Candle Light Cards

Chocolate

Cupid

Date

Dinner

First Kiss

Memories

Movie

Pink

Poem

Proposal

Red

Romance

Roses

St. Valentine

Sweetarts

Teddy Bear

True Love

Happy Valentine's Day

Tower Times



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Tax Assistance in 2021

The **AARP Tax Assistance program** will be held at Oshkosh Public Library in 2021. The AARP Tax Assistance program provides help to low and middle income taxpayers and individuals over 60. Volunteer counselors assist individuals with the preparation of their tax returns in accordance with the guidelines established between the IRS, AARP and VITA.

Call **(920) 385-6756** for an appointment (required). Keep calling until you talk to someone. Phones will be answered M-F 9:00am - 1:00pm. Use this link to see the list of documents needed for an appointment: https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-01-2011/important-tax-documents.html

UWO will be offering tax assistance through the VITA program in a limited way due to COVID restrictions and lack of volunteers. Starting January 15, 2021 you can call **(920) 424-3486** to make an appointment. There is a maximum income level of \$56k for VITA assistance.

Goodwill in Menasha will be offering VITA for more years than just 2020. Call **(920) 968-6021** to make an appointment.

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Newsletter Submissions

If you have any articles or ideas that you would like to share, please contact Jane Spietz at 920-424-1483 or janes@ohawcha.org.



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Manager's Corner

Covid-19 Vaccine

A fair number of you have signed up to receive the Covid-19 vaccine at the building. We do not have a scheduled date for this event yet. We plan to send a notice to everyone that successfully signed up by January 27 of the date, time and place of the vaccination clinic.

We encourage everyone who was not able to sign up for the vaccination to continue to contact the Winnebago County Health Department, your physician or your pharmacist to determine the best availability of the vaccine to you.

Common area Masking Requirement still stands

Please continue to wear masks in the common areas of the building. We have masks available in the office. We also have shields available via a reasonable accommodation request.

Please understand that if the state legislature were to overturn the mask mandate, it would not change the Housing Authority's mask regulation. Please continue to wear masks in all common areas.

Annual Inspections will begin in February

Below is the chart that I will follow to complete annual inspections. You will receive a notice of inspection from me 3 weeks to a month prior to your scheduled inspection. You will also be provided an annual inspection guide that should be helpful in preparing for the inspection. You are welcome to be present for the inspection but if you stay, you will be asked to mask up while I am completing the inspection.

Inspect during the month of	Feb. 2021	March 2021	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	Aug. 2021	Sept. 2021	Oct 2021	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021
Floor #	2 nd	3 rd , 4 th	5 th ,6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th

2020 Rent Certificates

2020 rent certificates are ready. Court Tower staff will be sliding them under your entry doors. Regretfully we will not be having the Homestead Tax credit clinic this year. Please refer to the information on page 1 of this newsletter (as well as the bulletin boards) about area tax assistance clinics.

Lobby, packages, and security cameras

Recently we experienced package theft in the lobby. I think it important to understand

sick with fever cough shortness of breath, nausea or vomiting wait to get the shot until you are feeling better for 24 hours.

If I Already Had COVID-19 and Recovered, Do I Still Need the Vaccine?

Yes. Reinfection with COVID-19 is possible, Experts do not yet know how long someone is protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19.

If you are currently in isolation or quarantine for COVID-19, wait until your time is up to get the shot.

If you were treated for COVID-19 symptoms with antibodies therapy or plasma, you should wait 90 days before getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Talk to your doctor if you are unsure what treatments you received.

Can I Get the COVID-19 Vaccine if I Have Had Other Vaccines?

If you got another vaccine like flu or shingles vaccine recently, wait at least 14 days before getting your Covid-19 vaccine. Wait at least 14 days before getting any other vaccine, including a flu or shingles vaccine, after you get your COVID-19 vaccine.

The Bottom Line

Being protected from getting sick is important because even though many people with COVID-19 have only a mild illness, others may get a severe illness, have long term health effects or even die.

Getting vaccinated is one of the most important steps you can take to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. No one can predict how sick they will get from COVID-19. The COVID-19 Vaccine is very effective (94-95% effective), but no vaccine is 100% effective against a disease. At this time, it is important to still mask and social distance until enough people are immunized. It is uncertain when these measures can be discontinued.

The Life you save may be your own.... spouses.... child.... grandchild.... friend....

Questions: Teresa Paulus, RN, the Housing Nurse, will be glad to answer questions. Call 424-1470 x 124

COVID-19 Vaccination

How Do COVID-19 Vaccines Work?

