



Petra Community Housing The Community Connector

August 2022



Freedom House Celebrates Summer



As life returns to some type of normalcy, slowly our gatherings increase.

Freedom House was extremely happy to host an indoor picnic to celebrate summertime and the ability to get together again. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and lots of Pot Luck dishes and deserts were available to enjoy but most enjoyable was the company present! Happy Summer!

\$ Rebate Bonus Bucks \$

Pennsylvanians who are approved for a rebate on rent paid in 2021 will receive an additional one-time bonus rebate later this year. The **one-time** bonus rebate will be **equal to 70% of your original rebate amount**. Importantly, claimants do not need to take any additional action to receive their one-time bonus rebates.

If you have already filed your rebate application for the 2021 claim year, the PA Department of Revenue will take care of everything on the back end. You will receive your one-time bonus rebate through the same method (check or direct deposit) that you opted to receive your original rebate.

Evening Bingo at Bard Starts August 11th!

Bard Complex residents will host a weekly Thursday evening Bingo from 6-8pm.

Guests and visitors are welcome to join in the fun.

ATTENTION Freedom and Flag House Residents

We have been notified that a **Federal HUD inspection will take place within the next 28 days**. In preparation for that inspection, maintenance staff will be doing a **walk thru of all Flag and Freedom apartments beginning Monday, August 8th**. All residents have been notified.

NOTE: Regularly scheduled inspections will be postponed until further notice.

If you are aware of any repairs, lightbulbs, etc that are needed in your apartment, please submit a work order immediately.

Thank you for your cooperation.

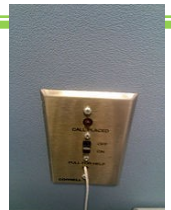
Alarm Buddy System

It's not your grade school "pick a partner" kind of thing.

As a neighbor in a Petra community it is expected that you make every effort to respond when you hear a pull cord or smoke alarm ringing nearby.

Most of the time it's burnt toast or an "oops" that can be easily fixed. Just remember, if your neighbor doesn't answer their door, your call to 911 could save their life!

So remember YOU are the "Buddy" in the Buddy System!



For Your Safety...

During our community surveys and subsequent Community Meetings, it has been brought to our attention that the safety and security of our buildings are being jeopardized by unauthorized visitors. And these visitors are let in by our own residents!

For your safety and the safety of your neighbors, **DO NOT open the door for people who are not your guest.** If you encounter someone who enters the building without using the call box please feel free to notify the office with dates and times. We will do our best to identify that person or persons and take measures to prevent it from happening again.

Even if you know the person at the door, you cannot be sure that they are welcome by the resident they are visiting at that time. Home AIDS can be fired, family members can be disowned, and unannounced visitors can be unwanted.

Please insist that they contact the person they are visiting. If that person does not answer then they are not available for guests.

Let's keep each other safe!

Reminders

*Only Petra management can approve notices or flyers to be posted for residents. This is to ensure clarity and organization of events and announcements.

*Laundry rooms are for residents ONLY. Please do not allow family or home aids to use the laundry room. This will increase the risks for damage to the machines.

*Due to the recent surge in viral infections we encourage you to practice self care and healthy hygiene.

Ways to protect yourself from general infections are:

- Practice using your arm or elbow for buttons and door handles. Wash your hands frequently.
- Exercise regularly.
- Take extra Vitamin C and D3 to improve immunity (most people lack sufficient vitamins!).
- Eat healthy, whole, non-processed foods to properly feed your body.
- Practice focusing on the positives! Be encouraging NOT discouraging! A healthy mind promotes a healthy body!
- For your sake and your neighbors, **Stay home if you are feeling sick!!**



...And the Saga Continues!

Parking at Flag House

Unfortunately Flag House has not built with enough parking. We continue to attempt to come up with creative ways to accommodate residents and their guests. Please remember: **ALL existing spaces are reserved for residents and staff.** Handicap spaces are for **visitors only.**

Brief loading and unloading is permitted provided you do not block other vehicles or leave your vehicle unattended.

In order to park at any of Petra's properties, your vehicle must be registered in your name, insured, legal and used on a regular basis by **YOU.** If you are not using your vehicle regularly you may be asked to relocate your car. We currently have a wait list of residents needing parking.