

# HCV Headlines

March 2018



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Landlord Orientation:

Learn how to participate in the HCV Program or get participation reminders

1635 Western Ave

10:00 - 11:00 AM

- March 20, 2018
- April 3, 2018
- April 17, 2018

### Marketing Mondays

2:30—4:00PM

- March 19, 2018
- March 26, 2018

### A Cookie & A Chat

5pm—6:30pm

- March 21, 2018

Register for CMHA Events at [www.Cintimha.com/calendar](http://www.Cintimha.com/calendar)

CMHA Offices Closed

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The Real Estate Investment Seminar presented by Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority and REIA of Greater Cincinnati was very successful! Thanks to all who participated. More than 100 people attended and learned several important factors from an industry expert, Vena Jones-Cox, on how to be a successful landlord with assisted or unassisted property. I'd like to give a special thank you to Ms. Vena Jones-Cox and the vendor representatives from Auction.com, Cincinnati Realist, Cutler Real Estate, Ellsworth & Associates, Inc., Metro Public Adjustment, Mr. Roof, OdorXit, and Weybridge Realty, LLC. We received lots of positive feedback from the participants as well as our partner REIA of Greater Cincinnati.

We are currently developing the next round of "CMHA U" classes and additional training opportunities for property owners. If you have a subject you'd like for us to cover, please send an email to [Landlordoutreach@cintimha.com](mailto:Landlordoutreach@cintimha.com). Please refer to the second page of the newsletter for more information on the first CMHA U for 2018.

We want to hear from you. Please be sure to participate in the next survey that will be distributed. Lastly, we look forward to seeing you on March 21<sup>st</sup> for the first Cookie and A Chat of the year. The sessions are informal and very informational so please come ready with questions and suggestions.

Sincerely,

*Lisa Isham* - Housing Choice Voucher Program Director



### **Inspector's Note on Preparing for Spring**

Spring is nearly here and that means the rainy season is quickly approaching. So what can you do now to protect your investment and keep tenants safe? The Inspections Department has some tips that could save you time and money later in the season.

- It is best to perform pest control now before the warm weather sets in.
- Clean winter debris from gutters and keep them regularly cleaned to avoid flooding.
- Get sump pumps ready and connect to a battery back-up.
- Add a back flow preventer to sump pumps.
- Make sure drains are not clogged and debris is removed.
- Check smoke detectors and change the batteries.
- Change air and dehumidifier filters.



## Are you looking for tenants?

**Super Saturdays** may be the answer. Showcase your available property to potential tenants, bring photos, and schedule viewings with voucher holders. Large complexes, houses and multifamily owners are welcome to attend. Super Saturdays will be held April 14th from 9am to Noon. Registration is requested, call (513) 977-5800 or visit [www.cintimha.com](http://www.cintimha.com).



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## Banquet Banter

The HCV staff is busily planning the next Property Owners' Appreciation Banquet. CMHA appreciates the partnerships created with each and every one of you so the banquet is held to say thank you for providing quality affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate income families. Dozens of Property owners, managers and organizations have been recognized at the previous events. Recipients have won awards for providing homes for Veterans, attending all HCV training and events and

being an ambassador for the Housing Choice Voucher program. Do you know someone or a company that should be nominated for an award? New this year, we want to partner with you on the nominations. Stay tuned for the details on when and where to submit nominations for the 2018 Celebration of Excellence honorees. The tentative date for the Property Owners' Appreciation Banquet is October 11, 2018.



The Housing Choice Voucher Program connects with various community partners to provide **free** training opportunities for you. The partnering organizations work with staff who plan the CMHA U courses, Lunch & Learns and most recently the Investment Seminar. The 2018 CMHA U series kicks-off with a very popular class. HCV partners with Housing Opportunities Made Equal to present Fair Housing Training on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Deb Jetter will do a general overview on fair housing laws and specific attention will focus on a) how landlords should handle reasonable accommodations and b) understanding the truth about assistance/companion animals. Registration is now open for the **CMHA U**, visit <https://cintimha.com/calendar/> to reserve your seat.