

## STARTING OFF 2025 GRAND

CMHA kicked off 2025 with a Re-Imagining Affordable Housing Renovation Kick off event and the Grand Re-Opening of San Marco in East Walnut Hills.



**CEO Gregory Johnson, Senator Catherine Ingram, CMHA Board Vice Chair LaVerne Mitchell, and City of Cincinnati Council member Scotty Johnson take sledgehammers to cabinets at Marquette Manor.**

Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority hosted a Grand Re-Opening of San Marco at DeSales Corner in historic East Walnut Hills on Thursday, January 23. The modernization represents CMHA's continued investment of \$250 million throughout Hamilton County, and "we are on our way to a billion dollars of investment," stated CMHA CEO Gregory Johnson.

Ohio State Representative Sedrick Denson was on hand for the celebration and shared his experience of growing up in San Marco and the community. He reiterated the need for quality affordable housing and expressed the importance of gathering partners to the table to get it accomplished. The modernization of San Marco continues to promote CMHA's mission of providing quality, affordable housing for families in Hamilton County. Additionally, Cincinnati City Council member Mark Jeffreys spoke about affordable housing in the city and the need to grow it, "I'm excited for this project and what it brings to the City."



I-r: CMHA COO Reema Ruberg, Annie Ross of OCCH, City Councilmember Mark Jeffreys, CEO Gregory Johnson, Ms. Jones (resident), and Ohio Rep Sedrick Denson

Built in 1893, San Marco displays a combination of eclectic architectural styles. Originally built as upscale apartments, San Marco was converted to a hotel in the 1960s and eventually to 30 residential units, which it remains today. This iconic building is on the National Register. San Marco stands tall at the heart of the DeSales Corner in East Walnut Hills.

Over the last year, CMHA renovated the units and building with a partial makeover including updated plumbing and some electrical systems. Each unit now has brand new kitchen cabinetry and appliances, new bathrooms with updated showers, tile, and vanities, updated lighting, and new LVT flooring throughout the units. These upgrades provide residents the ability to live



A new kitchen in San Marco

meaningful lives while experiencing the freshness of their surroundings.

While offering affordable housing opportunities for individuals, families, and veterans throughout Hamilton County, CMHA continues the vision of utilizing sustainable funding models to preserve and develop housing in partnership with community participants.



Ms. Jones, a resident of San Marco.



# RE-IMAGINING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT MARQUETTE MANOR

On Thursday, January 16, 2025, Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority kicked off the renovation of Marquette Manor in English Woods. This Re-Imagining of Affordable Housing of the 15-story high-rise continues CMHA's mission of providing quality, affordable housing for 140 families throughout Hamilton County.



**Cincinnati City Councilmember Scotty Johnson shares his views on affordable housing in Cincinnati.**

**l-r: Ohio Senator Catherin Ingram, CEO Gregory Johnson, Councilmember Scotty Johnson, and CMHA Board Vice Chair LaVerne Mitchell**

Cincinnati City Councilman Scotty Johnson explained, "When we have opportunities like this where we are providing adequate housing where people want to be. That's what we need to be doing."





The modernization of 140 units for the families served offers a renewal for these families and presents a significant upgrade to their units in the area where they want to live. Ohio State Senator Catherine Ingram stated, “When we start talking about affordable housing, we want to make sure it’s the kind of dwelling where people want to live. They want to be proud of where they live. We need to make sure we are taking care of people and allow them to live humanely.” CMHA continues to invest in affordable housing throughout the county, which currently amounts to over \$250 million. CMHA Board of Commissioner Vice-Chair Ms. Laverne Mitchell declared, “This is an auspicious occasion. Everything CMHA staff does is a miracle. So, I think for the residents of Marquette Manor, you say re-imagine, I don’t think they can even imagine what they’re in for. But it’s something good. So, on behalf of the CMHA Commissioners, I’m glad you’re here and look out because we’re going to do this right!”



