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# NEWSLETTER



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## CCHA ACHIEVES "HIGH PERFORMER" STATUS

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) scores all Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) every year. The Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) scores PHAs in four areas, called indicators:

**Physical:** the physical condition of the properties, including dwelling units and administrative buildings.

**Financial:** the financial condition of the PHA including income, assets, investments and operating expenses.

**Management:** the ability of the staff to effectively operate the PHA including Tenant Services, Administration, and Maintenance.

**Resident :** the overall level of satisfaction residents have with the performance of the PHA.

The Clinton County Housing Authority (CCHA) diligently strives to meet all these expectations. HUD recently released the 2009 PHAS score for CCHA. Our score of 90 classifies CCHA as a High Performer.

Less than 10% of PHAs nationwide achieve this status. CCHA has scored 89 for the previous two years. Improvements in the Financial and Management indicators bolstered the score that one extra point in 2009.

As a tenant, you can help CCHA maintain "High Performer" status by doing three simple things:

1. Pay your rent ON TIME every month.
2. Call in all necessary repairs.
3. Pay your balance when you move out.

Thank you to all those tenants who do this consistently already. And to those tenant that do not:

**WAKE UP & GET WITH THE PROGRAM!**  
**Being designated "High Performer" gives CCHA more funding to make physical improvements to both your apartment and your project. It also provides funding to expand the services offered to tenants through the John Yost Community Center and the John Simon Community Center.**

*Did you know...*

Daylight Savings Time will end on November 7, 2010 at 2:00am.

Remember to set your clocks *BACK* one hour before you go to bed Saturday night!



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ARTICLES

THINGS TO DO...



FLAMING FOLIAGE FESTIVAL

This October 8th, 9th & 10th downtown Renovo will host arts & crafts vendors and a variety of food booths. A colorful parade with floats, bands, fire trucks, and the Flaming Foliage Queen contestants will wind through town on Saturday. Thousands of visitors attend this annual event to witness the spectacular fall colors and enjoy all the fun activities. Let's show these visitors a clean and orderly borough. Mills Park residents should make an extra effort to clean up outside their apartments. Please report any necessary repairs.

HEATING SEASON

Your heat has been turned on for the heating season. CCHA Maintenance Staff will also heat and properly set your thermostat. To help conserve energy, family apartments will be set to 70 degrees and elderly apartments to 75 degrees. Thermostats in some elderly apartments are adjustable.

Make sure your storm door windows are properly installed and closed. Check all outside doors for proper closure and seal. Check every window to make sure it is closed tightly. If any repairs are necessary, please call your local CCHA Office.

*Keeping a door or window open to "cheat" the heat is a terrible waste of energy!* It is also a violation of your Public Housing Lease. Tenants caught wasting energy will be charged a tamper fee.

Frequent opening and closing outside doors can temporarily make your apartment feel cold. Keep your doors and windows tightly closed when the temperature drops. NEVER use a cooking appliance as a heating source. Kerosene or electric space heaters are NOT permitted.

Less active and older residents may feel cold even when the temperature in their apartment is normal. Dress warmer or cover up with a throw on very cold days. Remember, the temperature at the floor will always be colder. Wear warm foot coverings.

Do not place appliances like lights, stereos, or televisions near your thermostat. The heat generated from these devices will not allow your thermostat to work properly and your apartment will be cold.

CCHA Maintenance Staff usually receive many call-outs for heat trouble when the heat is first turned on. If the outside temperature is still moderate, Maintenance will not respond to over-night call-outs. Please be considerate to the Maintenance Staff responding to your call-out and follow all their instructions. Please remember, any regular or after-hours call-out resulting from tenant misuse or energy waste will result in the tenant being charged.

PLEASE CONSERVE ENERGY!



*Did you know...*  
 WHEN CALLING THE EMERGENCY PAGER, ALLOW 15 MINUTES FOR A RETURN CALL AND BE SURE TO ENTER A COMPLETE PHONE NUMBER.

ARTICLES

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Tenants are permitted to display holiday decorations. Please follow these important guidelines:

- You may decorate your front door.
- No lights are permitted on the exterior.
- Turn on indoor holiday lights between 6:00pm and 10:00pm.
- No nails, tacks, staples especially in canopies and carports.
- Window decorations must be inside.
- Do not overload electrical circuits.
- No decorations are permitted in lawns, bushes, trees or other landscaping.
- No decorations are permitted in hallways, lobbies, stairways, balconies or other common areas.

Straw bails are *NOT* permitted. Too many tenants fail to clean up and discard the bails following the holiday and the decaying bails attract rodents.

All decorations, both indoors and outdoors, must be promptly cleaned up immediately following the holiday. Store all decorations safely inside your apartment.



