



# THE Village Voice

Port Huron Housing Commission Newsletter

November/December 2023

## FALL/WINTER EDITION

Welcome to all the new tenants from PHHC and your fellow neighbors.

Welcome

### R.A.K.

Random Act of Kindness is the act of offering kindness towards the outside world. As the holidays approach please take a moment to think of others.

Call someone that you haven't spoken to in a while.

Walk a friend's dog.

Hold open a door.



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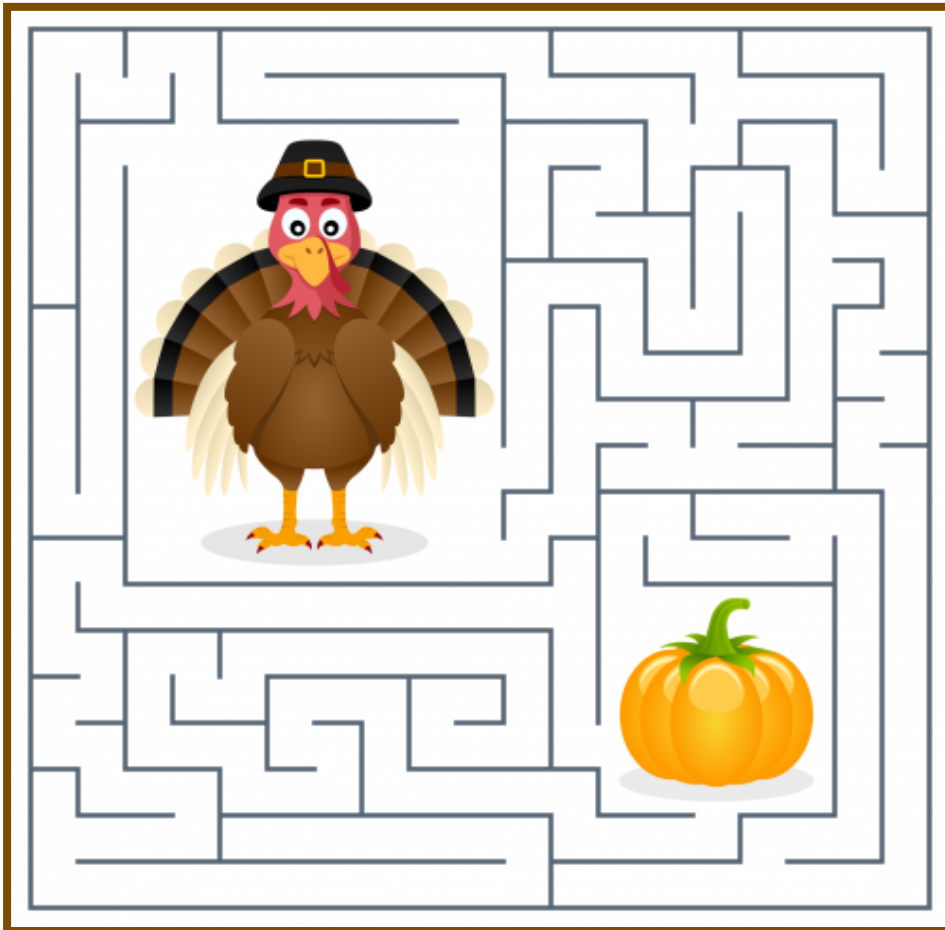
Fax: 810.984.6430

Office hours: M-Th 7:30-5:00.

Closed: 1:00-2:00 for lunch.



## Family Fun Corner



**THINK**

**IS IT:**

**True**

**Helpful**

**Inspiring**

**Necessary**

**Kind**



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## PROPERTY MANAGER NEWS

- ◆ *AC units are to be removed by the first week in November.*
- ◆ *Do Not leave donations at the Dulhutt office .*
- ◆ *Review the NO SMOKING policy.*
- ◆ *When staff is working in apartments, DO NOT approach them or the area for safety concerns, and please allow staff to focus on their tasks.*
- ◆ *Be courteous when using the laundry facilities and do not leave items unattended.*
- ◆ *Leaf pick up is underway. DO NOT park on the piles of leaves we put at the curb, as we want the street sweeper to be able to remove them.*
- ◆ *As the weather gets colder, please disconnect and store hoses.*
- ◆ *Porches will be inspected weekly. Do not leave tires on porches.*
- ◆ *Please promptly dispose of outdoor pumpkins after Halloween to avoid decay.*

