

FEBRUARY 6TH IS OFFICIALLY “MR. JOHNSON DAY” IN HAMILTON COUNTY!



Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, Alicia Reese, Stephanie Summerow-Dumas and Denise Driehaus pictured with Mr. Johnson after awarding him a proclamation

Mr. Gregory Johnson was presented with a special proclamation from the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners recognizing his nearly three decades of outstanding strategic leadership and unwavering dedication to serving our families in need of housing. This proclamation was issued as part of a broader effort to honor and recognize African Americans throughout the month of February, celebrating the tremendous impact of their leadership, service, and contributions to our community.

In an even more remarkable tribute, February 6th has officially been declared “Mr. Gregory Johnson Day” across all of Hamilton County!

For Mr. Johnson, public housing is far more than a career or a mission; it's a personal experience. His life experiences have shaped a powerful commitment to creating opportunities, stability, and lasting success for individuals and families throughout our community.

SHERWIN WILLIAMS PAINTING CLASS

The Sherwin-Williams Homework Training Program in Cincinnati is a community-focused initiative designed to provide hands-on training and education in the paint and coatings industry, helping low-income housing, Touchstone, and Housing Choice Voucher participants develop practical skills such as paint application techniques, product knowledge, and preparation that are essential for entry-level work in the field.

The program often runs as an intensive course in partnership with CMHA, and participants who complete all required training receive a certificate of completion from the EPA, which can support their employability and open doors to jobs with contractors or commercial painting projects.

In addition to technical instruction, the program aims to prepare individuals for career growth and connect them with local employment opportunities, promoting workforce development and skill advancement within the Cincinnati area and even present opportunities available at CMHA!



**CEO, Mr. Johnson with HomeWork Program Trainer, Bill Allman
pictured with the February graduating class!**

YOUR RENTAL CONNECTION HAS BEEN BUSY ON TUESDAYS



Voucher Participants meeting with Property Owners at
Your Rental Connection event

Voucher Participants looking for new housing, or those with a new voucher, attend our “Your Rental Connection” event held every Tuesday to connect Property Owners with those looking for housing that accepts vouchers. This Tuesday, February 19th, there were multiple Property Owners present and many participants waiting to meet and discuss unit availability, location, and so much more!

CMHA U is back in March!

On March 4th, the HCV Team will be doing an online presentation on housing providers, wealth building and the power of connection! If you know a Property Owner, this is a great session to attend!

**CMHA U**

March 4, 2026
5:30pm
Online presentation

The Housing Choice Voucher Program in Partnership with REIA of Cincinnati

Housing Providers, Wealth Building and the Power of Connection.

The rental market ebbs & flows and regulations change, navigating it alone can be expensive. You could be overpaying for repairs, making avoidable legal mistakes, missing policy changes. There is a way to avoid that... Community. When rental housing providers connect, everyone benefits—including the residents served.

Whether you're new to voucher programs or a long-time housing provider, this discussion will explore how staying connected strengthens your business and your impact. Join us for the online conversation with a Real Estate Industry Expert, March 4th at 5:30pm.

**Landlords Checklist**

Free!

**REIAGC**

Registration is requested!

Visit www.cintimha.com/calendar to sign up or call (513) 977-5800
CMHA U: Connect for Success will be held via Teams
Meeting ID: 256 847 371 106 95 Passcode: tc3pt95Q

CHANGES FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

To ensure compliance with IRS regulations and prevent 1099 errors, CMHA is updating its record-keeping and payment procedures effective immediately.

New W-9 & Tax ID Requirements

Due to IRS mandates, CMHA now requires a current, signed W-9 for every unit under contract.

- **Verification:** Tax IDs will be validated against IRS records before any contract is executed.
- **Payment Entities:** Landlord codes are now based on the entity receiving payment, not property ownership.
- **Management Companies:** If you manage multiple properties, you will receive one landlord code under your specific Tax ID.
- **Accuracy:** The W-9 must exactly match the Tax ID information used for your federal tax filings.

