PORTLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

9 CHATHAM COURT PORTLAND, CT 06480

OCTOBER 2021-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER CALENDAR 2021

- Columbus Day : October 11, 2021—Office is closed.
- **Board Meeting: October 21, 2021 Quarry Heights community room at 5:00 pm.**

The PHA is pleased to announce that Jeff Costa is the PHA's new Maintenance employee. Welcome to the team Jeff! We know you're going to be a valuable asset to the PHA and we can't wait to see what you accomplish. If you see him around Quarry Heights or Chatham Court make sure to say HI! Reminder all work order must be called into the main office first. Emergency line must be used ONLY AFTER HOURS for emergency situations only.

All air conditioners must be removed by October 15, 2021. If you require assistance please call the office at 860-342-1688 110. If the air conditioner is not removed by October 15, 2021,we will impose a fee of $150.00 per air conditioner not removed. Please keep in mind that windows are not to be left open during the heating season, any window found to be left open during cold weather will be subjected to a fine.

The Portland Social Justice Coalition is putting together a community panel on the difficulties people in the community are having when attempting to buy a home. If you are a resident of the Portland Housing Authority and is interested in sharing your experience please contact nancyt.goodwin@gmail.com to sign up and share your concerns and obstacles.

Dear residents of the PHA we want to remind you that recertifications must be done every year. As stated in Portland Housing Authority dwelling lease, HUD and/ or CHFA requires that we review your income and family composition every year to re-determine rent and assistance levels.

You will be contacted each year to report the income for the prior year and the current composition of your household. You must drop off to your Housing Coordinator the required signatures and documents to enable the PHA to process the recertification by the deadline. Cooperation with the recertification requirements is a condition of continued program participation. Failure to complete the recertification by the deadline will result in the immediate termination of your tenancy. If you are either an income base renter or a flat renter the same information is required from you. **We ask this from you once a year.** Remember HUD, DOH,CHFA rules, policies and requirements changes constantly to fit the times. Please read the paperwork given to you. The PHA gets audited and if we do not have the right information required the agency can become troubled.

The construction on the main office entrance door at Chatham Court is finally done. Please start using the new drop box and window for assistance. With the new COVID variant we are doing everything possible to minimize exposure. If you would like to meet in person with a specific staff member from the PHA we ask that you call ahead and schedule an appointment.

If you plan to leave your unit for vacation or a last minute family emergency where you have to travel out of the county or out of state , its your responsibility to let the main office know in writing that you will be out of the unit for some time, its in your lease if any questions.

9/11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY

To reflect and remember those who were lost, the Portland Solidarity Committee and the Town of Portland held a September 11 Memorial Ceremony to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the events that changed our world on 9/11/2001. People gathered at the Veterans Memorial located at the Portland Town Hall on Saturday, September 11 at 8:30 am. Local fire and police personnel, as well as town representatives were present as Portland came together in a moment of silence in remembrance of the 2,977 individuals who lost their lives on that tragic day.

Middlesex County Career Fair

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Courtyard by Marriott, 4 Sebethe Drive, Cromwell, CT

If you need help with a resume before the job fair please contact our Resident Service Coordinator BJ Carrabbia, she can help with interview questions to expect and review and edit your resume. Arrive early! Bring copies of your resume. Being first improves the chances of success. The early bird gets the worm is a proverb which emphasizes the importance of starting something early to maximize your potential outcome. If nothing changes, nothing changes. Be the change that you want to be. Good Luck. Any questions regarding the job fair please contact Sandy Heinly at the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce at 860-347-6924 or email at Sandra@middlesexchamber.com.

The PHA will like to wish the following individuals a

KILLER BIRTHDAY

Yaribelyz Conrad, Zion Bryant, Naji Chester Payne, Josiah Dempsey, Otha Dickerson, Athena Harmon, Jasmine Hodges, Jafo Kandeke, Simon Kandeke, Darlene Larson, Ebartlinn Liranzo, Emily Mackenzie, Josmarie Natal, Elsie Rodriguez, Kathleen Rose, Janet Barrett, Jane Olson, William Prince, Edward Self, Betty Smedick and Judy Smith.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

To anyone who is interesting please submit your pictures via email to Cdiaz@portlandha.org to share how you celebrated Halloween 2021. It could either be your kids Halloween custom, craft project, Halloween theme desert, your dog in a Halloween custom, a picture your kids drew or your carved or painted pumpkin. The PHA wishes everyone a fun and spooky Halloween filled with lots of yummy treats and laughs. Reminder please keep the property clean from candy wrappers. :) Thank you.