**top to bottom: Ohio Senator Catherine Ingram speaking about quality affordable housing; CEO Gregory Johnson, Senator Catherine Ingram, CMHA Board Vice Chair LaVerne Mitchell, and City of Cincinnati Council member Scotty Johnson take sledge hammers to cabinets at Marquette Manor; CMHA Board Vice Chair LaVerne Mitchell expressing her pride in the work CMHA does for residents**



# ENVISION CENTER COMES TO WEST END



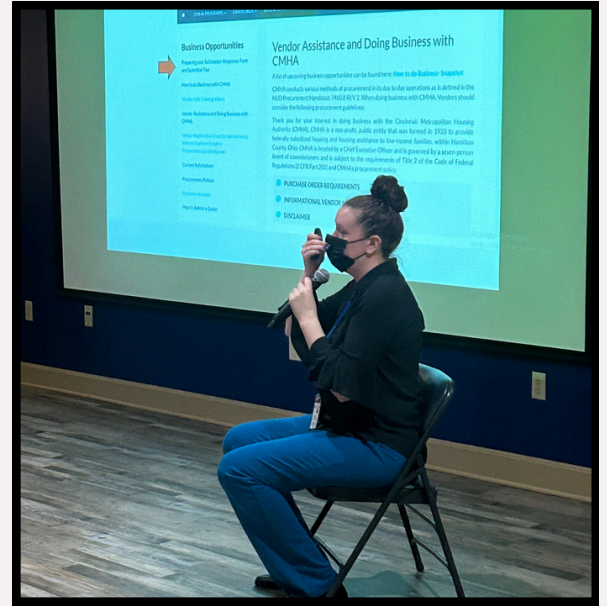
CMHA's Envision Center hosted a resource fair to introduce several community partners that we are excited to invite to the newest Envision Center opening at City West in February!

Save Our Youth: Kings and Queens was also in attendance as they will have a new space located in the West End to start making a difference with violence in the neighborhood.

Residents filled out surveys in late 2024 regarding what services they would like to see come to their community, and residents were able to talk to some of the partners to get the help they needed.



# HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH CMHA FILLS THE AUDITORIUM



How to Do Business with CMHA packed the auditorium on Monday, January 26 for the first event of the calendar year.



Stay in touch with us on social media at @cintimha to learn more about our next How To Do Business event on **February 24th!**





## GET READY FOR MORE CONTRACTOR NEWS!

The first CMHA Contractor newsletter has been sent out and uploaded on our website! Check it out at <https://cintimha.com/contractor-page/>

CMHA encourages all vendors to attend the monthly contractor meetings! The next one will be held on February 18th!

## FSS WILL BE AT UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Our Family Self-Sufficiency team will be attending the HCAN Resource Fair on 1/30 and the Dad Initiative Fair 02/07! We hope you stop by for the chance to learn more about the homeownership program!

**HCAN**  
Health Care Access Now

**Community Resource FAIR**

Thursday January 30th 2025  
12pm-4pm

at Price Hill Library  
970 Purcell Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
45205

Community Resources at the tips of your fingers!

Stations Available:

- Housing Services
- HCAN-community health workers
- Transportation
- Healthcare Services
- Dental Services
- Legal Services
- Senior Services
- Insurance Services

Scan me to register!

The poster features a background image of a hand holding a white card with a blue cross. To the right, there is an illustration of four stylized human figures in blue, yellow, red, and orange. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner.

# Take a listen to our new episode on our podcast, Housing Matters with CMHA:



**OUR FREE PAINTER TRAINING COURSE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SHERWIN WILLIAMS IS BACK FOR A FEBRUARY CLASS!**

**FREE**  
PAINTER TRAINING  
COURSE

EARN THE EPA'S - LEAD, RENOVATION, REPAIR AND PAINTING CERTIFICATION

**ONLY 15 SLOTS AVAILABLE!**

**FEBRUARY 24TH - 28TH**  
**8:00AM-4:30PM**  
**595 STRAND LANE**

**REQUIREMENTS:**  
MUST BE A PARTICIPANT OF A CMHA PROGRAM: ASSET MANAGEMENT, TOUCHSTONE PROPERTIES, OR A VOUCHER HOLDER. A BASIC INTERVIEW IS ALSO REQUIRED BEFORE ADMISSION INTO THE CLASS.

