Day in the Snow



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2022 Homestead Credit Preparation

As of right now, the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) has <u>not</u> approved opening any Homestead Credit preparation sites in Wisconsin due to the high levels of COVID-19 and its variants.

If and when they do have a Homestead Credit preparation program, residents will likely need to make an appointment, come in and have their papers scanned in and come another day to pick them up. This year the Homestead Credit preparers have been informed that if anyone has missing documents they will not begin the process of preparing their Homestead Credit and the person will lose their appointment.

Jane will post any updates on the main resident bulletin board as they are received. Thank you for your patience.



Staff have noticed that some phone numbers do not work when we attempt to call residents.

Please provide us with your updated phone number in writing as soon as possible should it change.

Thank you very much.



Manager's Corner

Snow removal and car removal

Please have all vehicles removed from parking areas by 1pm on weekdays when snow is greater than 2 inches. Please park your vehicles appropriately on the street or in other areas of public parking until the plow crew has completed clearing snow. We do this for your safety.

If you do not move your vehicle after a snow event of more than 2 inches, the following steps will be taken to alleviate this situation.

Violation 1: You will be assessed a \$30.00 fine for not moving your vehicle. Violation 2: If you receive another non removal violation it will be another \$30.00 fine, your car will be towed and you will lose your parking privileges to park your vehicle at Waite Rug Place.

Masks are required

Masks are still required in all common areas of all Housing Authority Buildings. We do have cameras and see who is not wearing them. You will be issued warnings if caught not wearing one.

Smoking Policy

Just wanted to provide a reminder about the appropriate areas to smoke outside of the building. First, you must be 50 feet from Waite Rug Place as well as any of the Housing Authority owned buildings shared within the property. This includes the use of all vaping devices. Please do not flick your cigarette butts on the ground outside. Typically there will be a smoking urn located in appropriate areas. **Finally, smoking is NOT allowed inside any HA building or apartment.**

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to quarantine. We only ask you wear a face mask for the 14 day monitoring period. If you are not vaccinated we ask you to quarantine away from others for the full 14 days and get tested on days 5-7 from last exposure. We know this can be confusing so if you have any questions please call our office and leave a message if we do not answer. We will call you back as soon as we can. Our number is 920-424-1470 extension 124.



We are here to help you stay healthy and keep others healthy too! Here is to a happy healthy 2022! Best Practices for Staying Safe

Get vaccinated - Sunnyview offers free vaccines every Wednesday- from 1-6PM. No appointment needed. Wear a good fitting clean face mask that covers both your nose and your mouth.

Stay at least 6 feet away from other people when possible.

Wash your hands frequently.

Stay home when you are not feeling well.

Get tested if you have symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

Avoid crowded and poor ventilated indoor spaces when possible.

If you choose to attend a gathering, keep it small and preferably outdoors.

If you are fully vaccinated you should still wear a mask in certain setting including public indoor settings with a high transmission rate which Winnebago County is currently in.

Protect your loved ones and neighbors by wearing a mask. Science shows that wearing a mask over your nose and mouth can help

prevent transmission of the respiratory drops and aerosols that spread COVID-19. Wearing a mask is one way to protect others, as well as yourself.

Submitted by Lori Duclon RN



Nurse's Notes

Happy New Year everyone,

Just a few reminders going into the rest of the winter season. As you have probably heard on the news, COVID-19 has not gone away. In fact, cases have really gone up in numbers in the last month. Hospitals are stressed with all the ill people and inpatient beds are becoming harder to find. Please take care of yourself by getting vaccinated, getting your booster and wearing a good fitting clean face mask. Those things alone will protect you. Other things you need to remember is if you have any cold like symptoms or other ill symptoms please go and get tested. We thank you in advance.

The easiest place to get a COVID test is Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E County Road Y in Oshkosh. They are open Monday through Friday 9AM-5PM except holidays, no appointment necessary. Here are a few other testing options: Walgreens, CVS, Omro pharmacy and of course Urgent Care. You will need an appointment in order to get tested at those locations. Once you test it is important to isolate away from others until you get your test results.

If your test comes back negative and you continue to have symptoms, it is important to test again. A negative test does not always mean you do not have the COVID virus. You may not have had enough active virus for the test to pick up. Wait at least 24 hours and then retest. If test results are positive you will need to isolate from others for the full 10 days from the start of your symptoms. You can come out of isolation on day 11 as long as you have no fever for over 24 hours and your symptoms have improved. If you test positive but do not have symptoms you will need to isolate for the full 10 days from your test date.

Remember to tell others who you came into close contact with. If you were a close contact to someone who tested positive with COVID you will need to monitor for symptoms for 14 days from the last time you were with that person. It is highly recommended to get tested 5-7 days from last exposure even if you have been vaccinated. If you are fully vaccinated you do not need



Waite Rug Snow Removal Policy Reminder

It is the time of year when it can begin to snow at any time. Please consider this reminder about our policy. Please have all vehicles removed from all parking areas by 2:00 PM when snow is greater than 2 inches. Fines and possible towing will be enforced for not moving your vehicle.

Please park your vehicles appropriately on Custer, Grand, Eastman and Mount Vernon until the plow crew has completed clearing snow.

Social Security Announces 5.9 Percent Benefit Increase for 2022

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits will increase 5.9 percent in 2022. The 5.9 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 64 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2022. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2021. This will also affect those that receive Veterans and Medicare benefits.

Please provide your new benefit letter to the Waite Rug Tower office to be copied when you receive it.

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Nurse Open Hour: cancelled until further notice. Call them at 920-424-1470 Ext. 124 to

schedule an appointment.

After Hours Emergency Service: 966-4235

Waite Rug Place Office Hours

Hours or services may differ due to COVID-19.

All of Lora 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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Waite Rug Place Room Directory

1st Floor: Library, Exercise Room, Theater, Laundry, Conference Room, Garbage/Recycling Room and Bathrooms

2nd Floor: Large Community Room,

Laundry and Bathrooms.

Waite Rug Place January 2022

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| 30 | 24 VIRTUAL OHA BOARD MEETING 3:30 PM | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |