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Frogs croak, Rains soak, Chicks peep, Crickets leap, Bees hum, Robins come Birds sing. That's Spring

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## Geauga Metropolitan Housing Newsletter

#### **News Release**

GMHA would like to welcome two new employees! Kelly Rosipko, your new Housing Manager and Kevin Bandsuh, your new maintenance tech.

We are also pleased to welcome all of our new residents! We know you will enjoy living at Geauga Metropolitan Housing. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions regarding your new home, please contact your Program Manager. We're here for you! As a reminder, all income changes must be reported in writing within 10 days of the change. Also, to help keep our properties in good repair, please make sure to call in all work orders promptly.

#### Strickland Arms Weatherization:

GMHA will be partnering again this year with the Ashtabula County Community Action for weatherization and replacement of refrigerators at Strickland Arms. We ask all residents for their cooperation in returning paperwork so that the process will go smoothly and quickly.

#### **Tenant Meeting**

cooperation.

GMHA will once again hold a Tenant Meeting to review the Annual/5-Year action Plan for the Capital Fund, the Administrative Policy for Section 8 HCV Program and Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy for Public Housing. This meeting is open to all residents and will be held in the community room at Murray Manor on May 29, 2019 at 2:00 pm. Enclosed in the newsletter you will find the Suggestions Form. You may return these with your rent, place in the suggestion box, or email to gmha042@geaugamha.org

### **Upcoming Renovations**

Currently GMHA has a few projects that will start this Spring/Summer.

Cloverdale Estates will notice that there will be some machinery behind the building working on correcting some drainage issues. We will be starting the bathroom tub/shower renova-

tions at Murry Manor. As always we appreciate tenant



### Fee Reminder

A reminder regarding the maintenance tenant charges that went into effect in 2018: Maintenance fee is \$50 per hour. Rescreening is \$15 per screen. Lawn mowing charge is \$55.

## **Check and Money Order Writing**

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Fill in the recipient's name. Write your address in the purchaser section. Include your account number if you're paying a bill. Sign the bottom where it says "purchaser's signature." Keep your receipt.

Please be advised that if your check is not clearly signed and does not have your unit number, your rent may not be credited to your account and you may receive a late fee and or termination notice.

## Spring Reminder from Maintenance

#### Cloverdale, Scranton Woods, and Strickland Arms:

Lawn mowing is the responsibility of the tenant, so please be sure to maintain your lawns. If you are unsure of your mow area, you can request a map from your Housing Manager.

Should you have a trampoline, you will need to acquire insurance and submit to you Property Manager. Under no circumstance is there to be any fire pits or pools of any kind. You will receive a lease violation or termination should these be found on the property.

#### Murray Manor and Harris House:

This is a reminder that only I (one) shepherds hook per unit is allowed and <u>no</u> hanging of bird feeders or outdoor ornaments on the building. This applies to any previously inserted hooks or hangers installed by maintenance.

All work orders need to be called in.

You must not block any egress. This includes but not limited to, no blocked windows, electrical panels and entrance/exits.

Remember that in order for the air conditioners to work properly and cool the apartment, you must keep all of the windows closed in your unit. Leaving the windows open will cause the air conditioner to constantly run and risk damage to the compressor. (It also increases GMHA's utility bills for Murray Manor and Harris House and could lead to increased air conditioning fees at those sites!)

For the multi-bedroom sites, any installation of window air conditioners must be inspected by maintenance for safe installation and to make sure that no damage is being caused to the window. (It also allows us to make sure HUD's requirements regarding not blocking an egress is met.)



### A Note From the Public Housing Manager

Income Reporting: ALL income has to be reported, whether it is Child Support, Social Security, Wages from a job, Unemployment, or OWF from the Department of Human Services. This includes income for <u>all</u> household members. HUD has a system in place, called EIV [Enterprise Income Verification System] that can pull all income sources. It is important to us that you understand these policies. If you have any questions, call Public Housing Manager, Kelly Rosipko at 440-286-7413 Ext. 107.

With spring and summer come open windows and neighbors enjoying the great outdoors. Please be considerate of your neighbors and keep noise to a minimum.

Many people pay attention to mice, ants, bedbugs and other pests after they become a problem. Rather than waiting to handle pest problems each time they arise, the better strategy is prevention. Should you have a concern or are just not sure if there is a problem, call in a work order to extension 100 so that maintenance can assess the situation.



## **Car Talk**

Please remember that community policy prohibits the storage of inoperable vehicles or vehicles with tags that have expired. Also, vehicle repair is not allowed on the property. GMHA has noticed vehicles leaking oil, gas and/or transmission fluid. Should damage occur to the parking lots and driveways, you may be charged for the repair.

### **Attention Dog Owners**

With the warm weather upon us, this is a reminder to make sure you are still curbing and promptly picking up after your pet. It's not worth jeopardizing your lease agreement by disregarding the rules. Your compliance will keep our common grounds looking great and your neighbors will appreciate your consideration!



## **Up Coming Holidays and Special Days**

April 28, 2019 - Easter May 10, 2019 - Mother's Day May 27, 2019 - Memorial Day June 16, 2019 - Father's Day June 21, 2019 - First Day of Summer!!



# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 May Day RENT DUE	$2_{\it Mother}$ Goose Day	3Space Day	4 Lego Star Wars at Burton Library. 11 am
5Cinco de Mayo	<b>6</b> Nurses Day RENT IS LATE	7Teacher's Day	8	$oldsymbol{9}_{ ext{Geauga}}$ Parks Geauga Walkers	10Mothers Day	11 Lake Farmpark Sheep Shearing & Fiber Crafts 9:00am
12	13Geauga Parks Egg Hunt	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	<b>21</b> Geauga Park Annual Spring Bird Walk 7:30 am	22	23	<b>24</b> Century Village Civil War Reenactment	25
26	<b>27</b> Memorial Day Office Closed	28	29	30		



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