CMHAMONTHLY

NEWS

CMHA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO THREE RESIDENTS

The sale of a recent property on E. McMillan Street created an opportunity for CMHA to set aside funds to award a scholarship to residents and participants in our programs looking to advance their education through a trade school program or accredited certification. CMHA opened the application from the end of February to the end of March, giving those in good standing in any of our programs a chance to submit an application for the scholarship award.

CMHA received about 35 applicants from those in our Asset Management, Touchstone and Housing Choice Voucher program, and it was an impressive pool of applicants. To meet the requirements for the application, individuals had to write an extended essay about why they chose their field of study and how it may change their lives. Out of the pool of 35 applicants, five (5) finalists were chosen, of which three (3) were officially awarded part of the funds.

CMHA will celebrate with the awardees at the upcoming Board Meeting scheduled for April 29th, 2025 at 6pm. Awardees will receive a proclamation from the Chairman of the Board and a ceremonial "big check" to honor their hard work.





MR. JOHNSON ATTENDS SEVERAL NOTABLE EVENTS



James Cunningham and Mr. Johnson at Mr. Cunningham's recognition for his years of service to HUD



Mr. Johnson and Honorable Virginia Tallent in her new role as Common Pleas Judge for Hamilton County.

During the month of April, CMHA
CEO Mr. Gregory Johnson attended
several events recognizing
stakeholders who have impacted
CMHA in positive ways over the years
and sharing CMHA's mission of
providing quality, affordable
housing.

James Cunningham has been a significant partner and support of CMHA through his positions at Housing and Urban Development locally and regionally. Recently, Mr. Cunningham retired from HUD and was honored at a City of Cincinnati Council Meeting for his commitment to housing for families in Greater Cincinnati.

Judge Virginia Tallent was elected to the Court of Common Pleas in November 2024, and her six-year term began on April 1, 2025. Prior to joining the bench, Judge Tallent held the role as City of Cincinnati Deputy City Manager with an emphasis on addressing complex issues such as affordable housing.



Mr. Johnson and Council member Seth Walsh touring a unit at Bennett Point

Mr. Johnson and Council member
Walsh touring Bennett Point,
including the fitness center, laundry
room and community spaces

Mr. Johnson met with Council member Seth Walsh at CMHA's Bennett Point to do a tour of the property including a vacant unit and several community spaces. Mr. Johnson discussed CMHA's transition plan updates and showed a video of all the RAD converted properties.



EVANSTON HOSTS THE 513 BUS AND OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

The Evanston hosted the 513 Relief Bus and other community organizations during an event on Friday, April 18. Organized by an Evanston resident, the 513 Relief Bus provides health screenings, social services, and economic relief to communities in need. This was a wonderful opportunity for some of CMHA's families to access these services at their door. Many other community organizations attended the event including UC Health Cancer Center, Council on Aging, Feed the Block, The Braid Initiative, The Unity Center, and so many more!

Mr. Johnson attended the event, networked with residents and learned more about initiatives going on in the community. Touchstone Property Services staff was also present to sign residents up for Rent Café, CMHA's new online platform to pay rent, upload and see documents, and put in maintenance requests. Check out some photos from the event on the next page.













CMHA U WITH HCV SHARES CHANGES TO DIGITAL

RFTA DIGITAL ACCESS IS COMING SOON!

RTA submissions are going digital! No more driving to the office downtown, or waiting for an RTA Express event. Online submission of the RTA will begin very soon, and these submissions can be made via phone, tablet or desktop computer. Once the portal is live, Landlords will have 24 hour access, be able to upload documents on their timelines, receive notifications and see successfully submitted documents, and much more.

Additional information may be found on the website: https://cintimha.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/rfta-sneak-peak-2.pdf

HONORING PARTNERS AT THE LANDLORD BANQUET

The annual Partner Appreciation
Banquet hosted by CMHA to
recognize it's partnership with
landlords across Hamilton County
is right around the corner! This
years banquet is being held at the
Sharonville Convention Center
with Keynote speaker Denise
Driehaus and MC'd by Joy
Gazaway. CMHA is excited to
showcase key partnerships
including the VA and Talbert House
at the event!



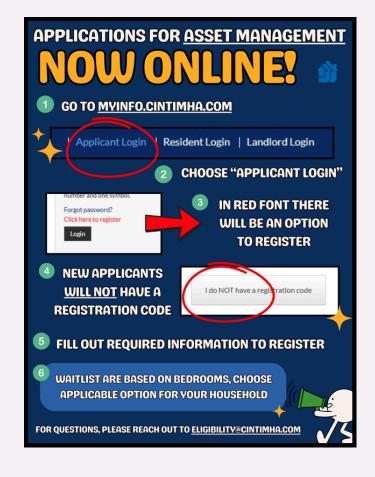
CHANGES TO WAITLISTS



CMHA's Low-Income Public Housing
Program sent applicants on the waitlist a
letter to reserve their spot on the new online
portal CMHA is utilizing. Applicants received
a letter with instructions on how to visit the
"myinfo.cintimha.com" website and fill out
the "save my spot" request form that is now
mandatory in order to stay on the current
waitlist. If the online form is not completed
by the deadline outlined in the letter,
applicants will be removed from the waitlist.