*Did you know...*

TO ENSURE TENANT SAFETY, ALL PLAYGROUNDS WILL BE CLOSED OVER THE WINTER MONTHS.



MESSAGES

from the PROPERTY MANAGER

RECENT FRAUD CASES: The HUD Office of Inspector General (OIG) forwarded the following information to CCHA to share with tenants:

Five Public Housing residents in Miami, FL were ordered to pay \$123,614 restitution and serve 20 years probation for failure to accurately report household income and composition.

Six Section 8 residents in Indianapolis, IN are facing theft and fraud charges in Federal Court for failing to report income, allowing unauthorized household members, and failing to disclose criminal history.

A Boston, MA Public Housing resident pled guilty to making false claims and committing larceny by false pretense and was ordered to

pay \$25,000 in restitution and serve 2 years probation for failing to report income.

Two Cleveland, OH Section 8 residents were sentenced to 66 months incarceration and ordered to pay \$43,691 restitution for possessing criminal tools & weapons in Public Housing and for failing to accurately report household income and composition.

As you can see, OIG is serious about prosecuting fraud. CCHA does provide information to OIG regarding suspected fraud cases. **Don't become the next case.**

It is simple: report your income and household composition within 10 days of change to your CCHA caseworker. Failure to do so is FRAUD!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



PROBST PLAZA

Tenant Council Meetings: Tenant Council meetings on October 4th, November 1st, & December 6th at 6:00pm in the Community Room. All Probst Plaza residents are welcome to attend. Annual dues are \$4.00.

Trick-or-Treat Night: October 31st (or LH Trick-or-Treat night) from 6:00pm until 8:30pm in the Community Room. Bring a bag of candy to pass out to the children. Pizza will be available for \$1.00 per slice. Come dressed up if you dare!

Thanksgiving Dinner: Sunday, November 14th at 5:30pm in the Community Room. Tenant Council will provide the turkey. Paid council members bring a covered dish plus \$3.00 or just bring \$7.00. Guests are \$7.00 each. Sign up no later than November 11th on the sheet on the bulletin board - no exceptions. All payments are due to Kay Leitch by November 11th.

Christmas Dinner: Sunday, December 12th at 5:30pm in the Community Room. Tenant Council will provide the turkey & ham. Paid council members bring a covered dish plus \$3.00 or just bring \$7.00. Guests are \$7.00 each. Sign up no later than December 9th on the sheet on the bulletin board - no exceptions. All payments are due to Kay Leitch by December 9th.



RANSDORF MANOR

Blood Pressure Screening will be October 20th & November 17th in the Community Room from 10:30am until 11:00am. This service is provided free of charge to our tenants by Community Nursing.

*Did you know...*

TENANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CREATE & PARTICIPATE IN TENANT COUNCILS. CALL RUTH AT 893-1911 FOR MORE INFORMATION

OFFICE CLOSINGS



ALL CCHA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED:  
NOVEMBER 11th, **Veteran's Day**  
NOVEMBER 25th & 26th, Thanksgiving



MILESTONES

BIRTHS:

Lily Marie Butler, daughter of Missy & Robert Butler  
June 13 2010

MARRIAGES:

None Reported

CONDOLENCES:

Lois MacGill  
August, 2010



EARLY BIRD WINNERS

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

AUGUST

James and Grace Miller & Ralph Calhoun

SEPTEMBER

Shirley Nearhood & Vicki Harer

LAWN AWARD WINNERS

Keep your lawn looking nice and you might win a Gift Card just like these tenants:

AUGUST

Linda Crawford  
Jodi & Matthew Sheasley  
Melissa Anderson  
Carol & David Saar  
Louise Cozzi  
Laurie Getz

SEPTEMBER

Dana & Mark Rogers  
Nora Burd  
Julie & William Shearer  
Charles Hill, Sr.  
Coty Miller  
Crystal Mos





RESIDENT PROGRAMS

*HOMWORK HAPPENINGS* for KIDS



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
3:00pm until 5:00pm  
Homework & Study Time

*PENNY BINGO* for ADULTS

Wednesday  
1:00pm until 2:30pm  
Ransdorf Manor Community Room



*KIDS IN THE KITCHEN* for KIDS

Tuesday  
3:30pm until 5:00pm  
Kids make and sample foods while learning about Healthy Eating.



*Wii BOWLING* for ADULTS

PUTNAM MANOR COMMUNITY ROOM  
Every Thursday  
1:30pm until 2:30pm

PROBST PLAZA COMMUNITY ROOM  
October 13th & 27th, November 10th & 24th  
6:00pm until 7:00pm

RANSDORF MANOR COMMUNITY ROOM  
October 6th, 20th & 27th, November 10th, 17th & 24th  
11:00am until Noon

CARTER TOWERS COMMUNITY ROOM  
None scheduled at this time.



