AMHA Smoke-Free August 2018
Second round resident information meetings are scheduled throughout 2018. Watch for postings at your Property Management office.
The following dates are scheduled in May:
5/10 @ 1:30pm Buchtel House, 770 E. Buchtel Avenue, Akron 44305
5/10 @ 3:00pm Cotter House, 50 Cotter Avenue, Akron 44305
5/17 @ 10:30am Hilltop House, 303 E. Tuscarawas, Barberton 44203
5/17 @ 11:30am Alpeter, 130 5th Street SE, Barberton 44203
5/22 @ 1:30pm Fowler, 65 Byers Avenue, Akron 44302
5/24 @ 2:30pm Belcher, 410 Locust Street, Akron 44307
5/31 @ 3:30pm Summit Lake-Lakeside-Lakeshore Duplex-Roulhac Circle-Bon Sue, 9 Plato Lane, Akron 44301
5/31 @ 2:00pm Valley View, 943 Springdale Street, Akron 44310

Pay Your Rent On-Line
The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority is pleased to announce our new Online Rent Payment Program. This optional program allows you to enjoy the convenience of electronically paying your monthly rent. Residents can use either a checking/savings account or a debit/credit card to make their payment.
To use the Online Rent Payment Program or learn more: go to www.akronhousing.org

Precious Treasure
treasure (n): 1. Valuable or precious possession of any kind; 2. Something valuable; something of great worth.
We all have something we treasure; is it a photograph of a family member who has passed away? Some old baseball trading cards or the Mickey Mouse watch you received for Christmas as a child? Whatever, the case may be, these items are valued and we want to keep them safe.
With the warm weather and children out of school, it is vital that we guard our “precious treasures”, namely our children, from danger. Please take time to talk with your children about watching out for cars, strangers in the neighborhood, etc. Make sure they are being supervised at ALL times.
Remember, like any “precious treasure”, our children are of great worth and deserve our protection.

Green Thumbs Not Necessary...Just Your Help!
Volunteers are needed to help with AMHA’s 2018 Beautification Program for our properties. We need volunteers to help in the planting and maintenance of our flowerscapes.
If you would like to help, contact your Property Management Office to add your name to their “Green Thumb” list.

Over 55 and looking for employment?
Gain practical experience and develop new skills with part-time paid training.
You will have an opportunity to work at a non-profit or government agency and receive a stipend for your time. Assignments are available to help you enhance your existing capabilities and strengthen your resume. Receive assistance with basic job readiness, employment search techniques and skills, and employment referrals. We will keep you on track with the goal of obtaining full-time, unsubsidized employment.
Call 330-253-4597 or 1-800-554-5335 for more info!

Grocery Assistance
If you are in need of grocery assistance, you can visit any of the three grocery distributions listed below. Each location is near one of AMHA’s housing developments.

Last 3 Tuesdays of the Month
Summit Lake Community Center
380 W. Crosier Street from 2:30 to 3:30pm

Last 3 Thursdays of the Month
Akron Urban League
440 Vernon Odom Boulevard from 5 to 6 pm

Last 3 Fridays of the Month
Patterson Park Community Center
800 Patterson Avenue from 2:30 to 3:30pm

All you need to bring is a photo I.D. and 2 reusable grocery bags.
**FREE “Money Smart” Educational Workshops**

Hosted by Akron Leadership Foundation, these workshops aim to help low and moderate income individuals enhance their money management skills, understand basic mainstream financial services, avoid financial pitfalls and build financial confidence to using banking services effectively.

**Saturdays through June 16**  
1:30PM – 3:00PM  
The Front Porch Café,  
798 Grant St., 2nd Floor Conference Room, Akron

You can also access a computer-based instruction version to compete at your own pace at https://www.fdic.gov/moneysmart/

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**Resident Services...We’re Here For You**

As the link between residents and community services, AMHA’s Resident Services brings more than just housing to our residents. We can help with programs, activities, referrals and resources such as:

- **Basic Needs**: Food, furniture, clothing, utilities
- **Health Needs**: Mental health, senior health, wellness activities
- **Early Childhood**: Education, mom groups, activities/events
- **Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)**: Goal planning, saving money
- **Financial Education**: Literacy, classes, home ownership
- **Education**: GED, training programs, application assistance
- **Job Assistance**: Workshops, resume writing, computer labs
- **Community Involvement**: Resident council, activities, events

**Resident Services Information Line:**  
330-376-9699

E-Mail: rs@akronhousing.org

https://www.facebook.com/akronhousingrs/

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**Time Out for Mom-ME Time**

Mom-ME Time is a support group for pregnant moms and those with children under 5 years old that aims to prevent and decrease maternal depression.

The children and moms meet together for a meal first, and then the moms split off to have their own time while the children are provided developmentally appropriate activities.

Moms meet with a counselor from Child Guidance & Family Solutions and discuss topics such as stress management, parenting, or connecting with community resources for example.

The children read, do art activities, play with blocks and toys, sing, and have fun with either their area public librarians or the YMCA.

This is a free group and there is no need to sign up ahead of time...just come! In addition to the services provided, mothers can earn gift cards for attending. For more information, contact Tiffany at 234-788-1137.

**1st Wednesday**  
9:30am  
REACH Opportunity Center  
390 W. Crosier, Akron

**2nd Wednesday**  
12:30pm  
Joy Park  
534 Fuller St., Akron

**2nd Thursday**  
10:30am  
Pinewood Gardens  
8788 Ray Ct., Twinsburg

**3rd Wednesday**  
9:30am  
Valley View  
943 Springdale St., Akron

**4th Wednesday**  
1:00pm  
Van Buren  
410 Pasadena Place, Barberton

**4th Thursday**  
10:30am  
Pinewood  
8788 Ray Ct., Twinsburg

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**REACH-Source Market**

Tuesday, May 29  
Thursday, May 31  
11:00am-1:00 pm  
3:00pm-5:00pm

Join us throughout the summer:  
June 26 and 28  
July 24 and 26

Join us for information and sign-up for programs, services and free raffle giveaways for kids, adults, and families.

**NEW Location for May:**  
Summit Lake Community Center  
390 W Crosier Street  
Akron Ohio 44311  
(330) 252-9271

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**Senior Summit 2018**

An Event Celebrating Older Adults

**May 19th**  
9am to 3pm

Firestone CLC  
443 Castle Blvd.  
Akron, OH 44313

**Activities**

- Entertainment  
- Seminars  
- Free Food  
- Prizes

Plus, there will be booths to sign up for local services for seniors & their caregivers, along with their families who love them!

For more information, go to  
www.summitohio.gov/seniors/senior-summit-2018

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Leaven Lenses Project (LLP), a photography apprenticeship, is accepting applications for those of 12 years of age and up.

Requirements:

- Must be at least 12 years old
- Must live in the city of Akron Ohio
- Must be willing to learn new things
- Must be able to commit to attending all classes

**JUNE 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 JULY 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 31 AUGUST 1, 2, 7, 8, 9**

**SIX WEEKS** Tuesdays 12-3, Wednesdays 9-12, Thursdays 5-8

- Must have parental consent if under 18 and submit to background check if over 18.

Upon completion of the apprenticeship each person will qualify for stipend pay

If you are eligible and would like to be a part of a fun & exciting photography program, please contact:

Eric Nelson (Executive Director of SWAG) at swagexec@gmail.com

Stephanie “Leo” Leonardi (Artist in resident) freshfresby@yahoo.com 330-808-2531

SWAG
STUDENTS WITH A GOAL