**CONTACT US TO SIGN UP!**  
**513-617-3848**




# HCV LANDLORDS!

February 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27 Landlord Orientation 9:00 am - 10:00 am	28 Your Rental Connection 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	29	30	31	1
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9	10 Landlord Orientation 9:00 am - 10:00 am	11 Your Rental Connection 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	12 Managers Night-In 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	13	14 FSS Information Session 11:00 am - 12:00 pm	15
16	17	18 Your Rental Connection 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	19	20	21	22
23	24 Landlord Orientation 9:00 am - 10:00 am FSS Virtual Information Session 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	25 Your Rental Connection 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	26	27	28	1

Check out the February calendar on our website at <https://cintimha.com/cmha-programs/housing-choice-voucher/>

You'll be able to see all the dates for Landlord Orientation, Manager's Night-In, Your Rental Connections, FSS informational sessions and so much more! The calendar feature on our website is a great resource to find out what upcoming events may be happening and if any of the events may answer some of your questions!

Also, remember to keep a lookout for the newsletter from our VP, Lisa Isham, which provides critical updates on all aspects of the Housing Choice Voucher program and any related Federal policy/changes.

# CMHA WILL BE ENFORCING NO SMOKING POLICY



Cincinnati Metropolitan  
Housing Authority

## Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority Smoking Policy



- CMHA's policy on smoking states that residents must smoke outdoors in designated areas **ONLY**.
- Per your lease agreement and HUD's rule all public housing buildings are smoke-free.
- Violating this rule could result in eviction.

CMHA and Touchstone Management Services Property Management is heavily enforcing the 'No Smoking Policy' instituted by HUD.

Due to Federal Regulations, there is a zero tolerance policy for smoking in the unit or away from the designated smoking areas in our communities. Please advise all residents that the 'No Smoking Policy' is a condition of their lease agreement and will result in a lease violation and potentially eviction.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE: NON-PAYMENT OF RENT MAY CAUSE EVICTION

CMHA strongly encourages residents who are behind on their rent to contact property managers. Residents are being notified with 30-day notices and 3-day notices of eviction for non-payment of rent. CMHA is willing to work with you to agree on terms for a re-payment agreement. There are ways that residents can avoid eviction.

1. Residents: that if you lose your job or source of income, your rent can be decreased. You **MUST** see your Property Manager.
2. Residents: CMHA is willing to work with you on re-payment agreements, but you **MUST** meet with your Property Manager.
3. Residents may voluntarily move out of the unit to avoid eviction on their records.
4. Other assistance resources are available and can be found directly on our website at <https://cintimha.com/resources-for-resident-services/>



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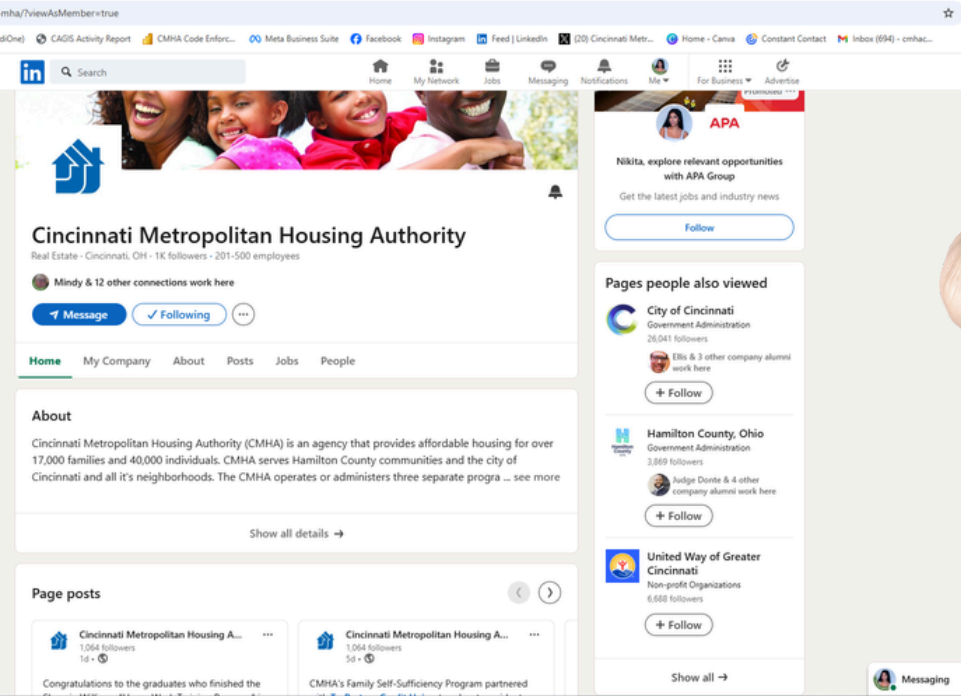


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