

# Housing Department

This newsletter is developed and distributed monthly by the Housing Department to provide general information and inform Service Coordinators of local housing options, as well as any Human Services employee of the availability of rentals in our area to assist with reducing the population of homelessness in our community.

We have several options in Venango to assist with housing:

## Venango Temporary Emergency County Housing (VTECH)

- The programs eligible use is temporary or emergency short term shelter for the Homeless.
- VTECH lodging is provided through Sugar Valley Lodge
- Applicants must have an open case through Human Services.

## Elk Street Shelter

- Shelter for homeless families
- Maximum of six week stay
- Coordinated through Protective Intake Crisis Unit (PIC) at Human Services

## Bridge House Transitional Apartments

- Transitional Housing program for adult males or females.
- 3 apartments with 2 bedrooms in each apartment
- For more information contact Patrick Owoc

## Warming Center



### Upcoming Events:

September 10<sup>th</sup> – Suicide Prevention Task Force Light up Kayak Event at 2 Mile Park

September 18<sup>th</sup> – Landlord Engagement Event at St. John's Episcopal from 9:00 am – 3:00 Pm

### Parking Lot Information:

**BREAKING NEWS:** The Stop sign entering the parking lot is not broken and the speed limit through the parking lot is 5 mph. FOR SAFETY SAKE please follow these simple yet important rules

### Building Information:

Reminder that all door key changes need to signed for with Pat Owoc

- **Coming in November** -An overnight Warming Center at the POINTE in Oil City triggered when the temperature goes below 20 degrees.
- **Coordinated Entry** — A 20 county system that enables people to possibly be eligible for HUD Funding from

## Life Coach Update

Shelby Snyder has been instrumental in securing GED classes that will be held in the Human Services Building.

**CHECK IT OUT!**



**FREE Adult Education  
& GED®/HiSet® Exam Prep**

Learn the skills you need to earn your diploma, start a new career, go to college, or advance in your current job!

**Classes starting Sept. 18 at  
Venango County Human Services**  
1 Dale Avenue Franklin (T, W, TH from 9 - 11:30 AM)

**ALL CLASSES ARE PROVIDED AT NO COST TO STUDENTS!**

**IU5** For more information or to register, call or click today:  
**1-800-461-6711** **www.iu5.org**

## Funding Updates and definitions

**Funding is often requested of the Housing Department for rental assistance. To determine if someone you are working with is eligible for a specific funding, call Staci Beggs at 216 to make an appointment.**

HUDS definition of homelessness covers “People who are living in a place not meant for human habitation, in emergency shelter, in transitional housing, or are exiting an institution where they temporarily resided.” (<https://endhomelessness.org>). Unfortunately living with family or “couch surfing” does not immediately classify them as homeless.

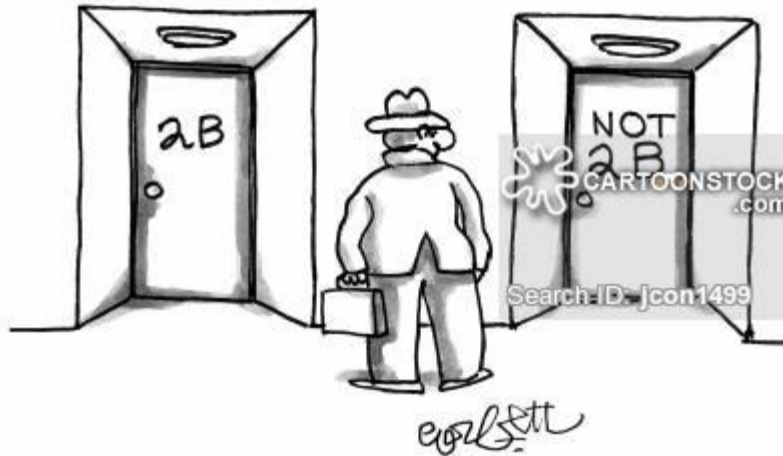
The second part is imminent threat of homelessness. This requires an eviction with an official eviction notice from the landlord. The eviction notice should include the following items:

- **Dated with a current date**
- **Date that the tenant needs to vacate**
- **Both the Tenants and landlords full names, addresses, and Phone numbers**
- **Must be signed by the landlord**
- **Amount currently owed: months late rent, late fees, court costs**

## The area’s available apartments:

1 BR NSOC \$350 Month + Sec. Dep.		814-673-3448
1 BR Shippenville \$375+Utilities		814-226-8185
3 BR OC house \$600 Month +gas and elec.		814-432-5160
1 BR OC house \$425 +\$525 Sec. Dep. No HUD		814-657-0385
2 BR OC 425+ util.	Kris	814-673-1678
2 BR RG \$600 Month	Dan	814-518-5184

# SHAKESPEARE APTS



## Smell gas? Leave fast!

Then call 1-800-444-3130.

**If you smell rotten eggs, it could be a natural gas leak.**

Leave the premises immediately and then contact National Fuel from a different location.



**National Fuel** [nationalfuelgas.com](http://nationalfuelgas.com)