

Mother's Day

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APPRECIATION BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST CANDY CHARMING COMFORT DEVOTED FLOWERS FORGIVING GIFTS

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Court Tower Apartments 100 Court St., Oshkosh, WI 54901

Goodbye Note from Su van Houwelingen – Executive Director



It is with great excitement and a little sadness that I am writing this note to all of our wonderful tenants letting you know that my last day will be June 1, 2021 as I move on to retirement, or as I like to call it "repurposing myself."

For over 20 years, I have enjoyed coming to work every day knowing the mission of this agency is providing homes for all of you. I wish I could say goodbye in person, but unfortunately due this crazy pandemic we are in, it is just not possible.

What am I going to do with my time, you ask. Well for starters, I am going to spend a lot more time with my family, mostly the grandchildren. Peter and I have children and grandchildren on the east coast, west coast, lower Michigan and in Neenah/Menasha. I'll be spending more time in Door County at our trailer. I plan to also transition into some other meaningful role, whether volunteer or paid. I just can't sit around, it is not in my nature.

I will miss all of you and my work family staff at the Housing Authority. I ask that you keep me in your thoughts and/or prayers as I transition into the next chapter of my life.



Manager's Corner

Volunteer opportunities at Court Tower Apartments

We are looking for resident volunteers to help decorate and maintain the bulletin boards around the building. We can provide the decorative materials or you can as well. It can be monthly or quarterly. We are open to your thoughts about this project. Also this can be handled by a group of residents as well.

We are looking for resident volunteers to assist with the landscaping around the building. This will include weeding and trimming on a regular basis as well as planting new plants as needed.

We are still looking for gardeners to help create and maintain the raised garden beds on the south and east portions of the building. The expectation of this opportunity is that neighbors will have to work with each other to plant, water and nurture the gardens. Gardening takes patience.

We are looking for 2 librarians to organize and clean the libraries on the 1st and 2nd floors.

We are looking for volunteers to care for and water all plants in the common areas of the building.

Smoking outside

Just wanted to provide a reminder about the appropriate areas to smoke outside of the building. First, you must be 50 feet from Court Tower Apartments as well as any of the Housing Authority owned buildings shared within the property. Typically there will be a smoking urn located in appropriate areas. Finally, smoking is not allowed inside any HA building or apartment.

Continue to wear masks

All residents and their guests are expected to properly wear masks in all common areas of the building. You are encouraged sanitize often and to continue socially distancing.

Patio attire and furniture

So finally it is nice enough hang outside on your balcony, if you have one! There are some do's and don'ts with balconies. Only place outside furniture on the

your health care provider, and get tested.

We need to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic.

To protect yourself and others, follow these recommendations when in public:

Wear a mask over your nose and mouth

Stay at least 6 feet away from others

Avoid crowds

Avoid poorly ventilated spaces

Wash your hands often

DECLUTTER EVENT FOR RIVER EAST 2021!

Dumpster Locations:

Thursday June 10th (8:00am-200pm) Corner of Ceape and Broad Thursday June 17th (8:00am-2:00pm) Corner of Bay and School (only available for River East Neighborhood Residents)







WHAT'S NOT ALLOWED IN THE DUMPSTER:

- 1) Hazardous Waste
- 2) Tires
- 3) Car Batteries
- 4) Large Amounts of Concrete
- 5) Yard Waste
- 6) Electronics of any Kind
- 7) Large Appliances
- 8) Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- 9) Ammunition



If you have items to donate to Habitats Restore please call (920)-230-3535 to schedule a pick up on the dumpster days







Nurses' Notes: submitted by Lori Duclon, RN

Next Steps: After You Are Fully Vaccinated

What does it mean to be fully vaccinated?

You are considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 if:

- It has been two or more weeks since you got your second dose of a two-dose vaccine such as Pfizer or Moderna; or
- It has been two or more weeks since you got one dose of a single-dose vaccine such as Johnson & Johnson.

What can I do if I'm fully vaccinated?

If you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, you can do some of the activities you did before the pandemic. These include:

- Visiting with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or practicing physical distancing
- Visiting with unvaccinated people from a single household who are all at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease, indoors without wearing masks or practicing physical distancing.

Fully vaccinated people should still avoid crowds and large gatherings. It's also important to continue to follow public health best practices in public spaces. This includes wearing a mask over your nose and mouth and practicing physical distancing. Fully vaccinated people should also continue these practices when visiting unvaccinated people who are at an increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease.

Do I need to quarantine if I'm fully vaccinated?

If you have been **fully vaccinated** against COVID-19 and were in close contact with someone with COVID-19, you do not have to quarantine or be tested, if you meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Your close contact to someone with COVID-19 happened at least two weeks after getting the last dose of your vaccine series.
- and you have not had any symptoms of COVID-19 since your last close contact
- Continue to monitor for symptoms for 14 days after your last close contact. If you develop any symptoms of COVID-19, isolate from others, contact your

No Mow May

Court Tower's green spaces will be taking part in "No Mow May", which is just what it reads like. We will do our best to hold back on mowing the lawns for the month of May as a way to contribute to increasing the populations and habitats of bees and other pollinator species. Long grass provides them the cover to do their busy business. So if there is any resident that wants to be a "citizen scientist" to collect observations and data, please let me know, so I can get the materials.

Waterfest Parking

So Waterfest is coming back to rock the neighborhood! That means we need a team of volunteers to manage our Waterfest parking lot. We roughly need 3-4 volunteers a night. If you are interested, let Jane know. All money raised gets put in the recreation fund that supports social activities around the properties.

Declutter your space

Court Tower is providing space to the River East Neighborhood Association to bring in dumpsters to the vacant lot on June 10, from 8:00am-2:00pm, so the neighbors can dispose of items they no longer need. You are part of the neighborhood. Please check out the enclosed flier for the event and please do you part to declutter.

Bob Poeschl, Property Manager, Court Tower & Waite Rug Place Office: 920-303-5400 Fax: 920-424-7649 Email: bobp@ohawcha.org



Housing Authority staff will be off on Monday, May 31, 2021 for the Memorial Day holiday.

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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.

Bob: 920-303-5400 bobp@ohawcha.org

Jane: 920-424-1483 janes@ohawcha.org

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Court Tower Room Directory

Room 205 - Den

Room 405 - Nurses' Office, Salon

Room 805 - Community Room

Room 1205 - Fitness Room

Court Tower May 2021

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo CINCO DE MAYO	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day Happy Mother's Day	10	BUG DAY 2ND FLOOR	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 5TH FLOOR INSPECTIONS 11 AM - 1 PM	19	7TH FLOOR INSPECTIONS 11 AM - 1 PM	21	22
30	VIRTUAL OHA BOARD MEETING 3:30 PM 31 Memorial Day HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICES ARE CLOSED	25	26	27	28	29