



# PMHA Resident News



Public Housing Newsletter

July 2018

## Smoke-Free Policy

PMHA will designate all Public Housing properties as smoke free **effective July 30, 2018**, as per HUD's Final Rule "Instituting Smoke-Free Public Housing".

Under this policy, PMHA bans the use of all prohibited tobacco products in all PMHA owned and/or managed dwelling units, within all units, indoor common areas, administrative offices and buildings and in outdoor areas within 25 feet of any PMHA housing or administrative offices, buildings or structures along with outdoor common areas.

Failure to adhere to the Smoke-Free Policy will be considered a violation of the Lease Agreement and is grounds for termination of tenancy. Please refer to your Smoke-Free Policy and Lease Addendum for further information and requirements.

Smoke-Free Housing:  
The Smart Choice for  
Our Community



## Smoking Cessation Classes

Are you prepared for smoke-free housing? If not, we can help you get ready!

PMHA is offering free Smoking Cessation classes to Public Housing residents, through a partnership with the Portage County Health Department. A series of classes will be held every Wednesday, for 5 weeks, at PMHA's Opportunity Resource Center (ORC) in Ravenna. **The ORC is located at 6592 Cleveland Rd., Ravenna, OH 44266.**

Classes will take place from **3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** on the following dates:

- Class 1 – **Wednesday, July 11, 2018**
- Class 2 – **Wednesday, July 18, 2018**
- Class 3 – **Wednesday, July 25, 2018**
- Class 4 – **Wednesday, August 1, 2018**
- Class 5 – **Wednesday, August 8, 2018**

If you need **help with transportation** to these classes, PMHA may be able to assist you with PARTA bus passes or a gasoline gift card.

To register for the Smoking Cessation classes, and to request transportation assistance to the classes, please contact Sabrina Moss at (330) 297-1489 ext. 213.

### 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.

## PMHA Social Media

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



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**twitter**

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**@PMHARavenna**

Follow us on Twitter: **@portage\_housing**

## Summer Lunch Programs

Free lunches are available for children (ages 1 year to 18 years), Monday through Friday (except for July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday), at the following locations:

**Athena Gardens** – activities and lunch from 12:15pm to 1:45pm, through August 3, 2018

**Community Estates** – lunch from 1:30pm to 2:30pm, through August 17, 2018

**Heritage Knolls** – activities and lunch from 10:30am to 11:50am, through August 3, 2018

**Renaissance Place** – lunch from 1:30pm to 2:30pm, through August 17, 2018



## Timely Reporting of 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.**

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](http://www.portagehousing.org/document_center/index.php)



## 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 JULY 2018, rent must be paid no later than: JULY 9, 2018**

## Office Closings

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

**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

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Regarding a Change in the Calculation of Total Tenant Payment (TTP)

Among the policies approved by HUD in connection with PMHA's Annual Moving To Work (MTW) Plan is a policy changing the calculation of Total Tenant Payment (TTP) to be based upon 29.6% of gross monthly income, with no deductions or allowances.

**Effective August 1, 2018 (beginning with the next annual recertification for existing program participants) a family's TTP will be calculated using 29.6% of their gross monthly income with no deductions or allowances.** For households where this calculation method increases the TTP by more than \$30.00 per month, the increase will be capped at \$30.00 until the next annual recertification or until the household experiences a change that results in the recalculation of the TTP, whichever comes first.

# HELP PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT

Portage Community Bank Is Providing  
**FREE ON-SITE PAPER SHREDDING**

**SATURDAY, August 25th**  
**9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM**

**BRING ANY PERSONAL DOCUMENTS  
CONTAINING SENSITIVE INFORMATION!**

- Old Check Books
- Tax Forms
- Payroll Stubs
- Pre-approved Credit Card Applications
- Billings and Financial Statements
- Legal Documents, etc...

**NO CHARGE!**

10 grocery bags or 10 box limit per household. NO Businesses Please!

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## **SNAP-Ed: Let's Be Healthy & Fit Together!**

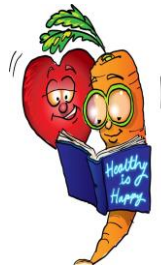
All resident children are invited to join us for a **free** a program about healthy eating, exercise, and food fun for all youth!

PMHA, in partnership with The Ohio State University Extension Office and the Community Action Council Summer Food Service Program, is excited to bring the SNAP-Ed Program to Community Estates and Renaissance Place this summer. The SNAP-Ed program that includes activities, handouts, open discussions, exercise, kid-friendly recipes, and even free food samples to taste!

The SNAP-Ed schedule for July and August is listed below. **Meetings are held at the summer lunch sites at each location:**

### **Community Estates:**

Every Thursday (July 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup>) from 1:30pm to 2:30pm



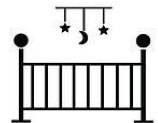
### **Renaissance Place:**

Every Wednesday (July 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup>) from 1:30pm to 2:30pm

If you have questions, please contact Sabrina Moss at (330) 297-1489 ext. 213 or [smoss@portagehousing.org](mailto:smoss@portagehousing.org).

## **Cribs for Kids Program**

*sweet dreams*



If you are pregnant or recently had a baby, you may be eligible for a **free** pack n' play through the Portage County Health District's "Cribs for Kids" Program.

In order to receive your free pack n' play, plus a free crib sheet, sleep sack, and sleep-related educational materials, you: (1) must have an infant who weighs less than 30 lbs. – or- be a pregnant mom who is at least 32 weeks pregnant, (2) must verify that you do not have a safe place for your infant to sleep, and (3) attend a safe sleep education class.

PMHA staff members are trained in the "Cribs for Kids" Program and are available to conduct your safe sleep education class on-site at the PMHA main office, at the community rooms at various Public Housing sites, or even in your housing unit. It is strongly recommended that you call in advance to schedule an appointment, as staff members' availability varies each day.

**For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call Sabrina Moss at (330) 297-1489 extension 213**





## 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).

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- Class 2- July 18<sup>th</sup>
- Class 3- July 25<sup>th</sup>
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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**



### 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