

**AMSTERDAM HOUSING  
AUTHORITY**  
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Happy Thanksgiving





### AHA Board Meeting

The next AHA Board meeting will be on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the AHA main office board room.

### General Tenant Meeting

A General Tenant Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 in the Hi Rise Community Room.



### Notes from the Office

**November 12<sup>th</sup> – the office will be closed for Veteran's Day**

**November 22 & 23 – the office will be closed for Thanksgiving**



### **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.



This is a reminder that winter is almost upon us & the snow will be falling soon...

The AHA Maintenance staff removes snow from roads, parking lots and major walkways after snowfalls.

Tenants in the Garden Apartments are responsible for clearing the sidewalks, ramps and steps leading from their apartments to the main walkways.

Salt is available to residents weekdays between 7:00am to 3:00pm. Hi Rise & Garden Apartment tenants can obtain salt at the rear entrance of the High Rise; salt for Stratton tenants is available in the Stratton lobby.

Tenants are asked to be cooperative during snow removal.



### Hi Rise & Stratton Tenants

Please do not put any meat containers in the recycle bins, these containers should be placed in a bag and thrown down the garbage chute.



Police

Please report all criminal activity directly to the Amsterdam Police Department at 518-842-1100. If tenants are not willing to contact the police there is nothing that the office can do to resolve the issue. Once you have reported the matter to the police you can let the office know and we can request a copy of the police report if needed. The APD can come to the office to view our security cameras if necessary.



For your safety and to keep your belongings secure, we recommend that you lock your apartment door when you are not home.

## Rent Changes

Whenever you have a rent change and come to the office to sign the rent change papers, the office gives you a copy of **the form that tells you what your new rent will be and when it will be effective**. Please keep this paper, tape it to your refrigerator or put it in your check book so you will remember when the change takes effect and will have the correct rent amount for your check or money order.



## Fire Stoppers

Please **DO NOT** remove the fire stopper canisters from your stove hood. These are there to help prevent any stovetop fires from spreading through your apartment. Tenants will be charged for any missing fire stoppers.

**WE'RE  
HIRING!**

- **Lowes** - Stocker
- **Starbucks in Target**
- **Corepay Inc.** – Production Leader
- **Big Lots** – Cashiers
- **Dollar Tree** – Cashiers
- **Target Warehouse**
- **Goodwill** – Store Associate
- **Planet Fitness** – Front Desk Associate
- **Dollar General** – Sales Associate
- **Aldi's** – Rt 30 – Apply in store
- **Kapstone Paper & Packaging**
- **Petsmart** – Rt 30
- **Sticker Mule** - \$12.80 per hour\
- **Browns Bus**
- **Power Recycling**
- **Cranesville Block** – Dispatcher

**\*\*\*See attached next page for (2) open part time positions (1) with the Rivercrest Development Corp. & (1) with The Amsterdam Housing Authority**



# **JOB OPENINGS**

## **PART TIME MAINTENANCE LABORER**

Rivercrest Development Corp. has an immediate opening for a part-time Maintenance Laborer who is highly motivated with strong communication skills and computer literacy. The ideal candidate will be professional, courteous and experienced in property maintenance and repair. General knowledge and understanding of building and grounds maintenance issues. Ability to learn and process information is important. Candidate must be well organized with ability to communicate and interact with tenants, management staff, and to prepare and close maintenance work orders. Must have ability to multi-task and work under pressure. Bilingual ability helpful. Must have a valid driver's license. Education Level: High School Diploma Required or GED and 1yrs + experience. Applications may be obtained at the Rivercrest Development Corp., 52 Division Street, Amsterdam, NY 12010. The Rivercrest Development Corp. is an equal opportunity employer. The position will remain open until filled.

## **PART TIME MAINTENANCE CLEANER**

The Amsterdam Housing Authority has an immediate opening for one part-time cleaner/maintenance person. The work involves responsibility for performing a variety of cleaning tasks, minor building maintenance and repair which may be performed indoors or outdoors under adverse working conditions. The work may involve the part-time operation of motorized equipment. Applications may be obtained at the Amsterdam Housing Authority, 52 Division Street, Amsterdam, NY 12010. The Amsterdam Housing Authority is an equal opportunity employer. The position will remain open until filled.

# Health & Wellness

**Did you  
wash them?**



**Hand washing prevents disease.**

## **Cold & Flu Season is here...**

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Many diseases and conditions are spread by not washing hands with soap and clean, running water.

**Washing hands prevents illnesses and spread of infections to others**

Handwashing with soap removes germs from hands. This helps prevent infections because:

- People frequently touch their eyes, nose, and mouth without even realizing it. Germs can get into the body through the eyes, nose and mouth and make us sick.
- Germs from unwashed hands can get into foods and drinks while people prepare or consume them. Germs can multiply in some types of foods or drinks, under certain conditions, and make people sick.
- Germs from unwashed hands can be transferred to other objects, like handrails, table tops, or toys, and then transferred to another person's hands.
- Removing germs through handwashing therefore helps prevent diarrhea and respiratory infections and may even help prevent skin and eye infections.





# Activities & Events

## Amsterdam's 3rd Annual tree Lighting Ceremony

Fri Nov 23rd 4:00pm - 8:00pm  
Mohawk Valley Gateway Overlook  
Bridge, 1 Bridge St, Amsterdam, NY

## HOLIDAY PARTIES

**~~ See the attached  
flyers regarding the  
Holiday Parties that the  
Amsterdam Housing  
Authority will be hosting  
for our residents. ~~**

Come over to the MVGO for a waterfront holiday celebration! Music, food, games, crafts, free horse drawn carriage rides, Christmas characters, SANTA, and more!





