

# COMMUNITY HOUSING ASSOCIATES

## Monthly Newsletter



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### SMOKE/CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Smoke/carbon monoxide detectors are placed in the units as preventive measurements for fires and carbon monoxide which is hard to smell and remains closer to the ground whereas smoke rises. Both are essential for saving lives. According to the National Fire Protection Association, an average of 1,450 fire deaths occurs every year in homes with missing or non-functioning smoke alarms.

**DO NOT DISCONNECT OR REMOVE Smoke/Carbon Monoxide DETECTORS FROM INSTALLATION.**

We understand that these are difficult times for all of us. We are committed to helping you access other resources and support services that might be available to you.

- Visit your local Department of Social Services to apply for a one-time grant for Emergency Assistance based on your eligibility for that program. Learn more at <https://dhs.maryland.gov/weathering-tough-times/emergency-assistance/>.
- You can also apply online at <https://mymdthink.maryland.gov/home/#/>.
- Call the United Way at 2-1-1 on any phone or visit <https://211md.org/> for links to food assistance, eviction prevention, and other resources in your area.
- Contact your utility company to establish a payment plan. You will be required to pay a portion of your current balance upfront.

Contact Us

OHEP is currently accepting new applications for energy assistance. You can easily apply for help on the myMDTHINK website at <https://mymdthink.maryland.gov/home/#/>. If you have any questions, call our DHS customer care center at 1-800-332-6347 or your local Department of Social Services.

Thank you for your patience and your trust. We are committed to making energy assistance easier to access for all Marylanders.

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## Energy Assistance

Energy Assistance Funding reopened as of July 1, 2024, please have your case managers to assist you with filling out the paperwork. You may apply at the Enoch Pratt library on Cathedral Street Baltimore City.

## Changes in income

Any changes to your income must be reported to Community Housing Associates, within 10 business days of the knowledge of this change.

You need to report the information if your income has increased or decreased.

## Free Lunch for Teens

Every week, Monday through Friday, July 8th through August 2nd, the Teen Center will serve lunch to teens ages 12 to 19 from 12:00 to 1:00, including vegan and gluten-free options.

Stick around at 1:00 to join our free summer camp activities!

While we can usually offer access to the Teen Center for family members accompanying a teenager, we must insist in this case that lunch boxes be reserved for ages 12 to 19 only. Thank you for helping us to maintain a safe and comfortable environment for teenagers.

This event is part of Summer Break Baltimore, a fun, free program for all ages that encourages literacy and learning in our community.

Tuesday, July 9 at 12:00pm to 1:00pm

More dates through August 2, 2024

## Central Library, Teen Center

400 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

## HELP LINE FOR CRITICAL MENTAL SUPPORT

988

THE AFTER-HOUR EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR PROPERTIES  
OWNED BY COMMUNITY HOUSING ASSOCIATES

1-800-685-8365