REMINDERS  
AND TIPS



### SNOW PLOWING SAFETY AND REGULATIONS

- \* Your vehicle must be moved out of the parking lot no later than 9:00 A.M. If you are unable to move your vehicle please make arrangements with a friend or neighbor to move it for you. The Management Office will not call tenants to move their vehicles.
- \* Our maintenance workers will not plow between parked cars. If you do not move your vehicle, it may be "plowed in" or towed at your expense.
- \* Failure to remove your car from the lots can result in a \$50 charge.
- \* Snow will be removed from main sidewalks only, as well as on driveways leading into and out of parking lots.
- \* Please be safe and respectful of the workers by staying away from the snow plows at all times.
- \* Do not move your vehicle back into the parking lot until after your lot has been plowed and salted.

Maintenance is unable to be here to remove snow 24/7 so please be patient on days with measurable snow as we are unable to be at all sites at the same time. We will do our best to remove snow from lots as quickly as we are able. Calling the emergency maintenance line for snow removal questions will only delay this process.

If you need to contact your **property manager**, please call or email them at: **(810) 984-3173**

<b>Nicole</b>	ext-408	ngourlay@phhousing.org	Huron/Peru Village
<b>Dee</b>	ext-403	dzimmer@phhousing.org	Gratiot/Desmond Village
<b>Liz</b>	ext-413	enelson@phhousing.org	Dulhut Village

**24 Hour Maintenance Line: 810.984.6410**



**SENIOR VILLAGE NEWS****MEDICARE PART D**

**Annual open enrollment goes through December 7th. You can call the MMAP (Michigan Medicare Assistance Program) for FREE unbiased information. 1.800.803.7174**



Do you need help setting up an e-mail account? This is a great way to stay connected with friends and family as well as community services.

Call : Tina- EDSC for an appointment.  
810.984.3173 ext. 437

**HOLIDAY DOOR DECORATION CONTEST**

Desmond and Peru tenants are encouraged to spread the Holiday spirit by decorating their front doors. Guidelines as follows:

- \* Do not cause damage to door or a pose a safety risk.
- \* 3 winners from each Desmond and Peru will be selected with a \$25 gift certificate for the winners.
- \* Judging will take place by Dec 7th and the winner will be announced at the Talk Tuesday meeting on Dec. 12th.
- \* **HAVE FUN!!!**

***Let's Talk Tuesday***

*Meeting in the community room. Look above the mailboxes for flyers with upcoming details. Also check out the TV monitors for general information.*

*Desmond and Peru Villages: Nov. 7th and Dec. 12th*

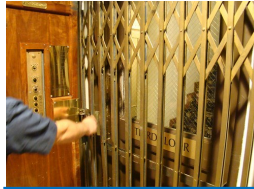
**Topics presented through Elderly/Disabled Service Coordinator (EDSC) in the recent past included events from MSU Extension– Stress Less, PERS, Lakeshore Legal Aid, Disability Network, Blue Water Humane Society and COA. Please look for upcoming events and sign up so we can have an idea how many we are preparing for.**



## SENIOR VILLAGE NEWS



PHHC is excited to offer 2 new Dog Waste Stations at Desmond and Peru. As a dog owner, you are responsible to always pick up after your dog's bathroom needs "DOODY CALLS". Yes, little dogs do jobs that need to be picked up too! These towers are placed to allow easy access for waste disposal. Volunteers are needed at each site to empty the large bag at least once weekly. PHHC staff will **NOT** provide this assistance. If you own a dog, it is your responsibility to be courteous and properly dispose of the waste. Violations will be issued for non-compliance. No one wants to pick up after your dog.



For Desmond and Peru tenants. Please do not manually close the elevator gate. It will close automatically.



Did you know that you can add an option to have Kroger deliver your groceries? Yes, there is a fee however with winter coming it may be of interest to some people. Check with your preferred shopping location and see what they offer.



### Resident Council Needs You!

Only 1 tenant verbalized interest in running for a Resident Council Board Position. If you are interested, please contact Tina – EDSC



### IMPACT DAYS!

All Harbor Impact Ministries services are free to people in need. FOOD-CLOTHING-HOME GOODS

1963 Allen Road  
Kimball

**November 28th and December 19th**



### All residents of PHHC

You must report any pest infestations in your home immediately. Not reporting will lead to a lease violation.

