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Community News

CITY FUTURES

With 2020 behind us, many eagerly look forward to the promise of a new year. For most City Futures customers, 2020 marked the most challenging year to date. However, without fail, City Futures customers pushed through hardship to obtain their dreams. One example is City Futures Community Coach, Mikasha Stone. Early in 2020 Mikasha enrolled in the Medical Assisting program at Center for Employment Training. While facing hardship she continued her curriculum and finished her coursework in January 2021. Not only this, but Mikasha is currently anticipating the start of her Externship at St. Elizabeth Physicians to help kick start her career.

The City Futures team is committed to walking alongside City Heights residents to see that they achieve their desires and dreams. January marked the beginning of the 2021 Financial Wellness series; specially tailored to align with customers' financial goals. In addition to Financial Wellness, the City Futures team continues to connect customers to career opportunities, training programs, and many other workforce related services that are helpful to each individual. Start 2021 off on the right foot and stop by the City Futures office!

LIMITED NURSE HOURS FOR FEBRUARY

Golden Tower:

Monday/Friday 9am – 12pm (Nurse Lynn) Wednesday 3pm – 6pm (Nurse Mary) Located in the basement

City Heights:

Monday/Tuesday/Friday 1pm – 4pm Located in the Methodist Church

Covid testing and flu shots available

HAC OFFICE HOURS

Please be advised that **all** Housing Authority of Covington offices will be **closed** on **Monday**, **February 15**th in observance of President's Day.



ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH OUTREACH CENTER

St. Augustine Outreach Parish Center is continuing to operate on their Monday, Wednesday and Friday schedule through the first quarter of 2021. We will be providing our regular items such as food, transportation and rent assistance for all residents on those days. Snacks for the children will be distributed each of those days at 1:30. Children's leadership programs are still discontinued until further notice due to the corona virus. Hot meals will still be delivered to our pre-registered shut-ins and seniors every Friday.

WI-FI UPDATE

As you may know the Housing Authority of Covington had Wi-Fi installed in both the City Heights and Latonia Terrace communities. Residents between the communities have utilized the Campus-Wide Wi-Fi over 100,000 times. Needless to say, this addition to the communities has been a great SUCCESS!

REMINDER: If you are having issues connecting your device to the Wi-Fi be sure you are checking different areas in your unit. The Wi-Fi seems to work best closer to the windows in the front of your unit. Also keep in mind the Wi-Fi is **NOT** meant to support Smart TVs or gaming consoles.

If you are still unable to connect to the Wi-Fi, please contact Cincinnati Bell Tech Support @ 513.566.3804. This is a support team that is dedicated strictly to our City Heights and Latonia Terrace communities.

If the tech support staff does not resolve your issues, please contact **Jon Adkins** (Residence Services Director) @ **859.655.7316** for more assistance.

UPDATE: CITY HEIGHTS/SALE OF PROPERTY

HUD regulations require HAC to offer to sell City Heights to both the City Heights Community Council and the HAC/Resident Advisor Board (RAB). The RAB has declined the offer to purchase.

The City Heights Community Council has expressed interest in buying City Heights. Under HUD requirements, it now has 60 days to arrange for firm financing. The purchase price is the fair market value as determined by a local appraisal company. The fair market value is \$6,040,000.

A Cincinnati-based architecture/planning/consulting firm, experienced with HUD requirements, estimates City Heights will need \$50+ million in repairs over the next three years. Securing commitments of firm financing to purchase City Heights, while making the necessary repairs as it awaits redevelopment, is a huge challenge. When the City Heights Community Council schedules meetings to discuss its plan, we strongly encourage you to attend and participate in the decision-making.

As always, if you have any questions, please email them in writing to *cbradburn@hacov.org*.

SCHOOL AND TECH SUPPORT

Homework and Tech Support will continue in the **City Heights** rec hall Tuesdays and Thursdays 1pm – 2:30pm. This will continue while virtual learning is mandatory for all school aged children. Teachers within CIPS will be here to assist. Bring your tablets and/or packets and let us help!

Latonia Terrace residents please contact Trish Begnoche @ 859.655.7317 to set up an appointment.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

The certified volunteers are back and ready to assist you with your taxes. Due to COVID the preparers will prepare your taxes while you wait in your car. Be sure to bring all your documents ID's, social security cards, last year's tax return and your spouse if you file jointly.

Where:

Center for Great Neighborhoods
The Hellmann Creative Center Building
321 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Covington, KY 41011

When:

Beginning January 30th
Saturdays 10am – 2pm
Beginning February 2nd
Tuesdays 4pm – 7pm

Program will end **April 13**th

As always, it is first come first served.

Have any questions? Call Monica @ 513.240.2767.

MEALS FOR STUDENTS

Meals are still being served by the Covington Independent School District to our students during virtual learning.

City Heights Residents

Meals are served to students every **Wednesday 10:30am – 11:15am.** Look for the school bus on Benton Road in front of the Property Management Office.

Latonia Terrace Residents

Meals are served daily in the Ninth District lunch room on the following days:

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 8am – 11am Wednesday 8am – 4pm

Want to be more involved in your community?

Join us for the Resident Council meetings this month:

City Heights: February 9th 6pm Latonia Terrace: February 1st 6pm Golden Tower: February 15th 5pm

CITY HEIGHTS RESIDENT COUNCIL

Community Council will be holding the following meetings regarding their potential purchasing plans:

February 1st @ 10am & 11am February 2nd, 4th & 5th @ 10am, 11am, 3pm & 4pm February 3rd @ 10am & 4pm

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Please choose a date and time that is good for you.

Pesident Services Department

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