



Petra Community Housing The Community Connector



March 2021



(A Blast from the Past)

Kambic's Korner

Steven Kambic, Executive Director

A New Chapter

On March 19th I begin to learn what retirement is. I am looking forward to the adventures that lay ahead while reluctantly leaving a job and community I love. It was gratifying to attend last week's farewell meetings with residents of Flag, Bard and Freedom. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the residents of all our Petra managed properties. And though I am leaving, I know I am leaving Petra and its residents in good hands with Jonathan Capeci as our new Executive Director.

The operations of Petra Managed properties will continue without interruption. I encourage you to continue to reach out to our Resident Services Coordinators, Sheree Hawk or Beverly Dalton, if you have a concern or need information on available services. Our Housing Coordinator, Bobbi Kulp is available if you have any questions regarding your lease or Petra procedures. And of course our dedicated, highly skilled maintenance team will respond to your building issues. These staff members are highly trained and very capable of addressing your needs. Petra is fortunate to have such a dedicated and competent staff.

Thank you for being part of a Petra Community Housing managed community.

Steve Kambic, Executive Director

We Thank Steve and Wish Him and His Wife, Pat a Happy, Healthy, Blessed Retirement!

Important Info & Updates

Ambulance Membership Renewals

March is Friendship Ambulance membership renewal month. Single Senior memberships are now \$50 per year. Remember, **this membership waives any co-pays** that you may have to pay for ambulance transportation. One ambulance ride could be well worth the cost of the membership and when it comes time for your annual recertification, it is considered a deductible medical expense .

Safe & Secure??

Please remember, **DO NOT** allow other people's guests or deliveries into the building! This jeopardizes the security of our buildings by allowing unwelcomed visitors. Many of us enjoy living in Petra Communities because of the safety and security. We all must do our part in keeping it that way.

IRS Letters

A lot of you recently received a letter from the IRS. **Do not panic!** It is just a report of the stimulus money that you received in 2021. This will be helpful for those of you who file taxes.

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Important Info & Updates Continued



Parking & Tow Reminders

All Petra parking areas are private property and are posted as such.

Residents should call Giannone towing directly if an unauthorized vehicle is in their reserved space.

Vehicles without ADA certificate and parked in a handicap space can and may be towed by management or the police.

Improperly parked unauthorized vehicles will be towed as designated by management. Management will continue to monitor for abandoned or inoperable vehicles to be removed.

GIANNONE TOWING SERVICES 484-429-0895 x6

Notify the office if you change vehicles. You need to register with Petra and get a new sticker.

Final Thoughts From Steve....

Please be vigilant against Identity theft. I can speak from personal experience. I became a victim of this during January of this year. More than a dozen bank accounts, credit cards and stock fund accounts were opened by persons pretending to be me. The credit reporting bureaus and my bank have all agreed to call me if they detect suspicious activity. To my knowledge, as of this date, no one has stolen anything from me because I promptly notified all my financial institutions. Their fraud departments immediately intervened. The Pottstown Police Detective I am working with told me that seniors and the disabled are the primary target of these thieves. So be vigilant and safe!

I have learned that you must check all your financial statements and question any suspicious bank or credit transactions. If you have a suspicious call, **hang up the phone!** File a police report. **The IRS will never call you. Banks and reputable businesses will never call you and ask for your social security number or personal information.** Talk to someone trustworthy if you need to, or register for a protection service against fraud.

Bard & Freedom Rent Rebate Workshops** – Thursday April 7th

1:00 PM at Freedom House, 2:00 pm at Bard.

These will be in person workshops (Please see flyers for details.) Be advised that “contactless” assistance with your rent rebates may 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.

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

Recycling

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

