



# Petra Community Housing The Community Connector

September 2022



## Boscov's



**Save 25% while Supporting Your  
"Petra On the Go" Bus Program  
Wednesday October 19, 8am-11pm**

*Each \$5 Donation to Petra entitles you to a shopping pass good for 25% off your ENTIRE ORDER (some restrictions apply) on this ONE DAY EVENT!*

*Your \$5 Purchase of a Boscov's Savings Pass benefits the Petra On The Go bus program and enables you to enjoy refreshments, entertainment & enters you to win fabulous prizes on Wednesday October 19th!*

***Get Your Passes Now & Start Your Holiday Shopping!  
Call 610.948.1797***



## ***New HUD NSPIRE Inspections***

Flag House and Freedom House are scheduled to be inspected by HUD using the new NSPIRE protocol.

**Freedom House inspection is September 20th, 2022**

**Flag House inspection is September 22nd, 2022**

With this new system, the emphasis is on the residential units themselves, therefore your cooperation is vital. Please ensure that your apartment complies.

### **Most Frequently Cited Deficiencies-Dwelling Unit**

- Smoke detectors are not functioning or have been removed or disabled.
- Interior bedroom and bathroom door hardware do not latch as intended.
- Interior walls have holes in them, most commonly from interior door handles.
- Interior ceilings show signs of roof leaks, such as stains.
- Electrical switches and receptacles have broken or missing cover plates.
- GFI receptacles do not TEST or RESET.
- Interior doors have holes, have delaminated, or are blocked.
- Interior doors are missing, especially bi-fold doors.
- Pull cords are inaccessible or cords are tied up.
- Damaged vinyl flooring or stained/loose carpeting.

### **Angels Living at Flag House?**

During a recent black out at Flag House, random residents were caught checking in on their neighbors. I always suspected Flag had angels!

## ***A Message from the Executive Director***

In light of recent incident that took place at the Bard Complex, I want to personally assure each resident that Petra Community Housing takes our resident's safety and security seriously. Fortunately, no one was in the vicinity when an individual shot out the windows of a parked car belonging to a resident. We are working closely with law enforcement to make sure justice is served in this matter. We are also reexamining our safety and security protocols to identify any possible areas for improvement.

Security cameras are installed at every one of Petra's buildings. Additionally, every Petra property is secured and can only be accessed by authorized personnel. I want to reiterate to each of you – **DO NOT ALLOW** individuals into the building who are not visiting you. Even if you know them, you **DO NOT KNOW** if they are welcome by the resident they are attempting to visit.

If you witness an illegal incident or inappropriate activity – **please call 911**. Do not call the Spring City police department. By calling 911 there is a recording of the call that can often be beneficial if the case is prosecuted.

If you have specific questions or concerns about the incident that occurred at Bard, please contact Bobbi Kulp, Property Manager, at 484-933-4954 or email her at [bobbi.kulp@petrach.org](mailto:bobbi.kulp@petrach.org).

## ***It Takes A Village***

We've heard that phrase often but do we actually know what it means?

Long ago in our towns and villages we all pitched in and used our skills for the benefit of all. We showed up and supported the efforts of our neighbors... And we not just survived, we thrived.

Our involvement makes a better community, a better village. Volunteering to lead, help and participate is important to your community. Without it things don't happen.

No dinners, no Bingo, no library, no bible studies, no crafts and no workshops.

Unfortunately it's the same small group of people in each community that lead, help and participate until they're so overwhelmed and burned out that they need to stop and recover. Then there is no community to participate in.

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If you are willing and able to volunteer please contact Beverly or Sheree to get plugged in!

## ***Misc. Mentions...***

**Free Food Days** Generally every Thursday our communities benefit from donated food items. Remember to check your donation area (Community Rooms or Cornerstone) for items along with checking refrigerator and freezer for additional perishables! There are many fresh goodies this time of year!

**Bard Pavilion COMPLETE!** The long awaited "Non-Smoking" outdoor area for Bard residents is complete and ready to enjoy this beautiful time of year!

