

# PETRA COMMUNITY HOUSING THE COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

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## Angels in Action (AIM)

While Petra residents enjoy the warmth and comfort of their own apartments, many of our fellow Americans are homeless and spend their nights looking for ways to stay warm. An ingenious idea solves the problem of how to dispose of plastic bags without harming the environment and helping the homeless. Pat Kambic and her friend, Iris Bernhard, make plastic mats out of plastic store bags. They recently recruited Bard residents to help in their quest to provide sleeping mats for the

homeless. Each mat is 6 ft x 3 ft and takes 500—600 plastic bags. The bags are folded and cut into strips that are converted to plastic yarn called Plarn, which is then ready to be crocheted or woven with a loom into mats.



Everyone can help by saving and donating plastic bags, converting the bags into Plarn or creating the mats. If you would like to help please contact Nancy Umstead at 757-343-9586.



## DO's & DON'TS of LAUNDRY USE

### Do:

- Use 1/4 cup or less of HE Detergent. Washers are high efficiency and only require a small amount of detergent. **Too much will damage the machines.**
- Only use HE detergent. HE pods must be put into the washer itself and **NOT** the detergent dispenser. Liquid HE is recommended.
- Please clean the dryer lint filter after each use.

### Don't:

- **Overload** the washer—this results in clothes not being cleaned or spun properly.
- **Overload** the dryer—this results in clothes not drying.

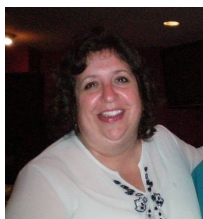
*Report all problems with the machines to the Petra Office.*

## NATALIE HAS MOVED!

### Bard Office Only

If you're looking for Natalie Corliss, Housing Coordinator, you will not find her where you used to find her—she has moved. Her new office is located in the former Conference Room behind the Lobby. If you have an appointment scheduled with Natalie be sure to go directly to her new office. The office change is to make room for a new employee who will be hired shortly.

Tenant invoices can be paid in the Main Office along with Giant Cash for Causes cards and Transportation during the regular drop in hours of 11:30 am—2:30 pm each day.



## Dumpster Use

Please be aware of the following restrictions in disposing of items in the dumpsters:

### **PA Law prohibits the disposal of any television or electronics of any kind in the dumpsters**

A \$20.00 fee will be charged for any large items such as furniture or mattresses that are left along side the dumpster. Any mattresses that are disposed of must be placed in an **enclosed mattress case**. The \$20.00 fee

must be paid in advance at the Petra office.



**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.**



## RESIDENT REMINDERS

- Pink parking forms informing people they are parked in a reserved spot should only be placed by the resident whose reserved parking space is being occupied by an unknown car.
- Vent Cleaning is the responsibility of the tenant. We encourage you to use the vacuum tools to reach the vents. If you are not able to reach the vent we encourage you to ask a friend or family member as opposed to standing on a ladder or chair to clean the vent.
- The order form for new keys or key cards is now on the back of the Work Order form. Just fill out either side and drop it in the silver maintenance Work Order box.
- Don't forget to purchase Giant's Cash for Causes Cards. Denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100 are available in the Office at Flag and Bard and from Ken at Freedom House. All proceeds from the cards go toward the annual operating costs of the Petra on the Go Transportation Program.

## LAUGHTER REALLY IS THE BEST MEDICINE

Flag House hosted May's Senior Survival Workshop where we learned a lot of new information about the benefits of laughter. People who laugh daily live an average of **53% longer**. More importantly people who laugh regularly want to live longer because they have the ability to create a better quality of life.

Those who attended our group had fun learning ways to relax and laugh again. We were also treated to the best homemade lemon cupcakes ever! Thank you Lillian B! Our next workshop will be in July at Bard along with a special workshop at Freedom in July too.



## SteelTown Village Update

Progress on Petra's newest development is moving forward. Groundbreaking is expected to take place by mid July following the remediation of the contaminates that will begin by the first week of July. Petra is anticipating the first units will be ready to rent by Spring 2018. For more information check out [steeltownvillage.com](http://steeltownvillage.com).



## Bev's A Winner



Petra is pleased to announce that Resident Service Coordinator, Bev Sarduy, has won a scholarship for full tuition to the 2017 National Service Coordinator Conference in Lake Buena Vista, FL. The conference will be held in September and is sponsored by the American Association of Service Coordinators. The scholarship will afford Bev the opportunity to attend the national conference and learn all about how to better serve the residents of Petra Community Housing.

**Congratulations Bev!**



2017 National Service  
Coordinator Conference

Sept. 24 - 27 • Lake Buena Vista, FL

## FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

**'Elvis' Returns**

### Bulletin Boards / Resident Signage

In an effort to streamline communication and reduce signage, Petra has devised a Bulletin Board system we are asking all residents to follow:



#### Bard & Flag -

Building and Local Area Events:

Bulletin Board in the Community Rooms  
(Bard Only!)

Bulletin Boards In the Elevators

Petra Management Announcements:

Bulletin Boards between Elevators (Flag)  
Bulletin Boards by Mailboxes (Bard)

#### Freedom House -

Building and Local Area Events:

Bulletin Board by the Office Window

Petra Management Announcements:

Bulletin Board by Mailboxes