

Pompey Hollow Newsletter

Ashford Housing Authority

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From the Director

Happy spring! Even though winter has made a slight comeback, spring is definitely in the air! I hope everyone gets a chance to enjoy outside, the sunny March mornings are particularly nice.

Rent recertifications will continue through this month, if you haven't made

an appointment yet please do so.

The meeting to discuss the proposed rent increase will be held on Tuesday, March 21st at 1:00 pm. Public comments can be submitted until April 11, 2023. The Commissioners will discuss the rent increase at the April meeting.

The draft Maintenance

Policy is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby and laundry room. Public comments on the policy will be accepted until April 14, 2023.

Dave will continue to paint the hallways, which should be completed in early April.



MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN MARCH

Tenant Association Meeting	3
Community Room 11a	
Trader Joe Trip	9
meet in community room at 9:50 bus leaves at 10a	
Commission Meeting	14
Community Room 7p	
SCC Pantry Guest Speaker	14
Community Room 10a	
Movie Night	14
Lounge 6p	
Java with Jessica	16
Community Room 10a	
Book Club	20
Lounge 1p	
Tenant Meeting on rent increase	21
Community Room 1p	
Craft Event	23
Community Room 6p	

Spring Cleaning

According to the Groundhog, we have 6 more weeks of winter. Mother-Nature on the other hand, has decided differently, we will hit all 4 seasons each week.

Whether you're looking for some help with spring cleaning, or some help with every day tasks that may be increasingly difficult for you to do, we have put together a small list of local individuals and cleaning companies that may be able to help.

AHA posted on the community connections on Facebook requesting interested individuals and businesses email us with their information, prices, and references. AHA is just providing a resource, none of these companies have been vetted by us.

In deciding on who to choose, and keeping in mind what is important to you in choosing a business, consider the following:

Ask for, and check, references. If they direct you online, and you don't have access, stop in to see the RSC for assistance.

Some companies are insured and some aren't.

What kind of products will they use? Are they flexible?

Will they provide the cleaning services you need (will they move furniture to clean under it?)

Do they charge extra for certain services?

Do they offer senior or veteran discounts?

Most of these companies were tagged in the post, meaning people from the community recommended them before they contacted us. Before you call a reference, make a list of questions to ask. Some examples:

Were your overall expectations met?



Are they consistent?

Are their prices fair?

If you had an issue, how did they address it and were you satisfied?

Please see the PHSB Bulletin board section on page 3 for the collected business listings. Flyers and business cards will be made available in the Laundry Room.

Special points of interest:

- Open comment period for draft maintenance policy open until 4/14
- Open Comment period for rent increase open until 4/11



March 12, 2023

Pompey Hollow Perennials

The gardens at PSH bring so much life to our building! It's the first thing you see when you walk in and the first thing you see when you go out onto the patio!

Every year we offer garden space to residents. Some of the garden boxes out there belong to individuals, and some belong to AHA.

Any resident who would like to garden can garden! Currently, all of our garden boxes are on the ground which is not convenient for

residents with physical limitations. AHA is considering the purchase of raised garden beds if there is an interest from tenants

The requirements for having a space are as follows:

You must sign up ahead of time so we can plan space. You can sign up and change your mind, but if you don't sign up, the available space will already be allotted and you will miss out on a fun opportunity.

You must attend the initial

gardening meeting in April.

You are responsible for maintaining your own garden, it must be watered, weeded, and the plants cannot be outside the box and in the way of mowing.

You are responsible for cleaning up your own space in the fall.

A garden meeting will be scheduled in early April.



The First Day of Spring is Monday, March 20, 2023



Cellular Phone Service Survey

We are putting together a resource on the utilities available for new tenants and wanted to know what cellular phone companies current residents are using. If you could let us know the following:



- Your phone provider
- If your phone works inside
- If your phone only works outside

Just write it on a slip of paper and put it into the rent box when you have a chance.

Thank you in advance to those who want to participate.

Maintenance

As the weather improves maintenance will be looking for a day to start marking the upper lot parking spots.

Encore will be here in April to do our yearly testing, the date scheduled is April 5th. We will put up a notice the

week before to remind you. Encore will have to go into each apartment to do their inspections. Dave will be with Encore when they enter the apartments. If you need to be there, please make sure to mark this on your calendar, as it is mandatory.





PHSH Bulletin Board

Cleaning Services

Karalynn Kilpatrick

Resident of Ashford that offers cleaning services. \$25/hr. and she brings her own cleaning supplies. List of references available in the AHA office. Contact her (texting is preferred) at 860-420-9280

First Class Cleaners LLC

Locally owned small business. Fully insured and

registered with the state. Budget and pet friendly, flexible scheduling. They try to work within your budget. Contact them at 860458-9322

EB Smith Cleaning, LLC

Local, female owned and operated business that has been around for 30 years. Professionally trained and insured, contact them for references and pricing. They offer Veterans discounts and would offer a

group discount if they had 5 or more apartments (860) 716-9489

Maid Brigade

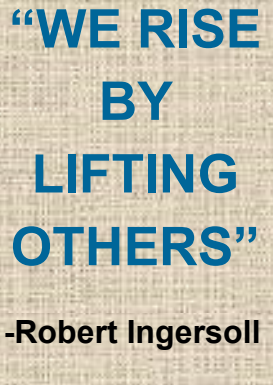
(860) 645-6243

Thompson's Cleaning Service

Residential, small business, free estimates, bonded & insured, located in Ashford (860) 428-9874, www.thompsonscleaningser vice.com



Community Resources



The back page of our newsletter is usually filled with Community resource information we have collected for you. It will now feature information from our RSC Kathleen.

The information that was located on the back page will be available to look at

in the laundry room, and copies of this pamphlet can be requested form Kathleen or the office.

We want to make sure that the information we put together is meeting all of your needs.

If you know of some resources not listed there,

that would benefit your neighbors, please let us know.

You can always submit information via email ashfordhousing@gmail.com or in person during office hours.

Notice of Public Comment Period Regarding Draft Maintenance Policy

A 60-day comment period on the proposed Maintenance Policy begins February 17, 2023 and ends on April 14, 2023 followed by an Ashford Housing Authority Commission Meeting to be held on Tuesday May 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm to review and discuss all received comments.

Copies of the Maintenance Policy are available in the AHA office as well as a copy displayed in the lobby and laundry room. The Maintenance Policy will also be available on our website: www.ashfordhousingauthority.org

Comments on the draft Maintenance Policy can be submitted as follows:

Email: ashfordhousing@gmail.com

In person or mail: Ashford Housing Authority Office, 49 Tremko Lane, Ashford, CT 06278

All comments will be collected and submitted to the Ashford Housing Authority Commission.





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Resident Resource Coordinator

Updates on Upcoming Doings

BOOK CLUB

We have 5 people who have signed up for the book club!

If you're interested in joining, there's still time. The **First book club meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 20 @1:00 in the Lounge.**

The initial meeting is a good place to identify your first book, and discuss what you want your book club to be:

What sort of books? (Fiction only for example?)

How often and where will you meet? (Try to be consistent with same day each month, for best success.) You can keep the 3rd Monday of each month or change as group determines.

Who chooses the book? (Many book clubs rotate this responsibility among its members.)

*Tip- Assuming most will be getting the book from the library, you'll want to avoid choosing current best-sellers. They tend to be harder to find.

MOVIE NITE

2nd Tuesday of the Month **@6:00PM. For March – this is the 14th**

If you have the DVD of a movie you'd like to watch, feel free to bring it. We have 5 people who have signed up and there's room for more.

CRAFT EVENT

Scheduled for **Thursday, March 23rd @6:00PM.** Rock painting and wine and cheese anyone? These two elements combine in what should be a fun craft/ social event. (Non-alcoholic drinks will also be provided.)

We hope to see you there!

MONTHLY TRADER JOE'S SHOPPING

We had a really good amount of interest in this, but there's still room on the bus for more!

The Senior Center van will be taking residents every **2nd Thursday of the month leaving at 10:00AM.**

For our initial trip – **March 9** – please arrive in the community room 10 or so minutes before 10:00AM departure. Kit from the Senior Center will be there to provide release forms necessary to sign before using the van.

GUEST SPEAKER

We have a guest speaker – Jan Hoyle - from the Storrs Congregational Church Pantry scheduled for **Tuesday, March 14th at 10:00AM.**

Please come to meet Jan and learn about what the pantry has to offer. Coffee will be provided.