

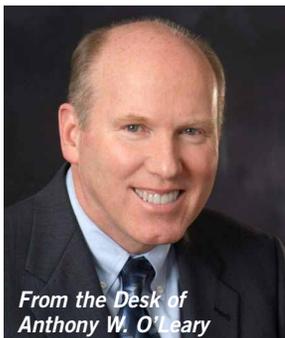
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TONY'S NEWSLETTER



*From the Desk of
Anthony W. O'Leary*

SAFETY FIRST... ALWAYS

The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority celebrates 80 years of service to Summit County in 2018. The need for affordable housing is at a crisis level, here and in most of the country. Seldom in modern times has there been more uncertainty about the future of federal housing programs. Despite a robust overall economy, people living on fixed incomes and those working low wage jobs, continue to lack adequate afford-

able housing. Prior to last year's election we began work on a strategic plan for 2017-2020. At the federal level, stable funding and reasonable predictability of future policy direction is absent so far. Focusing on what we need to do at the local level is essential. Our strategic plan focuses on people, property and community. Preserving and expanding quality affordable housing options is our first goal.

READ MORE AT akronhousing.org/tony

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TRUNK OR TREAT!

A spooky time was had by all! AMHA hosted 9 successful Trunk or Treats with over 1000 participants. Staff, residents and partners decorated their trunks and passed out an estimated 300 packages of treats, or over 75,000 individual goodies. For those kiddos that did not have costumes, there were many extras available to pick from and borrow. Many agency partners were on site to build relationships and pass out resources.

Thank you so much to the planning committee, Housing Operations, Resident Services and the Security department.

LEARN MORE AT akronhousing.org/trunkortreat



AMHA STAFF SUPPORTS THE UNITED WAY

The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) kicked off its United Way Campaign on Thursday, October 26, 2017 with a planning meeting for all managers at their central office. The goal for this year's campaign is \$27,750, which is a 5% increase to the \$26,424 collected last year. Staff from AMHA also participated in the Read to Me Day on Thursday, November 2nd. Volunteers gave 30 minutes of their time reading in a classroom to encourage the development of strong reading skills to children in Akron or Barberton Public schools.

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REACH HIGHER SUSTAINABILITY CAMPAIGN SURPASSES HALF WAY MARK

Thanks to the generosity of countless individuals, corporations, and foundations, AMHA is now over halfway to our goal of raising \$1.5 million to support the Reach Opportunity Center at Summit Lake. The Reach Opportunity Center is an educational facility for all residents of the Summit Lake neighborhood, which helps families to rise above poverty by providing a comprehensive system of education, training, support and resources.

The 2nd Annual Reach Higher Breakfast and three events hosted by members of the Reach leadership team helped put us over the halfway mark.



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Donations may be made to AMHA's non-profit subsidiary, Building for Tomorrow by visiting www.amhabft.org, or contacting Christine Chenoweth Yuhasz at cyuhasz@akronhousing.org

LEARN MORE AT amhabft.org

WAITING LIST INFORMATION

AMHA has over 22,000 households on our waiting lists. This is more than double the total number of assisted housing units that are administered by AMHA through the various programs available.

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APPLICANT HOUSEHOLD DEMOGRAPHICS

- Households consisting of families with dependents 42%
- Households consisting of Elderly/Disabled individuals 26%
- Other 32%



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