Contract & Lease Deadlines

To avoid the cancellation of your Request for Tenancy Approval (RTA), please adhere to the following:

- **30-Day Limit:** Signed HAP Contracts and residential leases must be returned within 30 days of receipt.
- **Inspections:** Passed inspections expire after 30 days. Delays may require a new inspection.
- **Execution Window:** Owners must sign the HAP contract within 60 days of its effective date.

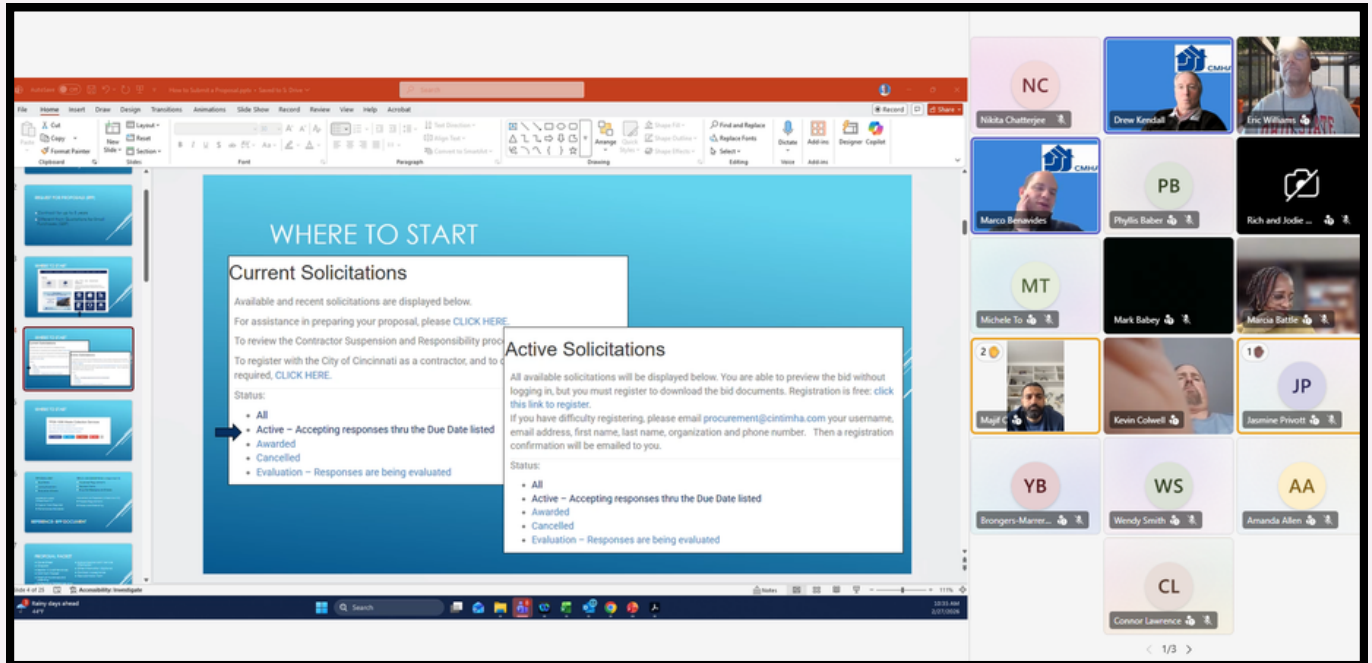
Lease Agreement Checklist

Before submission, verify that your lease includes:

- **Rent Amount & Full Address:** Including unit/apartment numbers.
- **Lease Terms:** Must be at least 12 months (HUD requirement).
- **Utility Responsibilities:** Must exactly match the details on the RTA.
- **Signatures:** Both the owner/manager and head of household must sign.
- **Tenancy Addendum:** A copy must be provided to the tenant and incorporated into the lease.

Please contact CMHA if you have any questions about these required changes. We will schedule an informational session to discuss these changes.

HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH CMHA



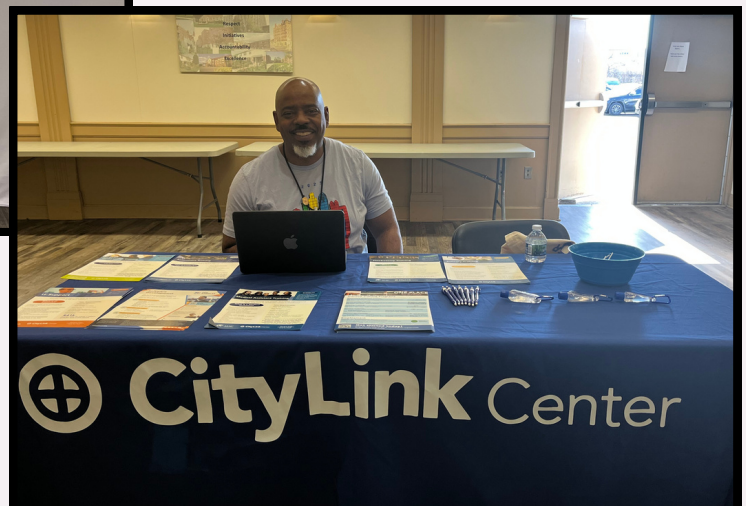
CMHA's Procurement Department held a How To Do Business with CMHA on Friday, February 27. This event provides local business owners the opportunity to learn about working with CMHA, how to submit proposals,

PARTNER JOB FAIR 2/27!



There were several contracting services hiring for painters/general maintenance help

All of the Sherwin Williams class returned for the hiring event and got to talk with the vendors!



DIGITAL TABLET CLASSES AT TPS SITES ARE A SUCCESS!

Touchstone Properties partnered with Meals on Wheels for a Digital Connect class to provide senior residents at The Reserves, West Union Square, Cary Crossing, and Baldwin Grove with education opportunity on the internet and free tablets!



Residents were able to create email addresses, learned how to navigate the home screen and find apps that may appeal to them, and learned how to use various search engines!

On the last day of the class, residents who completed all three days received a certificate and got to keep their tablets! Residents were thrilled to be a part of the course and expand their technological knowledge.



NEW EPISODE ON HOUSING MATTERS WITH CMHA DROPS



Director of Asset Management, Marquita Flowers, joins us this month on Housing Matters with CMHA! Ms. Flowers gives us a glimpse into what the Asset Management Program is comprised of, including the types of units and neighborhoods we are located in, but mainly focuses on the transition to Rent Cafe.

Rent Cafe is an important tool for our residents of the Asset Management Program to participate in because it allows them to pay their rent online, as CMHA is no longer accepting payments in the management offices or via mail. Through the Rent Cafe platform, residents can also input non-emergency work orders at their convenience and get a confirmation number. This helps eliminate miscommunications between what issues the residents are experiencing and what the work order center or answering service indicates in the work order.

Rent Cafe is also a great platform to easily upload and submit required documents to stay in compliance with the Program rules and avoid any delays or confusion.

CHECK OUT SOME COMMUNITY IMPACT STORIES

CMHA makes a meaningful impact through all three of our Programs, as well as Resident Services and the FSS Program! Each year, we celebrate the incredible stories our team has helped create—such as participants graduating from the FSS Program, families finding housing through the Housing Choice Voucher program, distributing free books at the ROC and Envision Centers, and so much more.

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code and learn more in our **2025 Community Impact Report!**

The Impact of a Housing Choice Voucher

Scan the QR codes to hear real stories about those who found a home through the Housing Choice Voucher at CMHA



Jaqweeda's story of finding hope in housing with the assistance of CMHA partner, Talbert House.



Reggie's story of finding a home after years of homelessness with CMHA partner, Veteran's Administration.



