voice to be heard and help you build a strong community. Tenant Councils will provide residents with the tools to bring people together, discuss housing policies, reduce neighbor tensions, and feel proud of your community! Anyone interested in starting a tenant council can call Tia at 893-1911,



MILESTONES

BIRTHS:

Khloe Clancy
Daughter of Carlos Clancy
Born August 8, 2013

Caleb Walizer
Son of Deserae Haswell & Brandon Walizer
Born September 26, 2013

Bane William Hockenberry
Son of Jessica Hill & Shane Hockenberry
Born November 22, 2013

CONDOLENCES:

To the family of Thomas Casilio
November 17, 2013



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL WINNERS

Pay your rent on time and you might win a Gift Card just like these tenants:
September 2013

Forest and Anna Keen & Phyllis and Henry Todd
October 2013

James Fye & Randy Litz
November 2013

Annette Bonnell & Richard and Florence Clark



RESIDENT PROGRAMS

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

for KIDS

Every **Thursday** at the John Yost Community Center

3:30pm until 4:30pm

Kids prepare snacks and learn healthy cooking.



PENNY BINGO

for ADULTS

Every Tuesday
1:00pm until 2:00pm
Ransdorf Manor Community Room

**Prize Bingo will be held
December 10, 2013**

C.A.P.E.

for KIDS



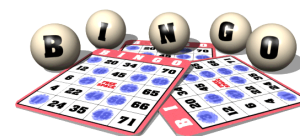
Tuesdays

Program is on hold until further funding is available

Children Actively

Protecting the Environment

Kids learn about animals and the environment. Snacks provided.



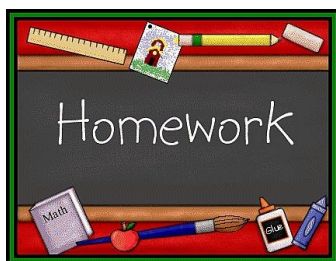
Wii BOWLING /Games for ADULTS



RANSDORF MANOR COMMUNITY ROOM

Every Wednesday
10:00am to 12:00pm

HOMEWORK HAPPENINGS for KIDS



John Yost Community Center:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,

3:00pm until 5:00pm

Homework Help & Computer Skills

HOMEWORK HAPPENINGS for KIDS (RENOVO)

John Simon Community Center:

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays

3:00pm until 7:00pm

Center offers games, crafts, movies and homework help

Want to know what your child is doing at the center?

Find and like us on Facebook by searching for **John Yost/John Simon Community Center** for daily updates on the events that

are happening at the center for both adults and kids!



Mina Blair will be coordinating the Renovo events. She is working with the CCHA through the AmeriCorps program. Watch for flyers on special events!

***For More Information On Any Resident Program
Contact: Tia, (570) 893-1911***

RESIDENT PROGRAMS

Christmas Party

A party is in the works. Please like us on Facebook to receive updates . Once everything is scheduled it will be posted. You will also receive a flyer with the information.



The Clinton County Housing Authority would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!



Christmas Cookie Making for kids

December 13, 2013 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The children will be making cookies to pass out in Linden Circle.

AmeriCorps Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Presentations

December 16, 2013 at 10:30am at the Probst Plaza Community Center. The presentation will focus on Fire Prevention.

December 16, 2013 at 1:30pm at the John Yost Community Center. The presentation will focus on Being Red Cross Ready.

Participants need to call to sign up for these events



American Red Cross

Door Decorating Contest

Call Tia now to sign up to have your door judged in the Christmas door decorating contest. Judging will be on December 20, 2013. You could win 1 of 3 gift cards just in time for the Holidays! You must have your door decorated by December 16th.



STRONG WOMEN/GROWING STRONGER!

This program is geared toward women and men 40 years of age or older who have been active or relatively sedentary for the past few years and are interested in improving their health, vitality and well-being. Those who are younger are welcome to attend!

This is a 12 week program, and meetings are two times a week for one hour.

- Increase muscle mass and strength
 - Improve bone density
 - Reduce risk for osteoporosis and related fractures
 - Reduce risk of diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, depression, and obesity
- For more information, please contact Tia . 10 Slots are available

Call today to sign up!

