



PMHA Resident News



Public Housing Newsletter

May 2018

Youth Job Opportunities

The Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP) is a community-coordinated, person centered case management program that provides youth and young adults access to employment and training services. CCMEP is a year-round program that helps youth and young adults overcome barriers to employment and develop the successful skills local employers seek.

CCMEP services include: tutoring, study skills, dropout prevention and recovery, paid/unpaid work experience, occupational skills training, leadership development, mentoring, entrepreneurial skills training, financial literacy, supportive services, and more!

To be eligible for this program, you must be 16 to 24 years old, a Portage County Resident, and have an identified barrier to employment or education.

For more information, call OhioMeansJobs Portage County at (330) 297-3719, or visit their website at www.ohiomeansjobs.com/portage.



PMHA's Mission Statement

The Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority is dedicated to meeting the housing needs of low-income families and individuals of Portage County by developing, managing and supporting decent, affordable housing in cooperation with community partners.

Office Hours

PMHA offices are open Mondays through Thursdays from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, except for holidays. Office visitors are advised to call ahead for an appointment whenever possible.

Eating Wise, Budget-Wise!

Do you need help with stretching your food dollars, tips on how to shop smart at the grocery store, or new recipe ideas? No problem!

PMHA, in partnership with The Ohio State University Extension Office, is bringing the SNAP-Ed Program to several Public Housing sites this spring and summer. SNAP-Ed is a **free** program about eating healthy on a budget. It includes activities, handouts, open discussions, recipes, food magazines, and even free food samples to taste!

The SNAP-Ed schedule is listed below. This is a series of 3 meetings and, in order to get the largest benefit from attending, you are encouraged to attend all 3 meetings; however, it is not required. You are invited to attend the meetings at either location. Meetings will last approximately 1 hour. **Meetings are held in the Community Room of each location:**

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

- 1:00pm – Eastowne Manor
- 2:30pm – Etna House

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

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Additional SNAP-Ed meetings will be offered at other Public Housing sites later in the spring/summer. If you have questions, please contact Sabrina Moss by phone at (330) 297-1489 ext. 213 or by email at ssmoss@portagehousing.org.



Celebrating PMHA 50th Anniversary: “Promoting Strong Families”

PMHA will be hosting nine (9) family-centered events, held at PMHA’s Public Housing sites as well as at the main office, to celebrate PMHA’s 50th Anniversary and promote HUD’s Strong Families Initiative. At each event, PMHA will provide a variety of family lawn games, food, drinks, and logoed give-away items. PMHA also will provide information from local agencies on employment, financial resources, educational opportunities, and smoking cessation.

Raffles will be held at each site for a prize for one adult, and at family sites there will also be a raffle prize for one child. After all nine (9) events have taken place, one lucky raffle grand prize winner will be drawn for a large prize.

The schedule of events is as follows:

Monday, June 4, 2018

Etna House @ 11:00am-1:00pm

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Eastowne Manor @ 11:00am-1:00pm

Monday, June 11, 2018

Townsquare Villas @ 6:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Athena Gardens @ 6:00pm-7:00pm

Monday, June 18, 2018

Community Estates @ 6:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Harvest Woods @ 6:00pm-7:00pm

Monday, June 25, 2018

Heritage Knolls @ 6:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Renaissance Place @ 6:00pm-7:00pm

Friday, June 29, 2018*

PMHA Main office @ 11:00am-1:00pm

**For Public Housing Scattered Sites, Portage Landings, and Section 8*

If you have questions, please contact Carolyn Budd at (330) 297-1489 ext. 239.

Timely Reporting Income & Household Changes

Public Housing residents are expected to report income and household composition in a timely manner. This means **ALL changes in income and family composition must be reported, in writing, within 10 days of the occurrence.**

Failure to report changes in a timely manner, and/or misrepresentation of facts, may result in a retroactive rent adjustment, the resident owing a debt to PMHA, and/or termination of occupancy of the household.

In order to properly report a change, please come to the PMHA Main Office to obtain a Public Housing Income or Family Composition Change Form and a Personal Declaration, or access these forms online at: http://www.portagehousing.org/document_center/index.php

PMHA Is Now On Facebook and Twitter!

Stay up to date on the latest PMHA information, news, and events.

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@PMHARavenna



Like us on
Facebook

Follow us on Twitter: **@portage_housing**

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Do you want to quit smoking?

We understand & are here to help!

Smoking cessation classes are being offered to PMHA Public Housing residents, through a partnership with the Portage County Health Department.



A series of five (5) tobacco cessation classes will be held every Wednesday, for five (5) weeks, from 3:00PM to 4:00PM at PMHA's Opportunity Resource Center (ORC).

- Class 1 – July 11th
- Class 2- July 18th
- Class 3- July 25th
- Class 4 – August 1st
- Class 5 – August 8th



Do you need help with transportation to these classes? PMHA may be able to help you with PARTA passes or a gasoline gift card. For more details, please call Sabrina Moss at (330) 297-1489 ext. 213.

ORC Address:
6592 Cleveland Rd.
Ravenna, OH 44266

PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER TO ATTEND THESE CLASSES:
(330) 297-1489
EXT. 213



Community Gardens

PMHA Resident Services staff members are excited to announce that some Public Housing family sites and elderly sites may be selected to have small gardens on-site this spring/summer. Depending on funding resources, available space including outdoor space, community room space, and storage space, sites may be selected to have either an outdoor raised bed garden, an indoor container garden, and/or a butterfly garden.

At selected sites, residents will have the opportunity to plant and grow vegetables or flowers at the selected sites' community rooms or outdoor designated gardening areas, take care of their gardens (water them, weed them, check their growth), and pick the veggies/flowers at the end of the growing season.

Sites with butterfly gardens will be able to watch and experience the life cycle of butterflies, from the caterpillar stage to cocoons to the emergence of beautiful butterflies, which then will be released into nature.

Residents of all ages are welcome to participate in the community gardens, including and especially children! This will be a fun, educational activity to enjoy with your family and neighbors.

Additional information will be provided as sites are selected for the various garden types.



Office Closings

The PMHA office will be closed as follows in recognition of the upcoming holidays:

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018
Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2018
Independence Day

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2018
Labor Day

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018
Columbus Day

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2018
Veterans Day

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2018
Thanksgiving

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2018
Christmas



Rent Due Date

Please do not forget that rent is DUE and PAYABLE on the first day of each month and shall be considered delinquent

after the fifth working day of the month.

Monthly rent must be paid by mail or in person (with a check or money order only) to the Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority, 2832 State Route 59, Ravenna, OH 44266.

For the month of MAY 2018, rent must be paid no later than:

MAY 7, 2018

Do you need help, but don't know where to turn?

Assistance to PMHA Public Housing residents is available through referrals and linkages to community services. **Sabrina Moss**, Social Services Coordinator, is available to assist you. Please feel free to contact Sabrina at the PMHA office if you or a family member is in need of assistance.

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Sabrina's Office Hours: Monday through Thursday from 7:00AM to 5:00PM