## Upcoming Events at the Amsterdam Free Library

### Thursday, November 1

10:30am

#### MiniMakers Preschool Learning Hour: Math & Numbers

When Thu, November 1, 10:30am – 11:30am

Description For the month of November, we will be learning all about math and numbers! This week, we will be learning to count with leaves from our autumn tree, playing with water in the sensory table, and reading *Falling Leaves, 1, 2, 3* by Tracey E. Dils.

5:30pm

#### Knit One, Crochet Too

When Thu, November 1, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Description Bring your current project to share with the group, mingle with like-minded makers, swap patterns, ideas, and tips, and make new friends. Needle workers of all skill levels are invited to join the group. If you are new to knitting, we have selected 2 beginner projects, a hat, and a cowl, and we can help you get started! Call or stop in for info on the projects and a supply list – yarn and needles, that can be purchased locally at Joann's, Michael's or Walmart.

### Saturday, November 3

10:30am

#### Community Meeting

When Sat, November 3, 10:30am – 11:30am

Description Join Us!! Tremendous opportunities are in store for our community, and Amsterdam Free Library seeks your input at a community workshop as we begin planning for the future. Your insight will help us determine and implement the programs and services that are most beneficial to our community. Please join us for a one-hour workshop, one hour of your time will make a difference in our community!

### Monday, November 5

10:30am

#### Preschool Story Hour: T is for turkey: a true Thanksgiving story

When Mon, November 5, 10:30am – 11:30am

### Tuesday, November 6

12:00pm

#### Shark Spectacular!

When Tue, November 6, 12pm – 2pm

Description Join us for lunch and an exploratory hands-on afternoon as we research and study sharks. Jaws, teeth, migration, and tracking tagged sharks in real time with the help of Osearch. Explore the ocean LIVE with the E/V Nautilus as it maps the ocean floor. Hands-on crafts such as molding and painting a megalodon tooth and much more!

### Thursday, November 8

10:30am

#### MiniMakers Preschool Learning Hour: Math & Numbers

When Thu, November 8, 10:30am – 11:30am

Description We will be creating our own counting books and playing with pumpkin playdough in the sensory table. In celebration of Thanksgiving, a live turkey will also be making a visit to the library!

5:30pm

#### Knit One, Crochet Too

When Thu, November 8, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Description Bring your current project to share with the group, mingle with like-minded makers, swap patterns, ideas, and tips, and make new friends. Needle workers of all skill levels are invited to join the group. If you are new to knitting, we have selected 2 beginner projects, a hat, and a cowl, and we can help you get started! Call or stop in for info on the projects and a supply list – yarn and needles, that can be purchased locally at Joann's, Michael's or Walmart.

### Saturday, November 10

12:00pm

#### Birthday Dessert & Recipe Swap

When Sat, November 10, 12pm – 2pm

Description \$5 per person Come sample delicious desserts and swap recipes during our baking skills fundraiser as we celebrate Our 115th Birthday! Basket raffle winners will be pulled and Amsterdam Reads will announce the winner for 2019!

### Monday, November 12

Library Closed





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



## 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



## **Holiday Party**

The Amsterdam Housing Authority will be hosting a Holiday Pizza Party for our Garden Apartment Residents!

Please join us!

**Thursday, December 6, 2018**

**5:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Hi Rise Community Room**

**Please call the office at (518)842-2894 by**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> to sign up!**

We will need to know how many family members will be attending (**AHA residents only**). All children must be accompanied by an adult member of the household. Only those who sign up will be admitted to attend.





## **Celebración de días festivos**

La Autoridad de Vivienda de Amsterdam será  
organizando una fiesta de pizza para nuestros residentes de  
apartamentos Garden!

¡Por favor únete a nosotros!

**Jueves 6 de diciembre de 2018**

**5:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**High Rise Community Room**

**Por favor llame a la oficina al (518) 842-2894 para**

**16 de noviembre para inscribirse!**

Necesitaremos saber cuántos miembros de la familia asistirán  
(solo residentes de AHA). Todos los niños deben estar  
acompañados por un miembro adulto de la familia. Solo  
aquellos que se registren serán admitidos para atender.



## **Holiday Party**

The Amsterdam Housing Authority will be hosting a Holiday Party for our Hi Rise & Stratton residents!

Please join us!

**Friday, December 7, 2018**

**2:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**Hi Rise Community Room**

**Please call the office at (518)842-2894 by**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> to sign up!**

We will be ordering food based on the number of people who sign up. Last year we had many people who signed up but did not attend, please show up if you sign up, even if you take your food back to your apartment to eat.





## **Celebración de días festivos**

La Autoridad de Vivienda de Amsterdam será  
¡organizamos una fiesta para nuestros residentes de Hi Rise y  
Stratton!

¡Por favor únete a nosotros!

**Viernes 7 de diciembre de 2018**

**2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**High Rise Community Room**

**Por favor llame a la oficina al (518) 842-2894 para  
16 de noviembre para inscribirse!**

Ordenaremos alimentos según la cantidad de personas que se inscriban. El año pasado tuvimos muchas personas que se inscribieron pero no asistieron, por favor, venga si se inscribe, incluso si lleva la comida a su apartamento para comer.