



PMHA Resident News



Public Housing Newsletter

February 2019

Homework Buddies Program

Homework help is available to PMHA Public Housing resident students in grades K-5, on a first-come, first-served basis. Volunteers from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP of F&CS) will be on-site at Renaissance Place and Heritage Knolls to assist students in grades K-5 with homework, tutoring, reading, and school projects.

Join the Homework Buddies Program every **Monday** this winter, from 3:45PM to 4:45PM at the Renaissance Place Community Room, 5650 S. Prospect St. in Ravenna.

Or, join the Homework Buddies Program every **Wednesday** this winter, from 3:30PM to 4:30PM at the Heritage Knolls Office, 587 Walter St. in Kent.



Parents, you must sign up your children in order for them to attend.

To sign up, call

Sabrina Moss at 330-297-1489 Ext. 213 (please leave a message), or email Sabrina at smoss@portagehousing.org.

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.

Hope Village Outpatient Recovery Center

Hope Village, located at 3975 Kenneth Drive in Rootstown, provides person-centered, peer led services for clients seeking long-term recovery from substance use addiction. Services include a comprehensive assessment interview, case management, family & couples counseling, intensive outpatient treatment, after care services, peer support, and more. Most insurance plans are accepted, including Medicaid. **Walk-in assessments are offered on weekdays from 1:00PM to 3:00PM, or you can call 330-850-5141 to schedule an appointment.**

"What Home Means to Me" Poster Contest

Contest participation is open to all children residing in affordable housing assisted directly or supported under community development and affordable housing programs administered by a NAHRO member authority (i.e., Public Housing or Section 8-assisted housing, LIHTC, etc.). Submission must be created by only one person. Entries created by two or more people will not be accepted.

Age Categories:

- Elementary School - K to 5th grade
- Middle School - 6th to 8th grade
- High School - 9th to 12th grade



Poster Specifications:


- Theme - "What Home Means to Me"
- Size - Posters must be 22" x 28" to be considered for judging.
- Media - Contestant may use any art media (marker, crayon, paint, collage, textiles, etc.), but please consider that posters will need to be packaged, mailed and reproduced.
- All contestants must sign a release making their entry the property of NAHRO and permitting duplication/publication thereof. The release should be secured to the back of the entry.
- All contestants are asked to provide a short narrative on the inspiration, vision and importance of their poster design. The narrative should be secured on the back of the entry.

National honorees will be selected by a Blue Ribbon panel of judges to be assembled by National NAHRO staff. The 12 national winners will each receive a \$100 Visa gift card. The national grand prize winner will be awarded an iPad. The grand prize winner and one member of his or her family will also be provided with transportation to and from and lodging at NAHRO's Washington Conference in Washington, D.C. where he or she will be honored.

How to Enter:

Contest participants must submit their entries to the PMHA office, "Attn.: Carolyn Budd", **no later than Monday, March 4, 2019**. PMHA will then submit qualifying entries to the Ohio Housing Authorities Conference (OHAC) by March 16, 2019. OHAC will select 3 regional winners (one from each age group) to then be sent on to the National level for consideration. State winners will receive a \$25 gift card from OHAC.

For a complete list of entry rules and/or to obtain an application and narrative form, please contact Carolyn Budd by phone or email, or visit the contest website at: <http://www.housingamericacampaign.org/what-home-means-to-me.html>



As part of NAHRO's Housing America campaign, a poster contest is held each year for children residing in affordable housing and community developments owned or administered by NAHRO member agencies. Posters reflect the national theme of "What Home Means to Me". The contest is a collaborative effort of NAHRO's chapter/state, regional, and national organizations. National honorees are selected from chapter/state-level winning entries.



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Reporting Changes Timely

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

**not applicable to Section 8 voucher holders*



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 February 2019, rent must be paid no later than: Feb. 11, 2019

PMHA on Social Media

Stay up to date on the latest PMHA news, information, and events. "Like" and follow our social media pages, below.

Facebook: @PMHARavenna



Twitter: @portage_housing



♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

Office Closings

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019
President's Day

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019
Memorial Day

THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2019
Independence Day



FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Education & Incentives

The Coleman Pregnancy Center offers 6 educational opportunities for qualifying parents in Portage County. These 6 classes last approximately 1 hour, and participants will receive material incentives upon completion of the class.

Infant Safety and Newborn Care - child must be 0-3 months old
Incentives: Safety kit, newborn clothing (new/gently used), package of diapers, fitted sheet, sleep sack, choice of Pack n' Play or Crib

Infant Development - child must be 3-6 months old
Incentives: Stroller or stroller with removable car seat

Mealtime and Picky Eaters - child must be 6-9 months old
Incentives: High chair, bib, utensils, sippy cups

First Year Milestone Moments - child must be 12-18 months old
Incentives: Potty chair, Pull-Ups, wipes, enrichment toys/books

Second Year Milestone Moments - child must be 22-28 months old
Incentives: Pull-Ups, wipes, books, music, age appropriate enrichment toys

Third Year Milestone Moments - child must be 32-38 months old
Incentives: Toddler bed and mattress

Participants must live in Portage County and be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Limit. Eligibility is determined through the Department of Jobs and Family Services (DJFS). Interested individuals must complete a PRC application, identify which parenting classes they are interested in attending, and submit to DJFS.

For more information, please
call (330) 676-6842 or email
pregnancy@colemanservices.org



Funding for the Family Support Services program come from Portage County Jobs and Family Services



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