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# Geauga Metropolitan Housing

## **News Release**

#### **New Faces at GMHA!**

We will be expanding the GMHA team shortly! We are adding an Administrative Assistant, Maintenance II worker and we're excited to welcome Hannah as a General Office Summer Intern. More information to come, but we are excited for the upcoming extra hands-on deck!

## FSS Coordinator—Tracy Richardson

Hello GMHA residents! I am the new Self Sufficiency Coordinator here at GMHA and I am very excited to be here. I am looking forward to working with you to help you achieve your goals toward self-sufficiency. If you would like more information about the FSS program, please don't hesitate to call or email me. I can be reached at (440) 286-



7413  $\times$  102 or at trichardson@geaugamha.org. I am looking forward to meeting many of you in the near future!

#### Senior TV Costumers

Starting July 1, 2021 the following changes will be in effect: Basic tv will change from \$6.00 per month to \$8.00 and Expanded tv will change from \$ 28.00 per month to \$30.00. Please adjust your monthly rent/extra charge!

## New Phone system / Work Orders

Please be sure when calling in a work order to press 2 not extension 100 to leave your voice mail for the work order.

## **Rent and Balance Reminders!**

If you have an outstanding balance, no matter how small, you can help by paying before the end of the year. This can help with our funding for next year.

Please remember that rent is always due on the 1st calendar day of each month. On the 6th day a late fee of \$25.00 is added to your account.

Also, do not forget to put your name or apartment number on the check or money order.

## **Automatic Payment Reminder**

We've had numerous tenants sign up for the ACH Payment Option (i.e., direct debit from checking or

savings accounts). If you provide us authorization, please ask your Housing Manager for the form, GMHA can debit your account for the amount you can designate. This can be a one-time option, or you can sign up for monthly recurring payments that will be processed before the 5th of each month.





## **Murray Manor and Harris House Libraries**

You may have noticed some changes at Murray Manor to the library and the addition of a new library at Harris House! A fresh selection of books from the Women United Book Bank will be brought in. This will include novels and also books on different subjects like cooking, gardening and maybe some general educational topics.

Books will be refreshed, and you can take any of the books that you may want to keep, or return them when you're done. You may also add books to the library for volunteers to utilize at Harris House or other locations. Thank you Women United!



## Message from Maintenance



## Murray Manor and Harris House residents:

This is a reminder that only two shepherd hooks per unit is allowed and no hanging of bird feeders or outdoor ornaments on the building. This also includes placing flower pots on the outside windowsill and air conditioning unit casing. This can cause damage.

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 bill for Murray Manor and Harris House and could lead to increased air conditioning fees at those sites!)

## **Multi Bedroom Units:**

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 egress is met.) If you have installed an air conditioner, please leave a message on ext. 2, and a work order will be generated to have Maintenance come and check the installation.



**Lawn Care at Multi Bedroom Units**: Lawn mowing is the responsibility of the tenant. Maintenance is not able to continually mow tenants lawn. Lawn charges are a penalty of \$55 per cut with possible additional fees for weed whacking and or raking. Per the lease: two or more lawn cutting violations may lead to termination of the lease.

## Message From the Housing Manager

- Sharps, such as needles, should not be thrown loosely in the trash or toilet regardless of whether they are used or unused. Sharps that are improperly disposed of may cause injury. It's recommended that you place your needles, syringes, and other sharps in a strong plastic container before throwing in the trash receptacle.
- The current Eviction Moratorium, for COVID related situations, will end on June 30, 2021. Rent will need to be received by the 1st and no later than 4:30 pm. on the 5th of the month to avoid termination.
- The PH manager will slowly begin in person Annual Recertification meetings as of June 1, 2021.
  Should you need other arraignments, please contact your Housing Manager.
- Please do your part in keeping our properties clean and beautiful. Place all trash in provided receptacles and call in extra pick up items promptly.

## **Attention Pet Owners**

With 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! If you need a curbing map, please contact your Housing Manager.

## Lease Reminders

- As the weather warms up and windows are open, please be considerate of your neighbors and keep the noise down.
- All guests / visitors are required to park at the main entrance of Murray Manor and Harris House and should be accompanied in the building by the resident at all times.
- Fire pits, swimming pools and unauthorized trampolines are prohibited and may result in a lease violation.
- GMHA policy prohibits the storage of inoperable vehicles or vehicles with expired tags. Also, vehicle repair is not allowed on the property.
- Should you need a copy of the lease, please contact your Housing Manager.

## Upcoming Holidays and Special Days GMHA will be closed these days.

July 5, 2021	Independence Day	Monday
	(due to July 4th falling on	Sunday)
September 6, 2021	Labor Day	Monday
October 11, 2021	Columbus Day	Monday



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Rent Due	2 I Forgot Day	3 Superman Day
4 Independence Day	5	6 Rent is Late!	7 Chocolate Day	8 Coca Cola Day	9	10 Don't Step On a Bee Day
11 Slurpee Day	12	13 French Fries Day	14 Shark Aware- ness Day	15	16 Guinea Pig Day	17 Wrong Way Day
18	19 Ice Cream Day	20 Lollipop Day	21 Be Someone Day	22	23 Gorgeous Grandma Day	24 Cousins Day
25 Video Games Day	26 Aunts and Uncles Day	27	28 Water Park Day	29 Rain Day	30 Chicken and Waffles Day	31 Mutt Day



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