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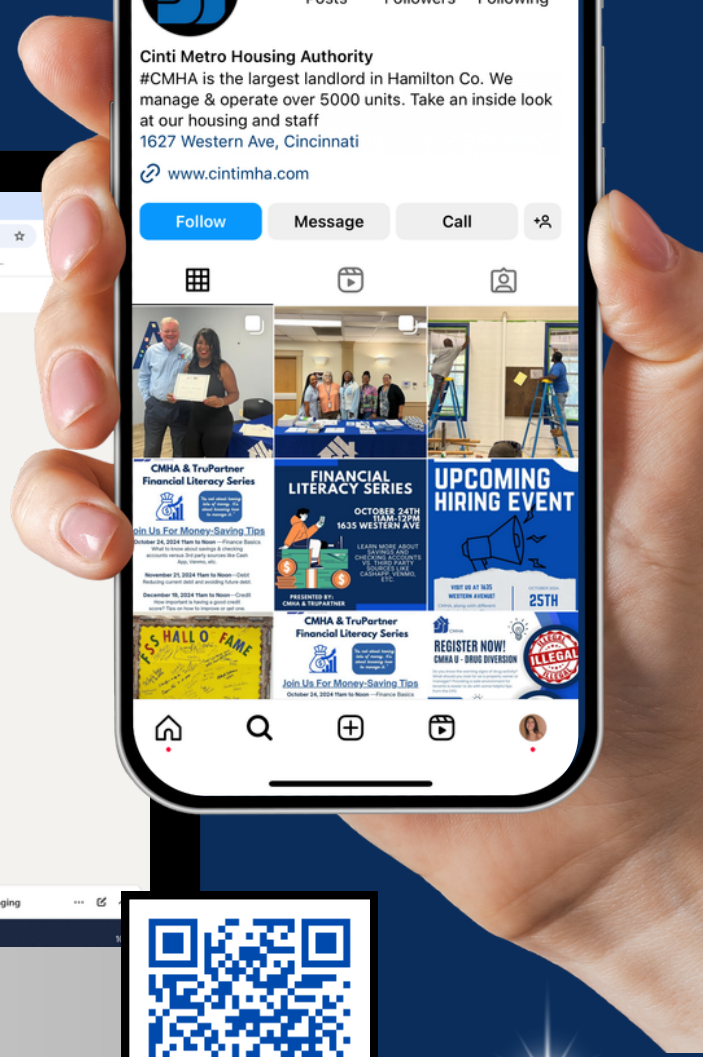
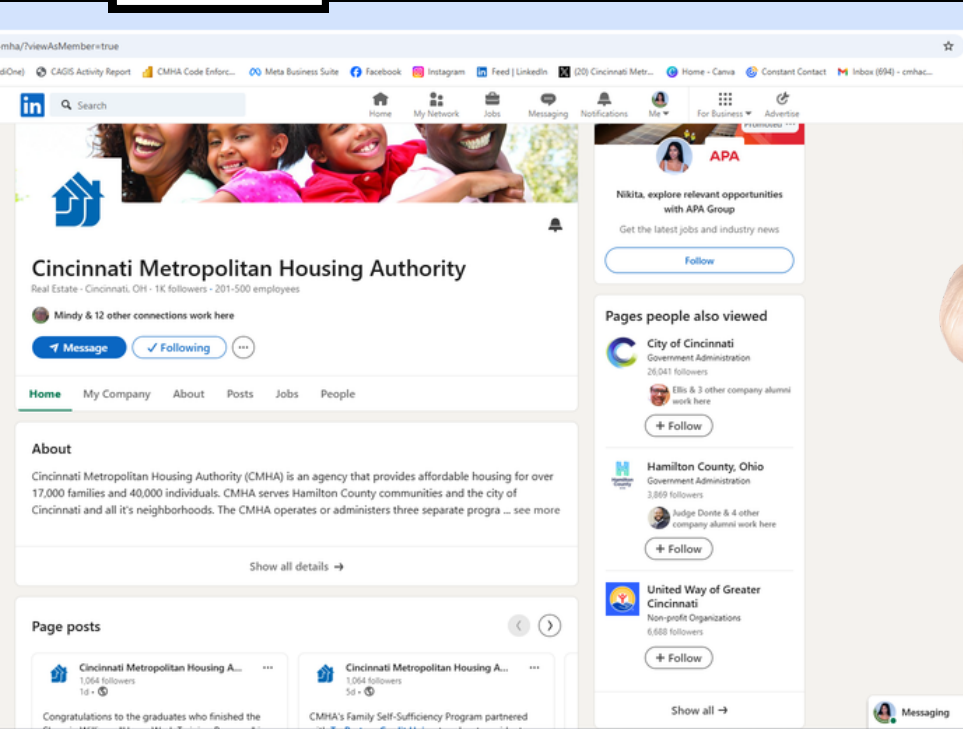


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