

Rensselaer Housing Authority Spring Newsletter 2021

With spring around the corner and Easter this weekend, I hope that this newsletter finds all of our residents safe and well.

Rensselaer Housing Authority would like to welcome our two new Maintenance men ~ Yacob and Rick. They will be joining our Maintenance Supervisor, Wykiem and Christopher, our Grounds person, to complete our Maintenance Department. As many of you know, that after 20 years of hard work and dedication to RHA, Wayne retired. Josh was promoted to fill Wayne's position as our Modernization Coordinator. We wish all of them the best of luck in their new endeavors.

A few good reminders...remember that every Sunday at the Aiken Avenue site, from 12 – 12:30 p.m. any resident may come and get free breads, produce, frozen foods, canned foods, and baked goods. Please come to the Community Room and get what you need. There is plenty here!

Also, speaking of food programs, there is one monthly at the Boys and Girls Club. Please check our Facebook page and/or our Website for the monthly dates and times. Both food distribution programs are the brainchild of Pastor Kenneth Newman. He has been taking care of our residents needs for years. We are extremely grateful for his time, energy and thoughtfulness.

This winter the extreme cold and high winds caused major problems in a few of our concrete stairways, not to mention the damage to some of the roofs and siding. As spring progresses, you will see repairs and improvements being made at both sites. We ask that you please be patient during these times.

One not so friendly reminder ~ the blocking of the upper and lower gates. There is to be NO PARKING AT ANY TIME!!! Both of these driveways are to be used for staff and emergency vehicles ONLY. You will be fined even if it's not you, but a family member or friend that choses to park there while visiting your apartment. Our office has had to send out so many fines that it became necessary to contact both the Police Department and the towing company. The Police assured me that they will be ticketing vehicles and fining them if they see cars parked in the driveways. The towing company has been instructed to tow any car where the driver has left the vehicle. Please advise your family and friends that it is YOU that will be fined if they violate this part of your lease. Know that this rule was established for the safety of your family. If these driveways are blocked, emergency vehicles cannot access them, thereby losing precious time by having to walk from the parking lot during an emergency. Please do this for the sake of YOUR family.

Easter this year is April 4th. We regret that there are no celebrations planned for our little people due to COVID. Our only hope is that possibly next year we will be able to get back to our community routines. Until then, let's just hope spring comes soon.

Whatever the weather, the staff and myself wish you all a wonderful Easter!!!