*C.A.P.E.* for KIDS

Thursday  
4:15pm until 6:15pm

Children Actively Protecting the Environment  
Kids improve literacy skills and learn about the environment.



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NOVEMBER 25th & 26th, Thanksgiving



*COMPUTER LEARNING CENTERS*



JOHN YOST COMMUNITY CENTER  
Monday & Friday  
9:00am until 10:45am  
Adults Only

JOHN SIMON COMMUNITY CENTER  
Wednesday  
3:00pm until 4:30pm  
Open Lab

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

RESIDENT PROGRAMS

**What's Your Guess for Ages 5 & Older**

Starting October 1 and ending October 28th.  
Guess how many goodies and win.

**Pumpkin Patch Field Trip for Kids**

**Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** - 2:00 PM to 3:45 PM - Carpenter Farm in Linden  
Field trip includes walking through a corn maze, seeing farm animals,  
Going on a hayride, and picking a pumpkin.  
Sign up by calling Ruth at 893-1911 or Dorothy at 923-0530

**Halloween Safety Poster Contest for Families**

Deadline to enter poster - Thursday, October 28th  
Poster contest winners will be announced on Friday, October 29th  
One entry per family  
1st Place - \$25.00 WalMart Gift Card  
2nd Place - \$15.00 WalMart Gift Card  
3rd Place - \$10.00 WalMart Gift Card

**Pumpkin Patch Field Trip for Families**

**Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** - 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM - ages 5 and under  
**Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** - 6:45 PM to 7:45 PM - ages 6 and older  
No sign up needed.

**Eating Smart & Moving More for Adults**

**Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** - 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM - John Yost Center  
Learn how to stretch your food dollars and prepare meals on today's tight budgets.  
Lori Masser from the Penn State Extension Office will be conducting the monthly class.  
Sign up by calling Ruth at 893-1911. Walk-ins are welcome.

**Pumpkin Pie for Thanksgiving for Kids**

**Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** - 12:30 PM to ? - John Yost Center  
Siblings will be working together to make pumpkin pie to take home for the holiday.  
One pie per family. Sign up by calling Ruth at 893-1911.



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**Halloween Party**

When: **Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010**  
 Time: **6:00 PM to 6:45 PM—ages 5 and under**  
 Time: **6:45 PM to 7:45 PM—ages 6 and older**  
 Place: **John Yost Community Center**  
 180 Binnacle Ave. L.H.

We are brewing a special concoction for this year's Halloween Bash! If you DARE, come and creep through the graveyard—walk among mummies, and scurry through the spiders' webs.

GAMES CRAFT REFRESHMENTS

# What's your Guess?

Guess how many goodies are in the bag.

Contest starts.....October 1, 2010  
Last chance to guess is .....Thurs., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>

Rules...

- One guess per person per day.
- Entries accepted in Lock Haven at the Yost Center Monday thru Friday 9 AM to 5 PM when the center is open. Guesses are also accepted when Ruth is in Renovo on Wednesdays at Ransdorf Manor from 1 PM to 2:30 PM and at the Simon Center from 3 PM to 4:30 PM.
- The person who guesses the closest to the actual number without going over will be the winner. In case of a tie, one name will be drawn from the tie.
- Need not be present to win. The winner will be announced October 29th

