

## BEECHWOOD RENOVATIONS OFFICIALLY KICKOFF!



**I-r: CEO Gregory Johnson, CMHA Board member Mrs. Bernadette Watson, Congressman Greg Landsman, and City Council member Meeka Owens**

CMHA held a Re-Imagining Affordable Housing Renovation Kick-off at The Beechwood in Avondale. This rehabilitation kicks off another major step towards preserving affordable housing in Cincinnati. Ohio Congressman Greg Landsman and Cincinnati City Council Member Meeka Owens attended to swing some sledgehammers on the cabinets.

A special thank you to Congressman Representative Greg Landsman for securing the \$1.05M EDI Grant that helped close the financial gap and made this deal possible.

Congressman Landsman stated, "Investing in updating all of the housing across the footprint of CMHA is a big deal. If you want you build a big economy, a really good economy, a strong country, a place where people want to be and business want to invest, you invest in a few things. You invest in

infrastructure, and you invest in people. The best investments in people are three-fold: education, healthcare and housing."



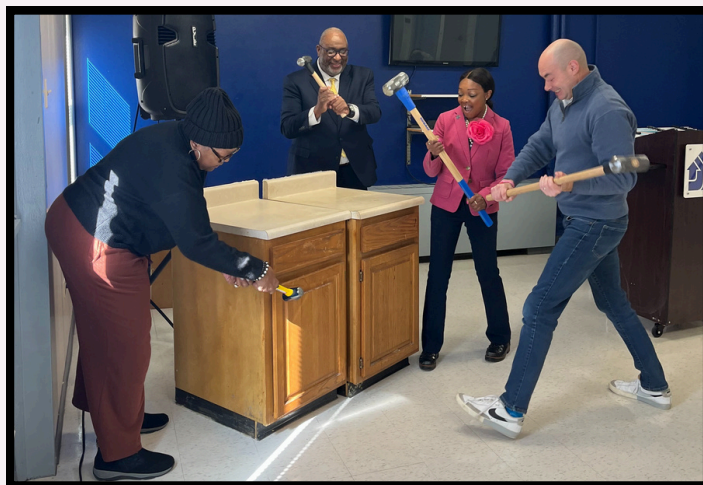


**Left: CMHA Board member Mrs. Bernadette Watson, Right: City Council member Meeka Owens**



Board Member, Mrs. Bernadette Watson attended and explained, "This is a neighborhood I grew up in, so I see where it has been, where it is now, and all the work CMHA has done throughout the County." Mrs. Watson is excited to see the improvements coming to The Beechwood complex.

Additionally, City of Cincinnati Councilmember Meeka Owens attended the event and spoke about how CMHA is always willing to come to the table to discuss and resolve difficult conversations. She is always impressed by CMHA's commitment to preserving and enhancing affordable housing which positively effects Cincinnati families.



**What a new kitchen will look like in Beechwood**



The 149-unit apartment building will receive major upgrade including new kitchens, bathrooms, flooring, lighting and HVAC systems. There will be improved security, exterior lighting and accessibility.



# MARQUETTE MANOR CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSING



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# SHERWIN WILLIAMS CLASS WILL REAP REWARDS

The Sherwin-Williams Homework Training Program visited CMHA this month to provide training and education in the paint and coatings industry. Students learned Technical Skills Development including paint application techniques, product knowledge, and surface preparation. These hands-on skills will help them in industry and career advancement. It aims to prepare participants for various roles within the company or the broader industry, promoting career growth and opportunities.



Each graduate of the Home Work Training Program received a Certificate of Completion from CMHA and Sherwin Williams. Bill , the program coordinator, gave a motivational speech to to the graduates to seek success with their new set of skills. Gina Stewart informed participants about opportunities available to them at CMHA. The agency encourages low-income and very low-income individuals to sign-up for different trade skills in upcoming renovation projects.



# HCV HOSTS “ASK THE EXPERT” CMHA U EVENT WITH LANDLORDS



The Housing Choice Voucher Department at CMHA held it's monthly CMHA U session on February 19th, discussing internal processes more in depth. Presenters at the “Ask the Expert” event included Octavia Jenkins, HCV Manager, who provided tips on how to navigate tenant recertifications more successfully. Thank you to the property owners who attended “Ask the Expert:” and learned how Recertification impacts them and where to submit documents. The next CMHA U event will be on **March 12th and will cover the Inspections process.**

## DON'T MISS OUR FSS INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS AT THE ENVISION CENTERS THIS MARCH!

Our Family Self-Sufficiency Team will be holding informational sessions for residents at our Envision Centers this March! The first will be at Winton Terrace, followed by City West and Findlater Gardens.

