



Petra Community Housing The Community Connector

October 2022



Honoring a Wonderful Lady

On Wednesday October 19th, 5:15 p.m at Flag House, Petra Community Housing will have the privilege of honoring a founder of Petra Community Housing, board member and Flag House supporter, Joan Lyon.

In her honor, the community room at the Flag House will be renamed the **Joan F. Lyon Community Room**. A ceremony will celebrate this event at 5:15 pm immediately following the regular scheduled Petra Board meeting. All Flag residents are invited to join us as we honor Joan. Light refreshments will be served.



Purchase Your Boscov Passes TODAY!

*A \$5 shopping Pass Saves 25% on
Your Total Boscov Purchase*

On Wednesday October 19, from 8am-11pm

*All Proceeds Support "Petra On The Go". Passes can be
purchased at the office in each building or from Ken at Freedom House*

See Something, Say Something!!

What Is An "Incident"? And when should you report it?

An incident can be **anything such as a trip or fall, a resident conflict or a lease violation**. In the event of an accident or criminal activity, **CALL 911 THEN NOTIFY THE OFFICE** even if its after hours.

In any of these situations an Incident Report should be completed. The **ONLY** person who should file an incident report is the person or people who were **directly involved** in an incident or observed an incident. **The purpose of filing an incident report is to have a record of the occurrence**, and if appropriate, **investigate to determine if the situation needs further attention.**

When an incident report is filed with the office, Management makes every attempt to verify the facts. **Investigations will not be conducted on the basis of hearsay.** The goal of researching each incident is to **find a resolution, assist those in need, enforce the lease or just simply document an event such as a fall or accident.** In the event of a conflict, Petra offers mediation **if both parties are willing to participate.**

If you're not sure if something is an incident please call or simply complete the incident form and submit to the office. You will be informed if it is considered a reportable incident.

We need your cooperation to keep Petra Communities Safe and Secure!

Flag House Officers Needed!

For the past few years Flag House has had the privilege of stable and consistent leadership for their Resident Association. Unfortunately several of the officers will be stepping down.

The **primary purpose of the Resident Association is to promote harmony through various activities** and fundraisers in the community. The officers are to plan events and serve the community, not govern.

We want to **thank these leaders immensely for their dedication and hard work** in creating harmonious activities for the residents of Flag House. Now **we need others to step up and take their place** so that activities and holiday parties will continue.

If you have a desire to serve your community or know someone who may be willing, please contact the current secretary, Shirley Smith or your RSC, Beverly to make a nomination. Once nominations are submitted and accepted by the nominees, an election will be held. Thank you in advance for your willingness and support for your community!

Reminders



- **If you are feeling sick,** for your sake and your neighbors, **Stay home !!**
- On **Thursday October 27th, at 1:30pm Petra will host an Advanced Directives workshop at Freedom House.** Having your will, funeral and power of attorney completed is a great relief to individuals and their families and **it's much easier and less expensive than you realize.** This workshop will be conducted by RSC, Beverly Dalton. Please contact RSC, Sheree or Beverly for additional details.
- Please note the **Window Cleaners will be at Flag House and Bard Complex on October 24th and 25th!** Important detailed instructions that must be followed will be provided to each resident.

Internet for Free??

You May Be Able to Pay Less for Internet Access or Even Get it Free

Internet access is necessary for work, school, healthcare, and more. Unfortunately, high speed internet remains unaffordable for many households. The FCC runs a program, the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), that reduces the cost of internet for low income people. Many internet providers offer fully covered internet plans – meaning you may even get high-speed internet for free.

If your household income is 200% or less than the Federal Poverty Guidelines or someone in your household participates in certain government assistance programs, you may be eligible for the benefits the ACP provides. Visit the ACP website or contact your Petra Resident Services Coordinator to see if you qualify.

What discounts are available?

\$30 per month credit toward internet service for eligible households. Some companies offer internet service for \$30, making internet service free. Eligible households also can receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 toward purchasing a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

How do you get the discounts?

You can apply online with the FCC, directly contacting your current internet service provider, or by mail. To learn more and apply, you can also **call 1-877-384-2575**