

**AMSTERDAM HOUSING
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Merry Christmas



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**The staff of the Amsterdam Housing
Authority would like to wish you
& your family
a very Merry Christmas!**





AHA Board Meeting

The next AHA Board meeting will be on Wednesday, December 12th at 5:30 in the AHA main office board room.

General Tenant Meeting

There will be no tenant meeting for the month of December.



Notes from the Office

December 25th – The office will be closed on Christmas Day

**** FLAT RENTS FOR 2019 ****

Please see the attached flyers with information regarding the new flat rents for 2019. If you currently **do not** pay the flat rent this increase **will not** affect you. This only applies to those

tenants who pay the flat rent, for these tenants the increase will be effective with your next annual recertification if at that time your tenant rent amount is greater than the flat rent for your unit size.



IMPORTANT – Winter Parking

Any cars parked in the fire lanes will be towed without warning, at the car owner's expense. Maintenance needs to be able to access these areas in order to plow our parking lots.

Please be cooperative during snow removal. Please move your vehicles to cleared areas so that the maintenance staff can plow the parking lots more effectively.

Parking in all AHA parking lots is by permit only. Cars without AHA parking stickers will be towed at the owner's expense. Parking stickers will only be issued to cars registered to a household member listed on your lease.

Parking is **not allowed** in the AHA Employee parking lot on Wall St. at any time.



Snow Removal & Salt

The AHA removes snow from roads, parking lots and major walkways after snowfalls. Tenants in the Garden Apartments are responsible for clearing the sidewalks, ramps & steps leading from their apartments to the main walkways. Salt is available to residents weekdays between 7:00 am to 3:00pm. Hi Rise and Garden Apartment tenants can obtain salt at the rear entrance of the High Rise; salt for Stratton tenants is available in the Stratton lobby.

Hi Rise Tenants

There is a waiting list for reserved parking spaces in the Hi Rise parking area. If you have a reserved space but no longer have your car, please notify the office so we can assign that parking space to the next person on the waiting list.



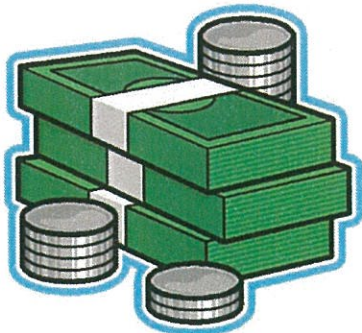
Power & Cable Outages

When the power or cables goes out, please understand that it is out of the control of the Amsterdam Housing Authority. We have to be patient and wait for National Grid or Spectrum to fix the problem. If we are notified that the power or cable will be out for an extended period of time we will do our best to keep you informed. Also, when the power/cable is out our office phones do not work, you may hear it ringing on your end but we are not able to receive the call on our end. If you leave us a message with your name and phone number we will return your call when our system goes back up.

WE'RE HIRING!



- **Cranesville Block**
- **Pizza Hut**
- **Panera**
- **Big Lots – Cashiers**
- **Dollar Tree – Cashiers**
- **Target Warehouse**
- **Aldi's – apply in store**
- **Planet Fitness – Front Desk Associate**
- **Dollar General – Sales Associate**
- **Aldi's – Rt 30 – Apply in store**
- **Kapstone Paper & Packaging**
- **Burger King**
- **Michael's – RT 30**
- **Sticker Mule - \$12.80 per hour**
- **W W Custom Clad Inc. – Canajoharie, NY - Production Workers**
- **Taco Bell**
- **Petsmart – RT 30**
- **Tractor Supply Company – RT30**



Scholarship

The 2019 PHADA Scholarship Program is for high school seniors living in public or assisted housing at a PHADA member agency.

(3) Scholarships will be awarded

1. Stephen J. Bollinger Memorial Scholarship \$7,000
2. Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship \$5,000
3. Mutual of America Life Insurance Company Scholarship \$5,000

Please contact the AHA office at (518) 842-2894 for more information or an application.

Activities & Events

Preschool Story & Art

Wed Dec 5th 10:30am

Walter Elwood Museum, 100 Church St,
Amsterdam, NY 12010

For Preschoolers ages 2-5 to use all your senses during hands-on experiences that combine a classic story chosen for its theme, a Museum tour and a related art project.



Senior Citizen's Movie Day at Emerald Cinemas

Where: Emerald Cinemas, Route 30,
Amsterdam

***For more information please
contact:***

518-842-1861

**The 2nd Thursday of each month
@ 1pm.**

Weather permitting only. Snow, sleet, freezing rain will be a cause for cancellation.

Movies available to watch on Senior movie Day will be the same as regular lineup of movies that week. Please check local paper for listings.

The cost is \$5 per person. That includes movie, popcorn and soda.

Please note all movies begin at 1pm.
Cinema doors open at 12:30pm.



BINGO

at Stratton with Dolly

BINGO will be every Sunday & Wednesday for the month of December. There will be no BINGO on Fridays.

2019 Flat Rents

To All Amsterdam Housing Authority Residents:

The Amsterdam Housing Authority Board of Commissioners has approved our request for a "flat rent" increase. This increase will take effect as of January 1, 2019 but you will not see the increase until your next yearly recertification.

We are required by HUD to establish flat rents at no less than 80% of the fair market rent. The current flat rents are below the threshold recommended. Therefore, in order to be compliant, the flat rents will be increasing. Please refer to the chart below for the new flat rents.

