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Geauga Metropolitan Housing Newsletter

News Release

We are pleased to welcome all of our new residents! We know you will enjoy living in 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.

Retirement Announcement

GMHA's Current Fiscal Manager will be retiring at the end of October. Lynn Buescher has enjoyed working for GMHA for the last 12 years and is looking forward to relaxing and enjoying time with her family.

Meet GMHA's New Fiscal Manager:

With over 20 years' experience in the Accounting and Finance field my strengths include being detailed, a fast learner, multi-tasker and welcoming any changes set forth. I have handled many aspects including receivables, payables, billing, reporting, budgeting & forecasts, to name the least.



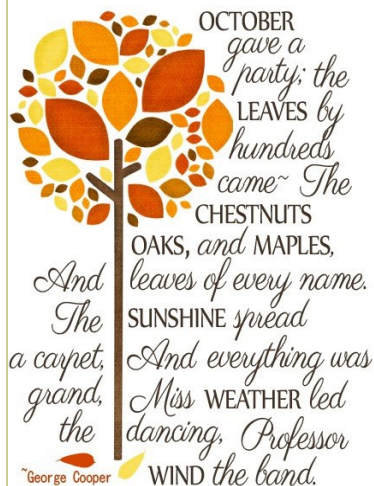
I am marrying my best friend in October and this past Valentine's Day; he and I purchased our dream home. We have two girls (dogs), that control our lives with playing "ball-ball" or just simply seeking our full attention. I love all Cleveland Sports teams, Columbus too with our Buckeyes!

I am very excited and honored to have joined the GMHA team as the Fiscal Manager / Human Resources in August 2020.

Maintenance and Covid Requirements

Maintenance has resumed doing work orders and inspections. Due to COVID, there are precautions that need to take place. Maintenance will be wearing masks and it is preferred for tenants to do so as well. We ask tenants to inform GMHA if there are any person or persons in the unit displaying any symptoms of Covid or have been exposed to and/or caring for anyone with COVID.

It is very important that you clearly state your phone number and make sure your Housing Manager has a current working number to be able to reach you. Tenants are required to stay at least 6 feet from maintenance and will be asked to remain in a separate room while the work order is being completed. We all need to do our part to create a safe living environment and prevent the spread of COVID-19.



2021 PHADA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In order to encourage academic excellence and community responsibility among high school students, PHADA has implemented a scholarship program for graduating seniors who are preparing to enter college. PHADA will award three scholarships to deserving youth currently residing in a PHADA member agency. There will be 3 scholarships available.



Stephen J. Bollinger Memorial Scholarship (One scholarship available: 7,000)

Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$5,000)

Nan McKay Pathway to Achievement Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$5,000)

In order for GMHA to submit the application to PHADA by their deadline, all applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2020 to: 385 Center Street, Chardon, OH 44024

You will find the application at:

<https://www.phada.org/Conferences-Education/PHADA-Scholarship-Program>

Section 8 (HCV) Waiting list

The Geauga Metropolitan Housing Authority (GMHA) will be opening the waiting list for the traditional Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) and Mainstream Voucher Programs beginning OCTOBER 13, 2020 until further notice.

Applications will be accepted by mail to GMHA 385 Center Street-Office, Chardon, Ohio 44024, the mail drop box located in the office vestibule and by email to gmha042@geaugamha.org. Applications can be located at www.geaugamha.org or they are available in our vestibule 24/7. If you or anyone in your family is a person with disabilities, and you require a specific accommodation to apply or utilize our services, please contact GMHA at 440-286-7413 ext. 100.

Tips on How to Make This Time of Year Safe for Your Pets:

Don't leave your pet out in the cold! Although your pet may enjoy the great outdoors, they need a place that is warm and dry when the temperatures drop.

Consider bundling up your pet. A pet sweater or pet coat can take the chill off a walk in the brisk weather. And remember to wash those paws!

Practice car safety. Don't leave your pet in the car unattended.

Fresh water is extremely important no matter what time of year.

Exercise! Whether you toss a ball indoors (carefully) or bundle up and go for a walk, make it a special time for both of you and create some special memories.



A Note From the Public Housing Manager and Maintenance Supervisor

Tenants need to place trash cans out in the morning on your scheduled trash day and they must be placed back at your unit at the end of the day.

GMHA has received complaints from fellow community members regarding garbage being blown around out of cans that are too full, people other than tenants are using the cans, and animals tearing out garbage due to trash cans sitting out all week. Should this issue persist, you will be charged labor for maintenance to roll your can back to the unit if it is sitting out 24 hours past pick up day.

Waste Management will not pick up anything that is not in the can.



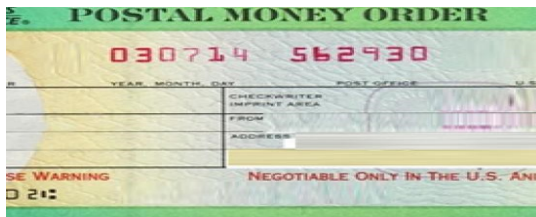
Income Reporting: ALL income must be reported, whether it is Child Support, Social Security, wages from a job, unemployment, or OWF from the Department of Human Services etc. This includes income for all household members. HUD has a system in place, called EIV [Enterprise Income Verification System] that can pull 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.



Check Writing

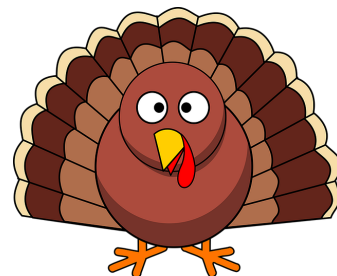
Please remember when writing out your rent check or when someone else is writing out your check, to please clearly put your name or unit number in the memo section of the check or at the bottom of the money order. We do not want to credit the wrong account!



Upcoming Holidays and Special Days

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GMHA will be closed these days.

October 12, 2020	Columbus Day	Monday
November 11, 2020	Veterans Day	Monday
November 26 and 27, 2020	Thanksgiving	Thursday + Friday



November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Jump in leaves</i> Rent Due	2 <i>Eat candy corn</i>	3 <i>Go on a hike</i>	4 <i>Play football</i>	5 <i>Climb a tree</i>	6 <i>Go horseback riding</i>	7 <i>Make pumpkin bread</i>
8 <i>Draw leaves</i>	9 <i>Make a pine-cone bird feeder</i>	10 <i>Have a picnic</i>	11 <i>Melt crayons</i>	12 <i>Go to the park</i>	13 <i>Drink a latte</i>	14 <i>List things you're thankful for</i>
15 <i>Eat corn on cob</i>	16 <i>Go on a hay ride</i>	17 <i>Bake muffins</i>	18 <i>Have a movie night</i>	19 <i>Go apple picking</i>	20 <i>Host a bonfire</i>	21 <i>Go on a nature walk</i>
22 <i>Make chili</i>	23 <i>Go star gazing</i>	24 <i>Enjoy hot coco</i>	25 <i>Visit a friend</i>	26 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	27 <i>Start a scrap-book</i>	28 <i>Enjoy autumn</i>
29 <i>Bake an apple Pie</i>	30 <i>Make a leaf wreath</i>					
		30 Days of Activities				



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