Did your resident organization or building hold a great event? If so, email Megan at mconkle@akronhousing.org to be featured in the Resident Newsletter!

On September 7th, SarahCare at Saferstein II went to Senior Safari Day at the Akron Zoo.

The residents took part in many of the special activities that the zoo had planned and had a special Senior Safari lunch. This special group has been asking to go to the zoo for a while and the senior event was a great opportunity for them!

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Saferstein Residents visit the Akron Zoo!

**Motherhood Initiative Celebrates Self Care**

From September 8th through October 6th, Honey Locust Moms were able to participate in the "Motherhood Initiative" program.

The program, which works with mothers to reach their full potential, provided educational resources, skills needed to support their children, and tips for self care and self confidence.

As one mother who participated said, "What I got from the class was [the ability] to encourage myself to speak into existence what great and good I am to the world and to myself."

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**Medicare Open Enrollment is Here!**

If you are already on Medicare, you are able to change your coverage from October 15- December 7. You do not have to change your coverage if you want to keep your current Medicare coverage.

If you are on the waiver program, please make sure that you are keeping in contact with your care plan provider. When you receive your redetermination letter from your care provider, please check in and update your coverage.

If you have never enrolled in Medicare AND are not receiving Social Security (SS), the rules are different.

• You have three months before or after your 65th birthday to enroll.
• Your coverage will begin the first month you turn 65.
• You can enroll 3 ways: www.medicare.com, by calling SS at 1-800-772-1213 OR going to your local SS Administration building.

If you miss your enrollment period (3 months before or after your 65th birthday) then you can enroll between January and March, but your coverage will not begin until July 1st.

For help enrolling, you can visit www.medicare.gov, call 1-800-633-4227, or call 1-800-868-1578.

**Health Insurance Marketplace Also Open**

2. To be eligible to enroll in Marketplace health coverage, you must live in the United States, be a U.S. citizen or national (or be lawfully present), and can't be incarcerated.
3. Depending on income, you may qualify for an insurance plan with tax credits or for Medicaid/Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
4. All plans cover essential health benefits, pre-existing conditions, and preventive services.
5. You can preview available plans and estimated prices based on income at https://www.healthcare.gov/
Your Security Deposit 101

Not sure how your security deposit works? Here are some helpful facts!

Q: Can my landlord keep any portion of my security deposit?

A: In certain cases, the landlord may keep all or a portion of your security deposit after you move out. These cases are:

- If you have rent, late fees, and/or court costs that have not been paid.
- If damages beyond normal wear and tear are caused by you, members of your household, or your guests.
- If a portion of your security deposit is “non refundable,” as determined by your landlord and stated in your lease agreement.

In the Housing Choice Voucher and VASH programs, landlords are not able to request that the Housing Authority pay these costs on your behalf, so the landlord will collect them directly from your security deposit. In the event that the costs exceed the amount of your security deposit, the landlord can charge you for the remaining costs.

2018 Trunk or Treats held at 8 Buildings!

During the month of October, Trunk or Treat events were held at Pinewood Gardens, Colonial Hills, Summit Lake, Valley View, Joy Park, Van Buren, Bon Sue, and Honey Locust. We will see you at next year’s Trunk or Treat Events!

Winter is coming and so is HEAP

If you are looking for ideas to help with your heating cost this winter, HEAP may be for you. The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps low-income people pay the cost of heating their homes.

Applications for the HEAP Winter Crisis Program (WCP) will be accepted from November through March. This program assists low-income households in danger of having their gas or electric utilities disconnected, have already had service disconnected, or those with less than a ten day supply of bulk fuel.

For more information about HEAP, or help completing the Energy Assistance Application, visit https://www.ca-akron.org/energy-assistance/about

#GIVE

This year, Reach Opportunity Center at Summit Lake will be participating in Giving Tuesday!

This exciting giving event is held on Tuesday, November 27, and is a great way to give back to your community.

The Reach Opportunity Center is a safe, free space for the Summit Lake and South Akron neighborhoods to gather. It supports the area through financial empowerment, educational opportunity, and community building.

Join us for an open house on November 27th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm to see firsthand what can happen when communities come together.

When Summit Lake is Strong, Summit County is Strong.

For more information, visit https://www.facebook.com/events/415770558955063/

YOU DON’T HAVE TO STOP SMOKING IN ONE DAY.

START WITH DAY ONE.

Quitting smoking isn’t easy. It takes time. And a plan. Let the Great American Smokeout event on November 15 be your day to start your journey toward a smoke-free life. The American Cancer Society can help you access the resources and support you need to quit. Quitting starts here.

Learn more at cancer.org/Smokeout or call 1-800-227-2345.