***** IF YOU CURRENTLY DO NOT PAY THE "FLAT RENT" THIS WILL NOT AFFECT YOU. THIS WILL ONLY AFFECT THOSE TENANTS WHO PAY THE FLAT RENT. *****

Hi Rise/Stratton

Bedroom Size	Current Flat Rent	New Flat Rent Effective January 1, 2019
Efficiency	\$494	\$519
One Bedroom	\$515	\$522
Two Bedrooms	\$616	\$630

Garden Apartments

Bedroom Size	Current Flat Rent	New Flat Rent Effective January 1, 2019
Two Bedrooms	\$475	\$611
Three Bedrooms	\$553	\$747
Four Bedrooms	\$630	\$851
Five Bedrooms	\$691	\$933

Brenda Tesiero
AHA

2019 Flat Rents

Para Todo Los Residentes del Amsterdam Housing Authority:

Los Comisarios del Amsterdam Housing Authority han aprobado nuestra petición de un aumento a la renta de "flat rent" (renta plana). Este aumento será efectivo a partir del 01 de Enero del 2019, pero usted no verá el aumento hasta su próxima recertificación anual.

Estamos obligados por HUD para establecer "flat rents" (rentas planas) a no menos del 80% del feria mercado de alquiler. Las flat rents (rentas planas) actuales están por debajo del umbral recomendado. Por lo tanto, para ser obediente, el flat rent (rentas planas) van a aumentar. Por favor consulte la tabla siguiente para los nuevos flat rents (rentas planas).

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Hi Rise/Stratton

Tamaño de la habitación	Flat Rent (Renta Plana) Actualmente	Flat Rent (Renta Plana) Efectivo 01 de Enero del 2019
Eficiencia	\$494	\$519
Un dormitorio	\$515	\$522
Dos dormitorios	\$616	\$630

Apartamentos jardín

Tamaño de la habitación	Flat Rent (Renta Plana) Actualmente	Flat Rent (Renta Plana) Efectivo 01 de Enero del 2019
Dos dormitorios	\$475	\$611
Tres dormitorios	\$553	\$747
Cuatro dormitorios	\$630	\$851
Cinco dormitorios	\$691	\$933

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Amsterdam's 2019 City-Wide Events

Local organization and business opportunities! Our 1st Annual St Paddy's Day event was such a success & helped to promote our business community & city as a whole. Amsterdam is quickly becoming the FEST CITY & next year we are adding even MORE events like this! We encourage all local businesses & organizations to participate in the fun!

Email dwhelly@amsterdamny.gov to participate!

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Amsterdam's First Night Celebration - Dec. 31st

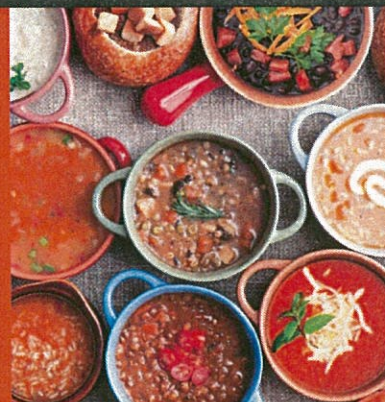
We're joining in the oldest and largest celebration of its kind in the country! We'll be promoting all entertainment, events, activities, & specials that businesses & organizations host in the city from noon to midnight on Dec. 31st so people spend their New Year's Eve in Amsterdam! We'll end with FIREWORKS over the river at midnight! We encourage all businesses & organizations to participate by hosting live music, DJs, dancing, comedy shows, arts & crafts, entertainment, workshops, magicians, etc. Attendees will pick up a ticket at any location with a list of all events & a map of participating places. Let's get a TON of different activities scheduled throughout the city! Host an event, promote yourself, and help us to make our First Night a HUGE success!

RSVP WITH YOUR PROMOTION/ ACTIVITY BY DEC. 2ND TO BE INCLUDED

Amsterdam's 1st Annual SoupFest - Jan 26th

This year we will be starting an annual SOUPFEST to warm up the winter! We encourage all businesses to participate by preparing a soup to taste and also providing entertainment or other specials to entice patrons to come to your establishment! Attendees will pay the restaurant \$1 for 3oz soup samples at each location and will vote at the end for their favorite soup. The winner will receive a TROPHY for the BEST SOUP IN THE CITY! Attendees will pick up a ticket at any location with a list of all soups, entertainment, specials and a map of participating locations. Each location will serve a different soup - soup selection will be on a first come, first serve basis so register soon! Must be a restaurant to participate.

RSVP WITH YOUR PROMOTION/ SOUP SELECTION BY DEC. 2ND TO BE INCLUDED



2nd Annual St. Paddy's Day Fest - March 16th

This will be our 2nd St. Paddy's Day event! This year we'll be focusing more on promoting festive food, entertainment, contests, giveaways, and activities. We encourage you to be creative and offer something that will entice participants to visit your establishment. We will not be promoting alcohol specials and encourage all businesses and organizations to participate - not just bars and restaurants! Attendees will pick up a ticket at the Irish American Club with a list of all activities and a map of participating locations. Anyone who visits at least 10 locations can drop their tickets off to the Irish American Club for a chance to win great PRIZES!

RSVP WITH YOUR PROMOTION/ ACTIVITIES CHOICE BY JAN. 18TH TO BE INCLUDED

Amsterdam's 1st Annual WingFest - April 20th

This year we will be starting an annual WINGFEST to spice up the spring! We encourage all businesses to participate by having one or more flavors of wings to taste, and also providing entertainment or other specials to entice patrons to come to your establishment! Attendees will pay the restaurant 50 cents for each wing sample at each location and will vote at the end for their favorite wing. The winner will receive a TROPHY for the BEST WINGS IN THE CITY! Attendees will get a ticket at any location with a list of all wings, entertainment, specials, and a map of participating locations. Must be a restaurant to participate.

RSVP WITH YOUR PROMOTION/ WING FLAVOR BY FEB. 15TH TO BE INCLUDED