**MARCH 2025**

### Family Self Sufficiency Information Sessions

**FRI 7**

**Winton Terrace  
Envision Center**  
848 Winneste, Cincinnati, OH 45232

**WED 12**

**City West  
Envision Center**  
1202 Linn St, Cincinnati, OH 45203


**FRI 28**

**Findlater Gardens  
Envision Center**  
595 Strand Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45232



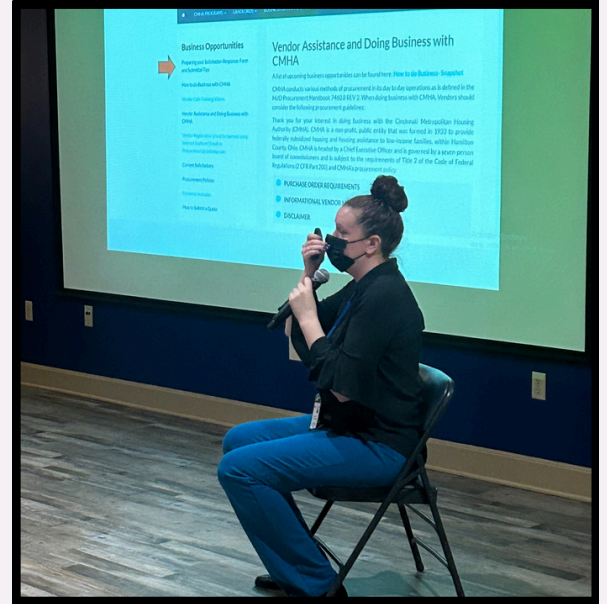
Join us to learn how the FSS program helps families achieve financial independence and build brighter futures!

**11 AM**

**MORE INFO:** [hcvfss@cintimha.com](mailto:hcvfss@cintimha.com)



# HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH CMHA FILLS THE AUDITORIUM



How to Do Business with CMHA welcomed the Ohio Department Of Transportation on February 24 to present on how vendors may learn how to work with them on future projects. Attendees were also able to network following the meeting.



Stay in touch with us on social media at @cintimha to learn more about our next How To Do Business event on **March 14 & March 31!**



# ENVISION CENTER HOSTS RESOURCE FAIR AT CITY WEST



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.

# CALLING ALL HCV LANDLORDS!

March 2025							month	week	day	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
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	Landlord Orientation 9:00 am - 10:00 am FSS Virtual Information Session 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Your Rental Connection 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm								
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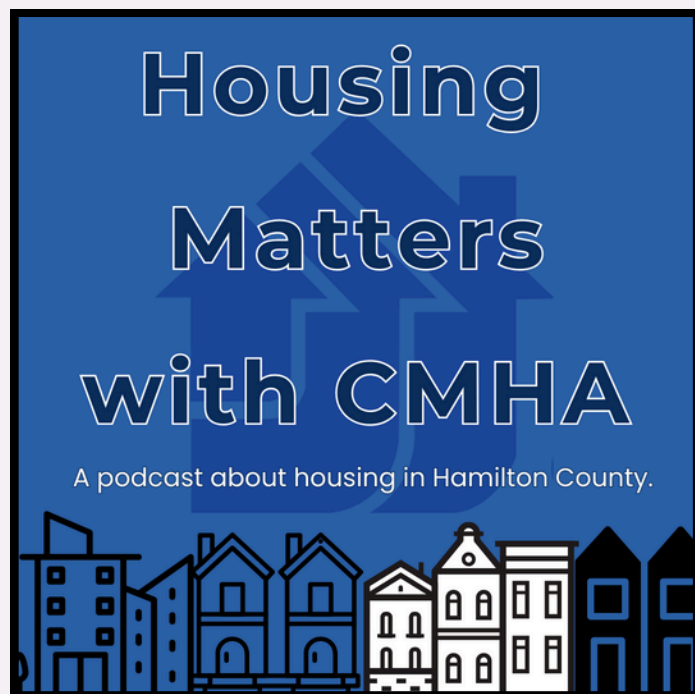
Check out the March calendar on our website at <https://cintimha.com/cmha-programs/housing-choice-voucher/>

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.



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



## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCED

**APPLY NOW!**

### Unlock Opportunities, Empower Dreams

CMHA is pleased to announce a scholarship opportunity for CMHA residents and participants who are preparing to further their education through a trade school or accredited certification program.

