



# PMHA Resident News



Public Housing Newsletter

May 2019

## Career Fairs at Portage OMJ

Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ) in Portage County frequently hosts career fairs. They are hosting career fairs with Ryan Staffing on three upcoming dates. Mark your calendars now to attend these exciting events!

Thursday, May 16, 2019 – 1:30PM-4:00PM

Wednesday, May 29, 2019 – 1:30PM-4:00PM

Wednesday, June 5, 2019 – 1:30PM-4:00PM

These events are being held at the Portage County OMJ office, which is located at 253 S. Chestnut St. in Ravenna. You will need to bring two forms of ID with you on the day(s) you attend.

If you have questions, you may contact the OMJ Portage County office by telephone at (330) 296-2841. You may also get started with your job search now, by visiting the OMJ website at [www.ohiomeansjobs.com](http://www.ohiomeansjobs.com).

*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.

## Cribs for Kids Program

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 other 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. To schedule an appointment, please call Sabrina Moss at (330) 297-1489 extension 213.



## 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](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 May 2019, rent must be paid no later than: May 7, 2019**

## Learn More About the Aspire Program

The Aspire Program (formerly ABLE) provides lifelong learning opportunities for adults in the community. Aspire can help you to obtain a GED/HSE diploma, brush up on skills, prepare for a career in the medical field, prepare for a test or transition to higher education or training programs, help you with your resume and cover letter, teach you soft skills and job interview skills, and more! All Aspire classes are **free of charge**.

To accommodate your schedule, the Aspire Program is open year-round with classes in the morning, afternoon, or evening. Learning centers are located throughout Portage County, including Ravenna, Ravenna Township, Streetsboro, and Windham. There is also a distance learning option for students who are interested in working on coursework from home on their computer or tablet.

For more information or to sign up for an Aspire Program orientation, call (330) 235-0020 or email [gauntnerla@mwood.cc](mailto:gauntnerla@mwood.cc). You can also visit the Aspire website at [www.mwood.cc/workforce-development/aspire-ged-esol/aspire/](http://www.mwood.cc/workforce-development/aspire-ged-esol/aspire/).

## “Visit with the Easter Bunny” Event Pictures

Thank you to the residents, staff, & volunteers who joined us to celebrate with the Easter Bunny!

