



Petra Community Housing The Community Connector



March 2021

Vaccine Updates

There continues to be a delay in getting vaccines. While we'd like to schedule a date for vaccine's to be given on site, we have to wait on vaccine availability. In the meantime, I encourage you to contact any of these agencies to register on the wait list: **PACE 1-800-225-7223 PA Link 1-800-753-8827 Your County Dept of Aging; Chesco 610-344-6350, Montco 610-327-9203**

Important Petra Info & Updates

Office Staff – Office staff continues to work from home during regular business hours. Phone and emails are being responded to in real time. Please do not hesitate to call. Staff will periodically come in to the office to perform essential functions but the office staff will continue to refrain from face to face interaction with residents.

Management & Rent Recertifications– Recerts will continue to be “contactless”. Remember when submitting your paperwork to include your **2021** income verification **not your 2020** end of year tax form.

Please continue to submit incident report forms and contact us with concerns. Lease compliance continues to be enforced.

RSC Rent Rebate Assistance** – Please be advised that “contactless” assistance with your rent rebates will be available through your Resident Services Coordinator. Residents can slide their forms and info under your RSC's door. Your RSC will complete the forms at her convenience and return them to you to be mailed. Please include:

- 2020 end of year income forms for all income.
- A voided check for direct deposit option otherwise a refund check will be mailed to you.

THERE IS NO HURRY.

Rebates are not issued till July, no matter how early you send it in.

***Flag House residents are not eligible for PA rent rebates.*



Snow, Snow, Snow

I wonder if all this snow is trying to wash away the Covid germs? Wouldn't it be nice if Mother Nature was helping us out? Either way we're getting our fair share and I just want to remind everyone of our snow removal policy and the availability of volunteer snow shovelers.

As a standard we strongly recommend that residents remain indoors until such time we are able to clear the walkways and parking areas so to avoid accidents. Your safety is our priority. Petra's full snow removal policy is posted on the bulletin boards and available in your community handbooks.

In an effort to keep everyone from overexerting themselves, your Resident Service Coordinator provides a list of reputable young people to assist with shoveling your car out. Even though your coordinator recommends these people, please be aware that you hire them at your own risk. Petra is not responsible for any damages that may occur. Stay warm, stay safe!

An Interview With A Smoker...S)=Smoker, P)= Petra

- S)** I understand that as a HUD subsidized property you are “Smoke Free”. Can I smoke outside the building?
- P)** It is a lease violation to smoke anywhere on the property besides the designated smoking area at the gazebos.
- S)** What if I just light it up as I walk to the smoking area?
- P)** It is a lease violation to smoke ANYWHERE on the property besides the designated smoking area.
- S)** What if it's cold and I just want to catch a puff by the exit door so I don't freeze?
- P)** It is a safety hazard and a lease violation to smoke **ANYWHERE** on the property except in the smoking areas.
- S)** But I have a right to smoke!
- P)** Yes you do! **In the designated area for smoking.**
- S)** As a smoker, the only person I'm hurting is myself. My smoking doesn't effect anyone but me!
- P)** When someone smokes in or around the building, the smell has triggered **asthma attacks, headaches and nausea** in your neighbors. Not to mention cigarette butts have created **fires** close to and in the building.
- S)** I can't get evicted for just smoking, can I?
- P)** Yes you can! **Smoking is considered a substantial lease violation and is an evictable offense!**
- (S)** What if I'm not a smoker but my home aid likes to take a cigarette break. I'm sure that doesn't affect me?
- (P)** Yes, you are responsible for your visitors or aids. You can receive a lease violation for their actions and choices.

Petra takes this very seriously. Please refer to your Community Handbook or feel free to call the main office or your Resident Services Coordinator with any other questions regarding this or any of Petra's policies.

Residents & Guests

According to CDC guidelines, Petra continues to ask that ALL individuals entering the building or remaining in common areas WEAR A MASK. This applies to ALL events and gatherings.

Your neighbors, visitors and staff wish to feel safe while entering or traveling through the building. Some of our neighbors may refrain from leaving their apartments because of the fear of exposure.

Recycling

Please break down all cardboard boxes before disposing of them in the recycling bins. Do not dispose of food wrappers, pizza boxes, etc. Our hauler does not accept anything with food residue.



Emergency Repairs

If you have an emergency repair, (see your house rules booklet) that needs to be taken care of immediately, please call the Petra main office (610)-948-1797) and press 9. Calls made to the workorder number (4) will be addressed the following day.

Apartment Inspections

Apartment inspections **will resume on March 22nd**. Please see the bulletin board for information about the inspections along with the calendar that will show you the date that your apartment will be inspected.