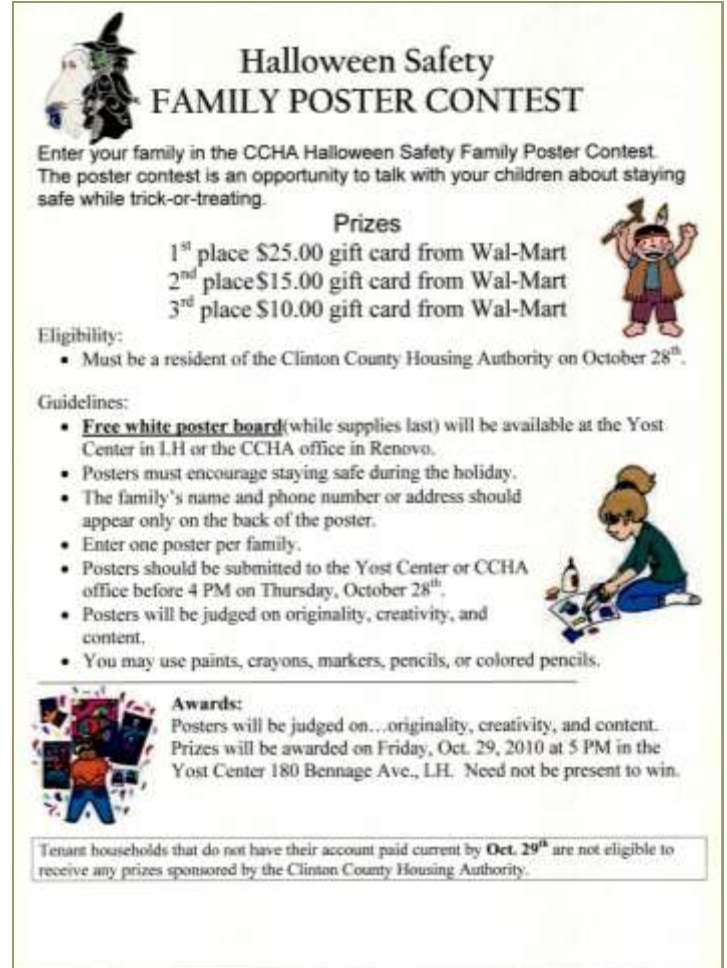


Contest open to CCHA residents ages 5 and older.

How to play...

1. Write your guess, name and phone # or address on the official entry form at the center.
2. Deposit the slip in the ghost piggy bank.

PRIZE...The winner will receive ALL THE GOODIES!



## Halloween Safety FAMILY POSTER CONTEST

Enter your family in the CCHA Halloween Safety Family Poster Contest. The poster contest is an opportunity to talk with your children about staying safe while trick-or-treating.

**Prizes**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place \$25.00 gift card from Wal-Mart
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$15.00 gift card from Wal-Mart
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$10.00 gift card from Wal-Mart

**Eligibility:**

- Must be a resident of the Clinton County Housing Authority on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Guidelines:**

- Free white poster board (while supplies last) will be available at the Yost Center in L.H. or the CCHA office in Renovo.
- Posters must encourage staying safe during the holiday.
- The family's name and phone number or address should appear only on the back of the poster.
- Enter one poster per family.
- Posters should be submitted to the Yost Center or CCHA office before 4 PM on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Posters will be judged on originality, creativity, and content.
- You may use paints, crayons, markers, pencils, or colored pencils.

**Awards:**

Posters will be judged on...originality, creativity, and content. Prizes will be awarded on Friday, Oct. 29, 2010 at 5 PM in the Yost Center 180 Binnacle Ave., L.H. Need not be present to win.

Tenant households that do not have their account paid current by Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> are not eligible to receive any prizes sponsored by the Clinton County Housing Authority.

# Costume Contest

Categories in different age groups include...



Don't be caught looking NORMAL!!

The Halloween Party will be separated into two parties according to age.

The door will open for ages 5 and under at 6:00 PM. Ages 5 and under will be judged on their costumes at 6:10 PM. The Halloween Party for ages 5 and under will be from 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM.

The door will open for ages 6 and older at 6:45 PM. Ages 6 and older will be judged on their costumes at 6:55 PM. The Halloween Party for ages 6 and older will be from 6:45 PM to 7:45 PM.

NOTE: If a parent is bringing a younger child to the 6:00 PM party and wants to bring along her older children (ages 6 or older) at 6:00 PM also, please call Ruth at 893-1911 by Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>.

The CCHA Party is for housing residents only. Visiting parents, siblings, relatives, friends or children you're babysitting will NOT be able to come. If you have any questions, please call Ruth at 893-1911.



OTHER LOCAL PROGRAMS

**CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE**  
AT  
**THE SALVATION ARMY**  
**119 EAST CHURCH STREET**  
**LOCK HAVEN, PA.**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FOOD AND TOYS WILL BE TAKEN**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2010 12:00 NOON - 3:00 PM**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2010 12:00 NOON - 3:00 PM**

**YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING IDENTIFICATION**  
**SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS**  
**PROOF OF ALL INCOME IN THE HOUSEHOLD**  
**PROOF OF ALL BILLS BEING PAID OUT**  
**CHILDREN'S INFORMATION**  
**(CLOTHING SIZE, 2 WISHES - NOT OVER \$25.00)**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION: CALL 748-2951**



*Merry Christmas*

*Tapestry Family Planning & Health Services*

- Gynecological Exams
- Breast Exams
- Mammogram Referrals
- Contraception
- Emergency Contraception
- Pregnancy Testing
- STD/HIV testing & treatment
- Driver's License, School, Sports, & Work Physicals

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**FREE Pink Party**

For Breast Cancer Awareness

**Oct. 21, 2010, 3:00-7:00pm**

Tapestry Family Planning in Lock Haven

- Nurse Q&A
- FREE Clinical Breast Exams
- FREE mammogram vouchers
- Learn Self Breast Exam
- Raffle
- Refreshments
- MORE!



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