



Portland Housing

December 2024-Monthly Newsletter
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Main Office Hours of Operation

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PHA EVENT CALENDAR:

12/11/2024—RAB Meeting at Chatham Court at 11:00 am

12/16/2024— Board Meeting at Quarry Heights at 5:00 pm.

12/ 25/2024— **Christmas Day**-OFFICE CLOSED

12/26/2024— **Day after Christmas** – OFFICE CLOSED

12/31/2024 –New Years Eve-OFFICE CLOSED

1/1/2025– New Years Day-OFFICE CLOSED

FRIENDLY REMINDER:



With the weather fluctuating the PHA kindly asks all tenants to please keep all windows closed, oil is expensive! Remove all window fans. Tenants will be charged if maintenance notices open windows during cold weather.

If you see something, say something is national campaign that raises awareness of reporting suspicious activity in your community to local law enforcement. Feel free to submit **in writing please** to the office your issues or concerns.



Most Wonderful time of the Year!

Most of the excitement we conjure up during the holidays is for the children. We build up the anticipation for their behalf by decorating the house, putting up the tree, and starting the countdown until Santa comes. For many of us, Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year, but for other people, Christmas can be debilitating and wrought with anxiety and feelings of stress.

We're all fighting our own battles. Some of us are just better at hiding them than others and some of us aren't able to hide them so well . So please be kind to one another; your smile or compliment to someone might simply be the highlight of their day.

Quick reminders for everyone...

Please do not leave garbage and clutter in your home. It is not only dangerous for you in your unit, but also your neighbors.

Garbage can be a fire hazard: If there are too many extra things in your home, they can catch fire. This is particularly true with extra paper and flammable materials (a lease violation). The best way to ensure that you will not have a house fire and be in compliance is to remove all garbage and clutter from your home promptly. In doing so, you will remove the potential for the clutter to accumulate in a way that would endanger you, your family, and neighbors.

Garbage can be a risk for pests: Pests tend to appear when there are lots of leftover garbage and food. This is precisely why it is important to ensure that garbage is discarded, and dishes are washed as soon as possible. Should you do this, you will prevent pests from arriving in your and neighbors' units.

Leaving garbage around can produce a horrible smell: This will smell awful in your home and could even have the potential to make you feel quite ill. Discarding garbage is a must. Please make sure that your front yard area and back yard area is clutter free, as this will make the winter/ snow removal cleaning easier to do. Please store any toys or bikes away.

To anyone interested Direct Debit still available to anyone who is interested in paying for rent electronically each month. Hassle free, quick and easy. For more information contact the main office.



Every Challenge is an Opportunity to Succeed

Opportunities to succeed are all around us" means that potential paths to achieve goals and aspirations exist everywhere, in our daily lives, and often go unnoticed if we aren't actively looking for them; it encourages people to be open to new possibilities and see challenges as potential stepping stones to success.

Active observation:

To find opportunities, one needs to be observant and actively look for them in everyday situations, interactions and experiences

Positive mindset:

A positive outlook is crucial, as it allows individuals to perceive challenges as opportunities for growth and learning rather than road-blocks.

Taking initiative:

Simply recognizing opportunities is not enough: taking action and seizing them is key to achieving success.

CAREER CORNER:

UNITED WAY OF CONNECTICUT is hiring for

- Child Care Referral Specialist
- 211 Child Development Care Coordinator
- Care4Kids Client Services Representative
- 211 Child Development Help Me Grow Care Coordinator
- Care4Kids Eligibility Services Support Specialist- Bilingual
- Workforce Operations Analyst

Great pay and benefits including

- 8% 401. K employer contribution
- Paid time off including 13 paid holidays
- 80% company paid health insurance
- Remote working opportunities
- Culturally diverse and inclusive company culture.

To learn more about the open positions listed above and to apply, at Ctunitedway.org

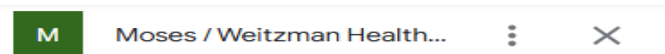


Part-Time Store Cashier/Stocker

ALDI • Middletown, CT • via ALDI Career

Part-time No Degree Mentioned

Dental insurance Paid time off Health insurance



Patient Services Associate - Middletown (On-Site) - Bilingual Required (English and Spanish) Full Time - \$21.00/hr

Moses / Weitzman Health System • Middletown, CT • via Moses/Weitzman Health System

7 days ago Full-time Dental insurance

Paid time off Health insurance

PHADA Scholarship Program

APPLICATION FOR 2025 PHADA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS NOW OPEN

Submissions are due to PHADA by JANUARY 24, 2025

In order to encourage academic excellence and community responsibility among high school students, PHADA maintains a scholarship program for graduating seniors who are preparing to enter college. Every year PHADA awards three scholarships to deserving youth currently residing in a member agency. The freedom & Civil Rights scholarship and the Nan McKay Pathway to Achievement Scholarship so generously provided by that renowned consulting firm.

Scholarship money goes directly to the school that the recipient will be attending and may be used to pay for tuition, books and activities directly related to the students education. Applications were recently mailed with your last newsletter and are due back to PHADA by January 24, 2025.

You can access the material on our website at www.phada.org/Scholarship.

PORTLAND FOOD BANK: Christmas Food Share Baskets



Distribution will be on

December 23, 2024 at NOON

You must be a member of the food bank and must pre register.

Senior Resources Nutrition Services Transportation Services:

Meals-on-Wheels: Contact the Senior Center

Food Bank: (860) 342-6795, Monday & Thursday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

New England Mobil Food Pantry: 2nd Thursday of the month, 12:30 PM

Dial-A-Ride: (860) 347-3313, 48 hours advance notice

Senior Van: (860) 342-6760, 48 hours advance notice