



RESIDENT SERVICES NEWSLETTER

HEALTH & WELLNESS

COVID-19 Information

Everyone age 12 and older is now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine!

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) endorsed the safety and effectiveness of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for everyone age 12 and up. This announcement expands vaccination to 17 million additional adolescents throughout the country.



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Summer Youth Employment Program

The Stark County Community Action Agency (SCCAA) is seeking graduating high school seniors and current juniors to gain a valuable work experience this summer. Seniors can earn up to \$1,550 in incentives and receive a MacBook Air while juniors can receive an iPad. The program starts Monday, June 14th, for more information contact Ms. Nichols at (216) 218-5151.



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Improvements for our Residents

Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority will be undertaking several meaningful projects this summer and fall to improve the living conditions of residents.

Continue reading this newsletter for more information and do your part to keep your living environment clean and sanitary. If you have any questions, please contact your property manager or the main office and we'll do our best to answer your questions or address your concerns.



**HERMAN L. HILL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

JURISDICTION WIDE RESIDENT COUNCIL



HAPPY JUNE EVERYONE!

Spring has finally arrived in Ohio. To me, spring is a time of new growth. The grass is turning green, trees are getting new leaves and flowers are everywhere. I am glad that new growth is also coming to the SMHA Resident Newsletter.

My name is Penny Holm, President of the Jurisdictional Wide Council. There will be short articles from myself or one of the other officers each month. This month, I would like to invite all residents to become active in the council. When COVID restrictions are lifted, we will resume our monthly meetings at SMHA's Central Office. Attend and let your voice be heard. Also, please consider starting a council at your building or site. All of the officers will be happy to help you.

So, until next month, take care of yourself and each other.

ACTIVE RESIDENT COUNCIL LOCATIONS:

Plaza Terrace Apartments in Canton and Hart Apartments in Alliance.



Welcome! Ms. Jackuelyn Towne-Roese

Jackuelyn "Jackie" Towne-Roese is the new Resident Services Coordinator at Alliance Senior Tower. She was born in Akron and graduated from Kenmore High School and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Kent State University in Sociology. Her area of focus was Economic and Gender Equality.

She has worked in the social service field since 2015, working first with adults with developmental disabilities. Her most recent position was as a case manager in outpatient mental health with Community Supportive Services (CSS), where she served on the Assertive Community Treatment team for individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.

This experience, along with her education, has given her the tools necessary to assist individuals with navigating social service systems in order to have their basic needs met.

Welcome Jackie, to the Resident Services Team!

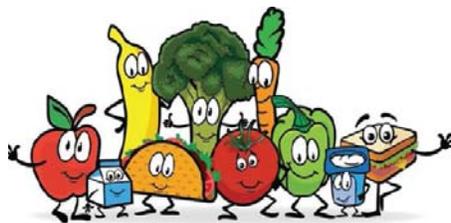


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COVID CLINIC & NUTRITION

SMHA was busy in May partnering with several providers to bring the vaccine to residents. Two clinics were held on May 7th at Cherrie Turner Towers and Jackson Sherrick. On May 17th, 19th and 20th Aultman's Walk-Up and Mobile COVID Van vaccinated residents at several sites.

On June 4th, 7th and 8th Aultman's Working on Wellness (WOW) Mobile Van will provide vaccines at Ellisdale, Jackson Sherrick and Linwood.



Summer Lunch: Grab & Go Schedule

June 1, 2021 - August 12, 2021

Jackson Sherrick M-F @ 11:30 am
Linwood Acres M-F @ 12:00 pm
Ellisdale M-F @ 12:00 pm



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EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

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While the kids are grabbing lunch, why not grab a new career?

On Friday, June 4 from 11:00 - 1:00 at Jackson Sherrick, come and talk to an Employment Navigator about:

- Job Readiness & Soft Skills
- Resume Preparation
- Job Placement
- Social Service Barriers





Need Relief From Paying For Internet?

According to the FCC Acting Chairwoman, Jessica Rosenworcel, "The pandemic has made it clear that broadband isn't nice to have, but a need to have."

\$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer or tablet. Go to GetEmergencyBroadband.org to apply online or call 1-833-511-0311 to request a mail in application.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program can help!

Receive a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband services. If applicable, receive a one-time discount of up to



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AWARENESS MONTH**



Gage Gardens

We are excited to begin a full renovation of Gage Gardens this June. All 54 units will receive full renovation with new flooring, modern fixtures, and exterior improvements. TC Architects has already helped to put together the full scope of work, identifying all the structural and cosmetic updates to make Gage Gardens feel like home. In addition to individual unit renovating, once complete, Gage Gardens will also be equipped with an on-site computer lab and playground. A. Morgan Building Group has been awarded the estimated \$3.4M contract to perform the renovations. We anticipate this project taking 18 months to complete.

McKinley Apartments

SMHA has been working with the city of Canton and other governing bodies to get the McKinley Apartments building added to the historic buildings register. We are excited to announce that this endeavor was successful, and the building has been added to the register! With McKinley's new status as a historic building, SMHA will be completing a full historic renovation of the building to begin in the fall of 2021 or spring of 2022. Using Low Income Tax Credit, this estimated \$13M project will be developed by Michael's Development Group.

Shortridge

Construction at Shortridge has been underway to replace the flooring and ceiling tiles, repaint the walls, and replace the laundry units. In addition to this work, SMHA has added improvements to the porch areas of the units. This work should be complete in the coming weeks.

Turner Towers

We have been working hard to improve the entire high rise building of Turner Towers. We received notice on May 19th, 2021 that SMHA received a \$1M tax credit, equaling approximately \$9.2M overall, to completely renovate Cherrie Turner Towers! We are extremely excited to get this project underway. In an effort to prepare for this grant, and ensure a continuous quality of living for Turner Tower residents, we have had several other improvement projects happening recently as well. Elevator modernization and replacement is underway. Lakeland Management Systems will be beginning work at Turner Towers to replace the elevator systems in the coming weeks. In addition to the elevators, A. Morgan Building Group has done approximately \$200k in common area and individual unit improvements. This has included in-unit general repairs and painting, staining, and improving the common areas.

Portfolio Wide

In addition to individual buildings getting some major spring cleaning, many smaller projects have been underway to improve the resident comfort and curb appeal of our properties. Over the past few weeks projects for power washing, gutter cleaning, security cameras and intercoms, tree removal, and general landscaping have all begun. These projects will be carried out throughout SMHA buildings and scattered sites.

SMHA PROPERTY UPDATES

