

# Keep Your Home Safe During the Holiday Season

#### **Extension Cord Safety**

- Extension cords are meant for temporary use only.
- Do not run extension cords under rugs or furniture.
- Never plug one extension cord into another extension cord.
- Make sure extension cords are properly orated for their use, never use an indoor extension cord outdoors.
- Inspect cords for damage before use.
   Check for cracks and frayed sockets,
   loose or bare wires, and loose connections. Discard damaged extension cords immediately.
- Never tamper with your smoke detector.
   If there is ever a fire, you want to be aware immediately so that you can be safe.
- Never use a cord that feels hot.
- Never use a three prong plug in an outlet that has only two slots for the plug.

# From the Managers

- Live holiday trees and garland are not permitted due to the potential fire hazard.
- Portable heaters, electric heaters and faux fireplaces with heaters are not permitted.
- Residents are required to shovel their walkways to remove snow. Due to chemical safety issues, rock salt is not provided to residents.
- Please notify your management office with any email or phone number changes.
- Never leave a candle unattended, always keep them away from anything flammable, and place them out of the reach of children and pets.
- Turn off holiday lights when going to bed or leaving the house.

## **LMHA Offices Closed:**

November 25, 2021 November 26, 2021 December 24, 2021

December 27, 2021

# **LMHA PH CONTACTS:**

**Leavitt and Westview:** 

440-288-7401 or leavitt@lmha.org

Kennedy and Lakeview:

440-288-7405 or kennedy@lmha.org

**Riverview and Wilkes:** 

440-288-7403 or wilkes@lmha.org

Southside, JFO, Oberlin
Homes, and Albright Terrace:

440-288-7413 or southside@lmha.org

Harr and International: 440-288-7424or

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## **Project Warm Winter Coats and School Supplies**

- Free winter coats are available for children ages 2-years-old to 18-years-old who live in LMHA public housing communities.
- Sign up at one of the sites listed below and receive <u>free schools supplies</u>, too, while supplies last.
- No returns on coats, please order 1 size bigger than you think that you need.
- Size 2T through Adult XL, girls or boys coat.
- Coats will be distributed as they are received.
- Or call Jackie at (440) 752-0128 or Toshionna at (440) 752-6611 to complete an application.
- Order deadline is November 30, 2021.

Southside Gardens: Sig-up on Monday, 11/08/21 from 1 PM to 3 PM at the management office. Leavitt/Westview Terrace: Sign-up on Wednesday, 11/10/21, from 1 PM to 3 PM at the Westview Boys and Girls Club or on Thursday, 11/11/21, from 1 PM to 3 PM at the Leavitt/Westview Management Office.

Wilkes Villa: Sign-up on Thursday, 11/11/21, from 1 PM to 3 PM at the Wilkes Villa Management Office.

Oberlin Homes: Sign-up on Friday, 11/13/21, from 1 PM to 3 PM at the JFO Hi-Rise Management Office.

# November is National Prematurity Awareness Month

Organizations that can share information or provide resources about pregnancy, childbirth, parenting skills, financial resources, housing, social assistance, pregnancy tests, maternity and baby items, 24/7 Free Helpline: 1-800-550-4900, medical support, etc., are:

- Birthright of Elyria 440-324-9566
- Mercy Health Resource Mothers 440-989-3920

FIND A COVID-19 VACCINE NEAR YOU:

VISIT THE WEBSITE:

www.vaccines.gov/

# **Resident Services Dept.**

Elizabeth Boardwine,

Department Supervisor and Kennedy Plaza 440-288-7437

Toshionna Reddick,

Service Coordinator at Leavitt, Westview, Lakeview, Harr, and International 440-752-6611

Jackie Hatfield,

Service Coordinator at Southside, Riverview, Wilkes, Albright, and Oberlin 440-752-0128

James Jones,

jumpSTART Case Manager 440-288-7433

WORK ORDER NUMBER: 24/7/365 Call 440-288-7400 CHECK YOUR BALANCE: 440-288-7402

# What's Going On in Our Community?

#### **Winter Crisis**

Winter heating assistance for residents without heat or threatened with disconnection will be available November 1, 2021. Crisis appointments can be scheduled at LCCAA's website: www.lccaa.net, for the following reasons:

- Heat has been disconnected;
- A disconnection notice has been received;
- You need to establish new service;
- You need to pay to transfer service;
- Bulk fuel users have less than a 10-day supply of wood, coal, pellets, propane or oil

Visit www.lccaa.net to make an appointment.