Treatment is provided by PHHC at no cost to tenants.

### Senior Green Card Food Program

Distribution will be Thursday, November 16th. Registration dates will be posted at Desmond and Peru the week before. Thank you Richard and Sandra for all you do.

Liberty Tax will be here to discuss different tax credits our residents may be eligible for. Meet in the Community Center

Dulhut. Tuesday, November 14th at noon

Gratiot. Thursday, November 16th at noon



ROSS GRANT

For the Family Service  
Coordinators contact, by phone or  
text :

Sue @ 810.990.4028

Jodi @ 810.300.1234



If you are in need of  
assistance for Christmas,  
contact your local  
organizations



“Y on the Fly”

Food, sports, and more.

Tuesday 4-6 PM @ Dulhut Village

Thursday 4-6 PM @ Huron Village

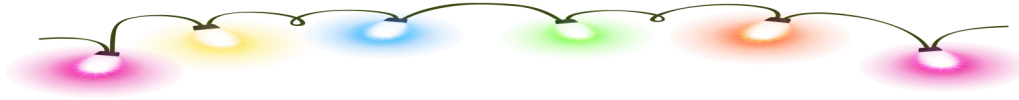
## ELDERLY DISABLED SERVICE COORDINATOR

As a resident of the Port Huron Housing Commission (PHHC), you have access to our Elderly/Disabled Service Coordinator (EDSC) for FREE. Tina is your EDSC and she encourages residents to contact her by telephone at 810-984-3173 ext. 437 or e-mail at [tmcqueen@phhousing.org](mailto:tmcqueen@phhousing.org)

*Something to ponder!*

*There are 2 ways to influence behavior, manipulate or inspire!*

*Which do you want and which do you do?*



### Seasonal Decorating Safety Tips:

- \* **Choose decorations that are flame retardant**
- \* **Turn off all lights before going to bed**
- \* **Use clips not nails to hang lights so the cords are not damaged**
- \* **Do not overload power strips with too many lights plugged into it**
- \* **Remember to remove all decorations by January 7th, 2024**

## WINTER SAFETY TIPS FOR SENIORS

Winter has arrived! Be sure to leave this checklist with your aging loved ones to help keep them warm and safe during the winter season.



**Check the weather.** Before leaving home, be sure to view the forecast so you are aware of any special weather statements. Change your plans and stay indoors if needed.



**Bring your walking aid if necessary.** If you have a cane or walker, be sure to bring it along when leaving the house.



**Stick to the path.** When outdoors, be sure to walk on bare surfaces and use handrails whenever possible.



**Invest in good footwear.** Warm, waterproof, anti-slip boots are key for winter.



**Plan ahead when going outdoors.** Pack a snack, water, and any medication you may need to take throughout the day in case your trip takes longer than expected.



**Bundle up.** Be sure to dress in several layers suitable for cold weather, including a hat, scarf, and mittens.



**Let others know** where you are going and when you expect to return whenever leaving the house.



**Ask for help for winter tasks.** Do not attempt to shovel the driveway, break ice, or remove snow from your roof by yourself.



**Eat a healthy diet and stay hydrated.** Winter can lead to a deficiency in vitamin D due to lack of sun exposure. Consume vitamin D rich foods (such as salmon, fatty fish, mushrooms and egg yolk) to prevent deficiency. Drink plenty of water throughout the day to stay hydrated.

## Port Huron Information



11/5 Day light savings. Fall back an hour

11/7 Talk Tuesday @ Desmond and Peru (time TBD)

11/11 Veterans Day. Thank you for your service.

11/23 Free Community Dinner @ Salvation Army 12-2 PM. 2000 Court St.

11/23 Happy Thanksgiving

11/24 Sperry's Santa Parade @ 6 PM, downtown Port Huron

\*Light tour at Pine Grove Park 11/22 throughout the Holiday Season from 5-10 PM



12/12 Talk Tuesday @ Desmond and Peru (time TBD)

12/25 Merry Christmas

### *Holiday Office Hours*

The office will be closed on:

11/23 and 11/24 for Thanksgiving

12/25 and 12/26 for Christmas (open on Friday 12/29 from 7-11:30)

1/1 for New Years



## *WINTER REMINDERS*



### SNOW ORDINANCE

*Effective December 1st thru April 1st*

*NO PARKING on the streets from 2:30 AM –6:00 AM*

### HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

*Please remove all decorations by January 7, 2024*

