

# WCCRC

*A Quarterly Newsletter*



## Grant Writing Season

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Tis the season to plan ahead! As Aesop's fable of the ant and the grasshopper taught us, autumn is the best time of year to prepare-either for the imminent or the unexpected. Here at WCCRC we accomplish this by applying for grants to fund next year's construction season. Our staff has been busy writing a \$150,000 RESTORE grant for emergency repairs for seniors, a \$130,000 ACCESS TO HOME grant for accessibility modifications such as wheelchair ramps and handicap bathrooms, and a \$285,000 grant for mobile home replacement from the AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION. We are also working with several municipalities to write COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS for housing rehabilitation, small business enterprise, or water and sewer upgrades. If you or your town officials are interested in pursuing these funding possibilities call us today. Millions of dollars of state and federal funding is available and belongs in our communities. We just need to ask for it! Successful projects such as these are in progress in the nearby towns of **Ashland, Jefferson, Stamford,** and **Summit** with applications still available.

We have also written several grants enabling us to provide FREE Financial Counseling. For more information visit [westerncatskills.org](http://westerncatskills.org) (607) 652-2823 [info@westerncatskills.org](mailto:info@westerncatskills.org)



## Fall Home Maintenance Checklist

### OUTSIDE

- Cut your grass short then water, aerate, and fertilize.
- Trim back perennials and cover in mulch.
- Inspect trees and cut any dead or overhanging branches.
- Clean leaves and debris out of gutters, downspouts and window wells.
- Disconnect hoses, shut off spigot valves, and drain.
- Mark out driveway and garden paths in preparation for snow plows.
- Bring paint cans and caulk inside to avoid freezing.

### INSIDE

- Install programmable thermostats.
- Clean out furnace and replace filter.
- Check batteries on Carbon Monoxide Detectors and Fire Alarms.
- Investigate your insulation and seal any gaps.
- Insulate pipes to ward off freezing.
- Bleed hot water radiators and clean steam valves.
- Clean out fireplace and chimney.
- Test your generator.
- Weatherize windows and doors.
- Reverse the direction of ceiling fans to bring warm air down.



## Property Management

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*This season has been busy in the property department at WCCRC. You'll love the beautiful decorations and brand new sidewalks at our flagship building, Stamford Village Senior Apartments. We've applied for a grant for Trailside properties to repair walkways and pave the driveway. Staff has been working hard replacing flooring and painting apartments for new tenants at Grand Gorge Apartments. The health and safety of our residents is our number one priority! We are currently looking at ways to offer more rental opportunities for families in our community. Please let us know of your housing needs and we will find a way to help.*