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SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

Once a snow emergency is declared, the snow removal process begins and the Watervliet Police Department informs residents to move their vehicles. Failure to do so will result in immediately being towed to Hudson Shores Park. Vehicles will not be released until the tow charge and ticket of **\$350** (tow \$250/fine \$100) is paid. Once plowing on your street is complete, vehicles can be moved back. In an effort to keep residents informed, we put together an emergency call list. This enables us to notify residents by

phone and text if a snow emergency is declared. To be placed on this list, call City Hall at 518-270-3815 or log onto www.watervliet.com (under "Emergency Info Center" click **REGISTER**). Landlords are encouraged to have tenants register. You can also call 518-270-3823 to hear a pre-recorded message regarding snow emergencies. All radio and TV stations will be notified including WVLT. Snow emergencies are also announced on City Facebook pages and the City's website.

SIGN UP TODAY



WHA Annual Santa Visit—As Watervliet Housing Authority (WHA) has done for the past 30+ years, we are asking for your support by adopting a child in the WHA who is in need of assistance this holiday season. Parents fill out

a sheet with details of what their children would like or need for Christmas, and we send those "**Christmas Tags**" to you. We ask that you return the wrapped gift with the tag to the WHA. Santa and Mrs. Claus deliver them a week before Christmas. This program is always a huge success, and we look forward to visiting the families—especially seeing the smiles on the children's faces. The continuous support for programs like this is what makes our community great. On behalf of the WHA Board of Commissioners, the WHA staff and most importantly the families of the WHA, we thank you and wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season!

Unauthorized Vehicle Parking Ordinance

On October 11th the City Council passed the following ordinance which goes into effect November 15th: *It shall be unlawful to park any backhoe, bulldozer or excavation equipment, bus, house coach, limousine, school bus, tractor trailer, semi trailer or combination thereof, stinger-steered automobile, transporter, mobile car crusher, solid waste collection vehicle, concrete mixer truck, chemical/gas truck, fuel or oil truck, boat, boat trailer, utility trailer, truck trailer, dump truck, either by itself or in combination with trailer, recreational vehicle or tow truck on any City street within the hours of 7:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m. This does not apply to vehicles and equipment used by public service utility companies when repairing or extending public service utilities and municipal vehicles.* There appears to be an increasing number of these vehicles within our City which limits the amount of available parking to residents and takes away from the aesthetics of our neighborhoods. We fully understand occasionally there may be circumstances that arise. In those cases and for questions in general, please contact Chief Mark Spain at mspain@watervliet.com or 518-270-3819.



The **Holiday Tree Lighting** is on Saturday, December 8th from 5:00-6:30 at Veteran's Park. Features include horse drawn wagon rides, a visit from Santa, refreshments and ornament distribution. The WHS gourmet foods class will prepare the soup. Backpacks, school supplies, and hats/gloves will be given to children (Sponsored by Arsenal City Kids). The evening also features the lighting the City's Christmas Tree.

The **WATERVLIET HISTORICAL SOCIETY**, in conjunction with **BOB BESTON**, is having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Friday, Dec. 7th at the Watervliet Senior Center from 3:30-7:00 pm. Tickets are \$12.50. Call 428-2605 or 272-0715 for more information or to make a reservation. The **WATERVLIET HISTORICAL MUSEUM** is located in the Dutch Reformed Church near City Hall and is open W-F 11-4 W-F. Call 272-0715 for further information. Don't forget to stop by the museum to do some of your holiday shopping!

CIVIC CENTER NEWS The Watervliet Civic Center has a variety of recreational, social, and educational programs for youth and young adults ages 4-21. When completing your payroll deduction for the **2019 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN**, please consider designating the Watervliet Civic Chest as your agency of choice. If you do, we will receive 99% of your contribution (current Civic Center Campaign Numbers—SEFA: 50-00410 CFC: 41327 Community Campaign: 2900) For more information, please call 273-5922 or visit our website at www.watervlietciviccenter.com.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS Senior Services of Watervliet provides a variety of programs, events and activities for seniors ages 55 and older. Some of these include bingo, trips, ceramics, yoga, cards, meal program and much more. Call 273-4422 for more information.

LIBRARY NEWS—The Robert A. Fahr Watervliet Public Library is looking forward to a fun winter season. Residents should remember that the 2018 Upper Hudson Library Expedition runs through November 30th. The Expedition challenges customers to visit all 36 public libraries in Albany and Rensselaer counties. Those who complete the challenge will be awarded a special VIP library card. Expeditioners who visit Watervliet have the opportunity to complete trivia questions and enter into a drawing to win a gift certificate for free pizza. The library is also happy to be offering robotics and science programs in November and a "*Strengthening Families*" program in January. We are also participating in a health literacy grant that will bring additional wellness programming into the library through the spring. The library continues to work with local literacy volunteer groups to offer ESL classes. For more information about upcoming programs and library services, visit us at www.watervlietpubliclibrary.org or call 518-274-4471.