**OPEN TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Key Feature**  
Open to All Trade School Fields

**APPLICATION PERIOD**  
FEBRUARY 24, 2025 - MARCH 31ST, 2025

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Zero income for the household or family
- Has a GED or high school diploma achieved in 2025 or previous years
- Is a current CMHA resident in good standing (AM/TPS/HCV all eligible programs)
- Applied and accepted into a trade school or an accredited certificate program

CMHA is pleased to announce a scholarship opportunity for CMHA residents and participants who are preparing to further their education through a trade school program or accredited certification program! Residents/Participants are asked to fill out a quick application form with a few extending response questions in order to be considered for the applications. That form can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vL3Jux-X0zB6uynVBwv7cZLGVR3mUaTPjVdCGiy9Bb8/edit?usp=sharing>

# 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/>



# FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

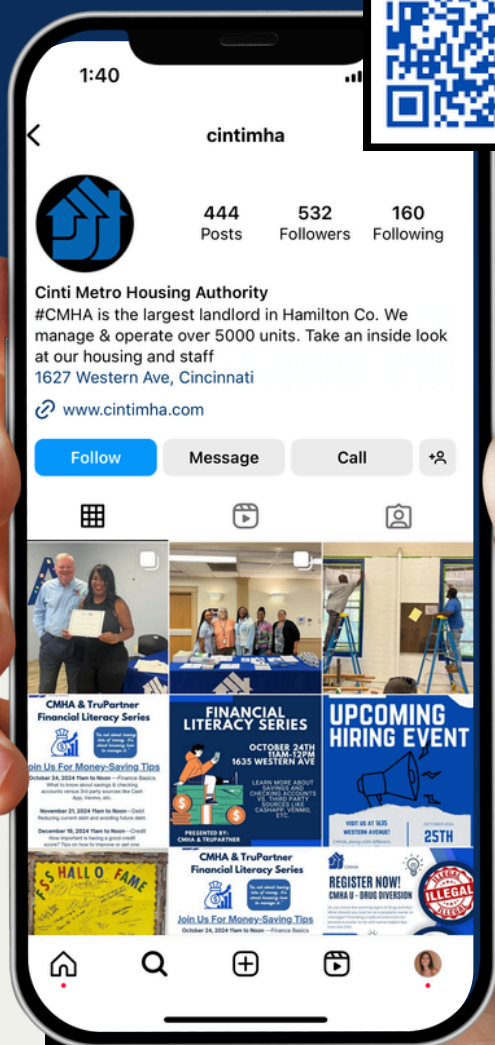
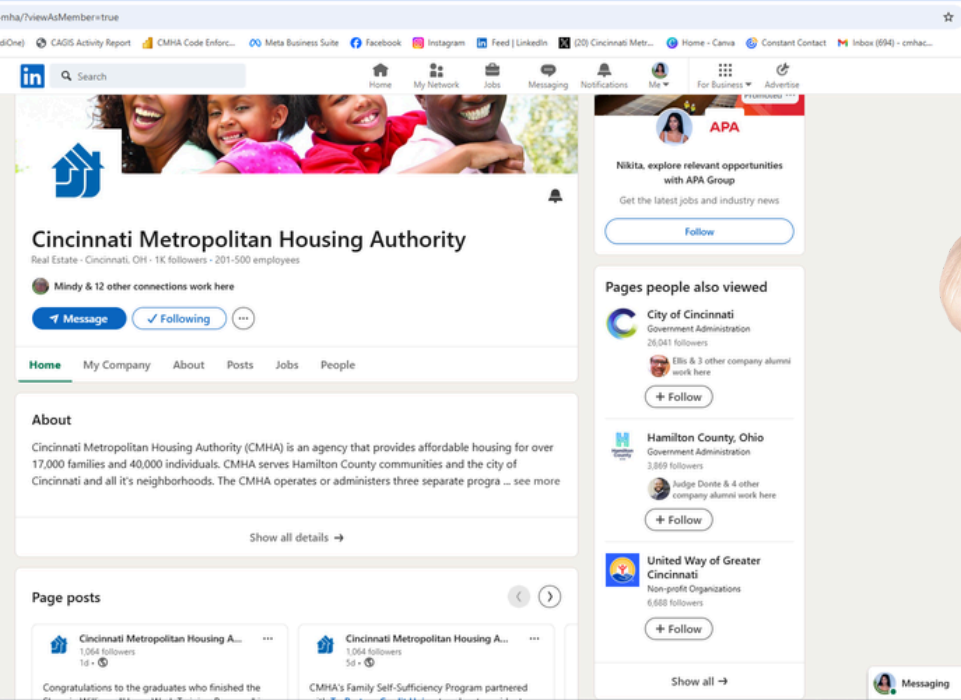


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