



Eat & Learn for Seniors

Please join us for a **free** on-site health & wellness events for Public Housing senior residents, at Eastowne Manor & Etna House, courtesy of United HealthCare. The on-site events at each site are aimed to assist participants in living a healthier lifestyle, as well as provide information about the 2019 United HealthCare Dual Complete plan, including updates & changes. A snack will be provided, & a raffle will be held during each event.

You are invited to attend the events at either location, in the community room:

Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019

Times/Locations: 11:00AM at Eastowne Manor, and 1:30PM at Etna House

If you have any questions, please contact Sabrina Moss at (330) 2971-1489 ext. 213 or by email at smoss@portagehousing.org.

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



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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.

All About Bedbugs!

PMHA is offering **free** on-site bedbugs training to Public Housing residents at Eastowne Manor & Etna House. Mike Grace from TNT Exterminating will cover the following topics:

- General bedbug awareness
- Preventative measures to avoid getting bedbugs in your unit
- Signs to look for if you have been exposed to bedbugs

You are invited to attend the events at either location, in the community room:

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019

Times/Locations: 1:30PM at Eastowne Manor, and 3:30PM at Etna House

If you have any questions, please contact Sabrina Moss at (330) 2971-1489 ext. 213 or by email at smoss@portagehousing.org.



Office Closings

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

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019
Memorial Day

THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2019
Independence Day

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2019
Labor Day

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019
Columbus Day

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 March 2019, rent must be paid no later than: March 11, 2019

2019 William F. Gandert OHAC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

OHAC encourages academic excellence and personal and community responsibility among all scholarship applicants. The OHAC Scholarship Committee will offer up to Six (6) annual scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each for students enrolling in or attending an accredited college, university, community college, technical school or vocational school.

General Application Requirements and Eligibility Criteria of Applicants:

- **Status:** The Applicant must be a Public Housing or Section 8 Resident at time of application and the housing authority must be an OHAC Member.
- **Minimum Grade Point Recommendation:** Recommended accumulative 3.0 grade point average (GPA) for high school seniors, re-entry adults and continuing education students. A passing score of 60 (prior to 2002) or 600 (after 2002) for GED participants.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** All applicants must have two (2) letters of recommendations, i.e., a guidance counselor, principal, minister, or adult member(s) of your community. (*Those not related to the applicant*).
- **Application Form:** The application form must be completed in its entirety. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- **School Transcript/GED Certification:** The applicant must submit a high school/transcript or GED Certification. For re-entry or continuing students please provide college transcripts.
- **Essay:** Each applicant must submit a type written or printed essay, not to exceed 500 words, on the following topic: "What and Who influenced you to further your education?" In your response include obstacles you have overcome, short term goals and long term goals.

Q & A's:

1. **Do graduating seniors need proof of enrollment to be eligible for scholarship?** No. Proof of enrollment does not need to accompany the application. But, if applicant (graduating senior) is awarded a scholarship they will need to submit proof of enrollment to HA in order to receive the check. HA will forward proof of enrollment to OHAC and check will be issued from OHAC.
2. **Do applicants need to attend a 4 year college to be eligible?** No, applicants attending any accredited institution are eligible, i.e. technical school, vocational school, etc.
3. **Can someone that received a scholarship in the past apply again?** Yes
4. **Is someone that is taking classes over the internet eligible if it is through an accredited institution?** Yes
5. **Does the application need to be typed?** No, but do remember that the committee only sees the application, not the applicant. So, the application should be neat with good grammar and spelling.
6. **Is a 3.0 GPA recommended or required?** It is highly recommended.

DEADLINE: All applications must be submitted to the Executive Director of the housing authority or appropriate Housing Authority Representative. **Deadline for receipt of applications to the Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority is 6:00p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2019.**

****Awards to be presented at the 2019 OHAC Spring Conference at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at The Summit, A Dolce Hotel, in Cincinnati, Ohio.****

PMHA Credit Counseling Class

You are invited to attend a free credit counseling class at the PMHA Office in Ravenna. Beth Roe, from Consumer Credit Counseling Services, a program of Family & Community Services, Inc., will teach you all of the credit basics, including how to access and understand your credit report, steps to eliminate credit debt, how to improve your credit, and much more! The class will last a little over 1 hour.

Date & Time: Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 10:00AM

Locations: PMHA Office, 2832 State Route 59, Ravenna

If you wish to attend, you must RSVP to Jamie Perry at 330-297-1489 Ext. 223 or jperry@portagehousing.org in order to ensure that enough credit-related materials are available to give out to every attendee.