

Monthly update

A service of the Cuyahoga
Metropolitan Housing
Authority for landlords
and program participants
in Cuyahoga County.
April 2011

WELCOME TO THIS HCVP NEWS UPDATE, WHICH PROVIDES SUGGESTIONS TO AID IN LEASE COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS AND LANDLORD TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.

The HCVP is Moving!



The Housing Choice Voucher Program offices will be moving in June of 2011. Please look for more details in the upcoming May newsletter.

The
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Program



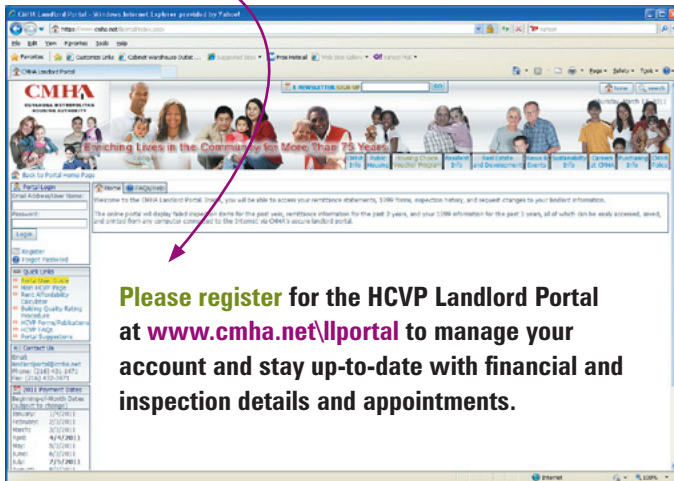
April Resource Fair

Don't forget to register for the first of the 2011 Brown Bag Lunch Workshops featuring information from private and public organizations addressing property management, tenant screening, local housing codes, housing rights, and resources for correcting issues with lead paint. Pre-registration is required for the event, which will take place on Friday, April 15, 2011, from Noon – 2:00 p.m. at the Cleveland Heights Public Library, 2345 Lee Road.



Lease Compliance

For every call the HCVP receives from a participant who does not understand the terms of their lease, the Program receives another call from a Landlord asking the HCVP to step in and enforce the lease. While every tenant is responsible for knowing their lease requirements, many property owners find it beneficial to review the lease with their tenant before it is signed. This can save time, energy and money later by avoiding lease violations, as well as the costs of lease enforcement. If violations do occur, it is the owner's responsibility to enforce the lease agreement, not CMHA's, and HCVP staff cannot provide legal advice. We encourage all owners and participants to take time to understand the terms of their relationship at the beginning, rather than wait until later, when problems may occur.



Please register for the HCVP Landlord Portal at www.cmha.net/lportal to manage your account and stay up-to-date with financial and inspection details and appointments.

May Landlord Refresher Course

The Refresher Course is a great live, update session addressing procedures and new information related to HCVP operations. It also provides landlords with the means to ask questions of Program staff, although account specific issues will only be addressed after the general session. The Refresher Course is offered on Friday, May 20, 2011, from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. at the HCVP Offices, 3400 Hamilton Avenue. Pre-registration is required.



Landlord Training Opportunities

Consider taking part in the upcoming opportunities described below. Where pre-registration is required, contact Samantha Stewart at 216.426.2920 or by email at stewarts@cmha.net. (Please arrive on time for all training and briefing sessions; latecomers may not be admitted.)

Landlord Briefings

(A requisite for new landlords before they can sign an HCVP contract; pre-registration is required for Saturday sessions only.)

At 3400 Hamilton Avenue

Monday, April 4th Noon – 1:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 13th 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
 Saturday, April 16th 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
 Wednesday, April 27th 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday, May 7th 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

At the Cuyahoga County Library Fairview Park Branch
 21255 Lorain Avenue

Tuesday, April 19th Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Mover's Session Schedule:

(Bring current photo ID)
 Tuesdays and Thursdays:
 10:00 to Noon and 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday Mover's Sessions:
 April 9th and May 14th, 10:00 – Noon



Board of Commissioners: Ronald V. Johnson Jr., Chairman; Doris V. Jones, Vice-Chairperson; Robert E. Davis, Ronnie A. Dunn, Ph.D., Natoya Walker Minor
Chief Executive Officer: George Phillips-Olivier; **HCVP Director:** Priscilla Pointer-Hicks
Housing Choice Voucher Program: 3400 Hamilton Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, (216) 431-1471, TTY (216) 426-2903 or (216) 426-2904, www.cmha.net

CMHA's Housing Choice Voucher Program provides reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities so they may participate in our programs, services and activities. If you need an accommodation, including auxiliary aids and/or services, please contact Customer Service at (216) 431-1471 (voice) or 1-800-750-0750 (Ohio Relay Service).