# **Get a Flu Shot in November**

Lorain County Public Health will provide flu shots starting on November 1, 2021. Flu shots are free to residents of Lorain County and were paid for by the Cares Act.

LCPH will offer three flu vaccine options: flu shot for ages 6 months through 64 years, high dose flu shot for adults 65 and older and nasal flumist for ages 2 years through 49 years.

To make an appointment, call 440-284-3206

or go to : www.loraincountyhealth.com/flu



# **Rent Help Remains Available**

#### LCCAA has funds available to help pay past due rent!

Rent assistance can be paid as far back as March 2020. Applicants must live at or below 80 percent of the Area Median Income (\$60,800 for a family of four in 2021). They must also have been unable to pay their rent due to COVID-19. All applications must be made online – no phone calls. For detailed information and to obtain documents go to: https://www.lccaa.net/programs/2021\_cares\_rent\_assistance

LMHA has an *educational fund* that can assist public housing residents with financial aid with certain programs. Some eligible programs include GED, college, and STNA classes, and many other educational opportunities. This fund is approved for recognized educational institutions, training centers, and training programs. We also complement your college grants if your funding does not cover all of your educational expenses. Our scholarship may be used for tuition, registration, lab fees, book fees, and supplies.

To obtain an application, please call LMHA's Resident Services at 440-288-7420.

# Lorain County Health and Dentistry Appointments: Call (440) 240-1655

**Clinic Hours:** Monday - Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM Evening hours and same day appointments are available.

You do not need to live in Lorain County to access these services.

#### **Locations:**

<u>Lorain</u> - 1205 Broadway Ave., 44052 and 3745 Grove Ave., 44055

Elyria - 412 E. River St. and 105 Louden Ct.

Oberlin - 260 S. Main St.



#### **Domestic Violence Facts**

Provided by-Genesis House, Lorain County Safe Harbor

- Domestic violence is a crime. It is the single most major cause of injury in women - more than rapes, muggings, and auto accidents combined.
- If male children see domestic violence, they are 700 times more likely to repeat violence.
- Drugs and alcohol do not cause battering.
- Domestic violence occurs among all races, economic levels, religions, and sexual identification.
- On average, 20 people experience intimate partner physical violence every minute in the US. This equates to more than 10 million annually.
- Females ages 16-24 are the most vulnerable to intimate partner violence than any other age group.

## **Holiday Meals**

Catholic Charities of Lorain
County: Saint Elizabeth
Center, located at 2726
Caroline Ave,
Lorain 44055.

offer free holiday meals on
Easter Sunday,
Thanksgiving, and
Christmas.
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# <u>jumpSTART</u>

Would you like the opportunity to save money? Are you familiar with the jumpSTART program?
For more information, call:

James Jones at 440-288-7433.
This employment-based program is voluntary, FREE, and available to LMHA PH residents who are WORKING OR WHO WOULD LIKE TO WORK.

As you increase your rent by increasing your earned income, we will make

monthly deposits into your

LMHA ESCROW ACCOUNT!

## Contact one of the following locations to pick up a COVID-19 test kit:

Amherst Public Library: 440-988-4320 Avon Branch Library: 440-934-4743 Columbia Branch Library: 440-236-8751 Domonkas Branch Library: 440-949-7410 El Centro de Servicios Sociales, Inc.:

440-277-8235

**Elyria Branch Central Office:** 

440-323-5747

**Grafton-Midview Branch Library:** 

440-926-3317

Herrick Memorial Library: 440-647-2120 Lorain County Urban League:

440-323-3364

Lorain Main Library: 440-244-1192 Oberlin Public Library: 440-775-4790 South Lorain Branch Library:

440-277-5672

South Elyria Branch: 440-322-0190 West River Branch Library :440-324-2270

\*If results of the at-home antigen test are positive, please contact your healthcare provider and follow your medical professional's recommendations.\*