CMHA periodically updates the program waitlists in order to remove applicants no longer seeking housing. This allows for applicants who are eager to find a housing opportunity within one of our programs to move up on the waitlist. This update also helps remove applicants whose contact information is no longer up to date.

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CONTRACTOR RECOGNITION AT RECENT MEETING



CMHA started a "Contractor of the Month" imitative to encourage our contractors, an essential partner to the operation of CMHA's maintenance, to continue to provide quality service that meets our Gold Standard. Based on various eligibility criteria, including manager recommendations, contractors will be recognized with a certification signed by Mr. Johnson and a shoutout in our monthly "Contractor Corner" newsletter and our website.

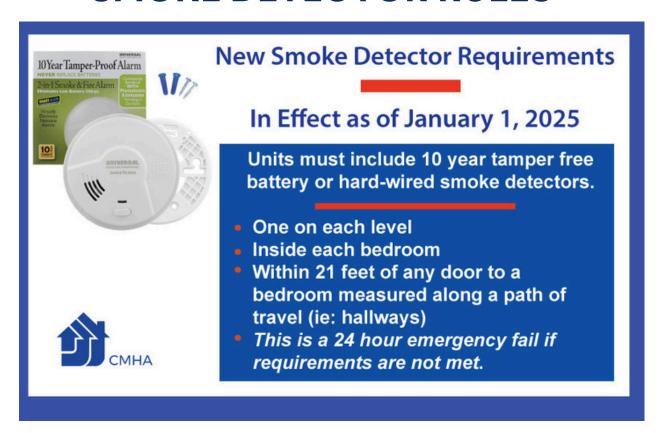
CMHA TO HONOR 2025 GRADUATES

We want to recognize all the graduates in our Programs! Do you know a family celebrating a 2025 graduate who is part of a CMHA Program? Sign them up for our recognition event this May! CMHA will host a recognition event at our May Board Meeting to honor those who finish high school, trade school, a certificate program, or any higher education program in 2025.

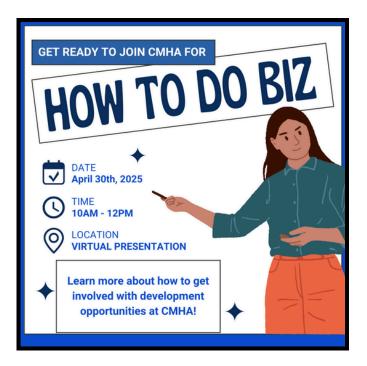
All graduates can fill out a form at https://forms.gle/eWUcLyXBtUN qfUP58



HCV REMINDS LANDLORDS OF NEW SMOKE DETECTOR RULES



HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH CMHA VIRTUAL EVENT



Join us virtually for our next "How To Do Business" event! The event will include how to register for business opportunities with CMHA and training on invoice submissions.

If you would like to learn more about how to do business with CMHA, visit our website at https://cintimha.com/business-opportunities/

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





Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority

Rent Café is Here!

You can get your personal Tenant Code from your Property Manager, if you are not signed up already!



What does this mean for you?

- A simpler way to pay your rent
- Faster ways in uploading documents for recertification
- An all-in-one system that allows you to see work orders placed, documentation required, and rent statements with CMHA

All Residents Required to Sign Up for Rent Cafe

CMHA Asset Management/Public Housing is moving to Rent Cafe to better assist residents in paying rent, uploading documents for recertification, placing work orders, and much more.



SCAN HERE TO VISIT THE CMHA RENT CAFE WEBSITE

CMHA WILL BE ENFORCING NO SMOKING POLICY



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/

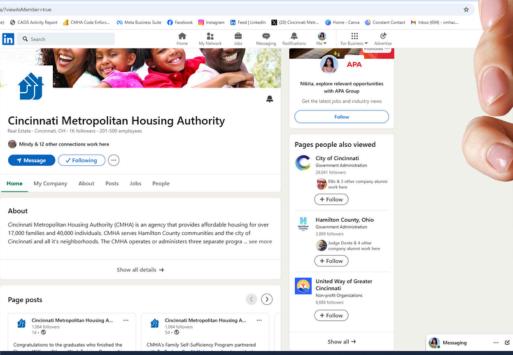
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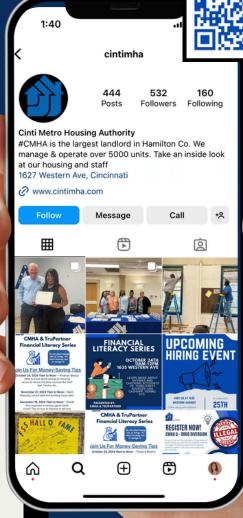




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