The COVID-19 Vaccine does not put the COVID-19 virus into your body. The vaccine works by sending a messenger (called mRNA) that teaches your cells how to make a special protein that triggers your body to make antibodies. Antibodies fight the virus. Antibodies keep you from getting infected if the real virus enters your body.

Which Brand of COVID-19 Vaccine Should I Get?

Currently, there are two brands of COVID-19 vaccine being supplied: Moderna and Pfizer. Both have similar ingredients and effectiveness against COVID-19. You must receive the same brand for both shots.

The vaccine is given in the muscle in the arm. You need to receive 2 doses 3 or 4 weeks apart depending on the brand of vaccine you get. At this time there is no plan for further doses.

It takes a couple weeks for the body to produce immunity. Therefore, it is possible that a person could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination and then get sick because the vaccine did not have enough time to provide protection.

Side Effects

Sometimes after vaccination, the process of building immunity may cause symptoms. You will likely have a sore arm for a day or two; maybe some redness or swelling at the injection site. Some have a fever, soreness, fatigue for a day or two. This is normal and are signs that the body is building immunity.

COVID-19 vaccines do not affect or interact with your DNA in any way. (DNA contains your genetic information)

What if I Have Allergies?

Do not get the vaccine if you are allergic to any ingredient in the vaccine. You can check with your doctor or you may ask the vaccinator at the time of the vaccine about these. It is not made with eggs. People who have had severe allergic reactions to other vaccines should check with their doctor first. People who have allergies to foods, pets, the environment, or medications may get the vaccine. If you feel uncertain, call your doctor for reassurance about receiving the vaccine.

What if I Have Chronic Diseases or Immune Disorders?

You may receive the vaccine. Call your doctor if you have concerns. If you are feeling

that we have a security camera system that can be helpful in catching those involved in thievery. Please report when these incidents take place. When doing that please provide the date and estimated timeframe. Let me remind you that as a resident if you are involved in these situations they will be considered a violation of your lease and will lead to a termination of your housing. Negative activity and crimes are not covered in the CDC Eviction Moratorium.

Don't feed the neighborhood wildlife

I have received several reports of residents putting bread and others food items out for the neighborhood wildlife. Please do not do this.

Updating Parking and Garage info.

In February those of you who park or use garage on property will be provided a letter asking your to provide updated information. Please complete those forms and provide the correct information. I am also putting up a Garage sign-up list on the window of the main office. If you are interested in having a garage, please sign up, then I will get back to you.

Smoke 50 feet from the building

All residents and their guests must smoke 50 feet from the building. This means that you can't smoke in your unit, on your balcony, in your garage, in your car if it is parked within 50 feet of the building. If this continues to be violated, it will lead to a termination of your lease.

Looking for Key Keepers

We are looking residents that are willing to become a key keeper. A key keeper is a resident who is appointed by the property manager, to let residents into their units if they have misplaced their keys or have become locked out. They would also have the ability to initiate health and safety checks through the direction of emergency personnel and the property manager. Please let Jane or I know you are interested in this role.

Bob Poeschl, Property Manager, Court Tower & Waite Rug Place Oshkosh/Winnebago County Housing Authority 920-303-5400 Office, 920-424-7649 Fax bobp@ohawcha.org

Court Tower Staff

Bob Poeschl: Property Manager

920-303-5400 <u>bobp@ohawcha.org</u>

Jane Spietz: Social Service Coordinator

920-424-1483 janes@ohawcha.org

Josh Wendt: Maintenance

Linda Breitzman: Housekeeping

After Hours On Call Emergencies

920-966-4235

Nurses Teresa Paulus & Lori Duclon: Call them at 920-424-1470 Ext. 124 to schedule

an appointment.

Nurse Open Hour: cancelled until further



Court Tower Office Hours

Hours or services may differ due to COVID-19.

All of Bob and Jane's phone calls are being forwarded to our work cellular phones which are on us all of the time.

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Court Tower Mealsite 920-420-1994

Court Tower Room Directory

Room 205 - Den

Room 405 - Nurses' Office, Salon

Room 805 - Community Room

Room 1205 - Fitness Room

Court Tower February 2021

	Mon		Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
		1	2 Ground Hog Day	3	4	5	6		
	7	8	9 BUG DAY 12TH FLOOR	10	11	12	13		
-	14 Valentines Day	15 Presidents' Day	16	17	18	19	20		
	21	VIRTUAL OHA BOARD MEETING 3:30 PM	23	24	25	26	27		
	28	EBRUARY							