Princeton Housing Authority Tenants' Council Meeting

March 25, 2024



Agenda March 25, 2024

Guest Speaker - <u>Princeton Public Library</u> Updates from the Chairwoman Painting Event with Capital Health LIFE

Princeton Public Library (www.princetonlibrary.org)



Princeton Public Library Kim Dorman

STUFF TO LEARN

English Language Learning | The library does not 'teach' English, but we do have a number of resources that can help people learn English and a number of other languages. We also have English Conversation Groups where people can practice speaking English in a welcoming space.

Technology Learning | The library offers over 2,100 public programs a year, but not everyone knows about our **tech classes**. In the next few weeks you might learn how to use GarageBand, calendars and time management, or how to find health information. We also can offer online courses through LinkedIn Learning.

SURPRISING THINGS TO BORROW

Library of Things | You might be surprised about what you can borrow from the library! (a <u>bluray/dvd player</u>, <u>emergency weather radio</u>, <u>Little</u> <u>Thinker Kits</u>, <u>mobile internet kits</u>, <u>smart projector kits</u> and many more!

HOMEWORK HELP

<u>Homework Help</u> | The library offers support for learners. In person homework help is available in the library from Monday - Thursday by Princeton University students on the 3rd floor of the library. We also offer online help from <u>Brainfuse</u>. It's also available *en Espanol AND it offers help for people on their GED and for Job seekers!*

Princeton Public Library (continued)

THINGS TO DO

The library has over 2100 programs a year, below are a sampling of upcoming programs in March. (You can see the next 30 days of programs for each group: <u>Kids/Teens/Adults</u>)

KIDS: <u>Storytimes</u> in English and World Language Storytimes (presented by guest readers for ages 2 and up, monthly from October through June. Languages include German, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Russian and Spanish.)

Teens: <u>En-ROADS Youth Climate Action Summit</u> and the <u>Princeton Zine Fest</u>

Family: <u>PI Day Princeton</u> and <u>That Physics Show featuring</u> <u>David Mailullo</u>

Adults: AARP Tax Assistance, Community Development Block Grant Annual Plan Hearing, Job Seekers, Film + O&A Paul Muldoon: Laoithe is Lirici", Songwriters Circle and Open Mic, Film: The Color Purple, Free Sources for Filling Out Your Family Tree

There are also <u>a number of jobs available</u>

Updates from the Chairwoman

March 20, 2024 Board of Commissioners' Meeting

Fire at Redding Family

Tenants requested a demonstration of proper extinguisher use. Scheduling demo for the April 22nd Tenants' Council Meeting.

Cause

- Insurance company's Forensic Investigator determined the cause was NOT electrical.
- Princeton Fire Marshal's report has not yet been provided listing the official cause.
- If you are worried about an issue (electrical or otherwise), call in a Work Order!
 - Everyone at the PHA would rather check and find it was nothing than not check and realize it was something!!!
 - It's **no trouble** to check an outlet or a switch or any other problem.

Impact

Fire at

Redding Family

- ALL 6 units in building impacted
 - Turned off electricity to make repairs
 - Tenants lost food
 - Inconvenience of being sent to hotel
 - Entire 6-unit building had to be completely re-wired
 - Repairs to 5 units have been completed and families have returned home
 - Unit where fire was started
 - Demolition has been completed
 - It will take several weeks/months to completely rebuild the 2nd floor bedrooms and bathroom and repair the 1st floor

Moving Forward

- Fire Marshal noted smoke detector and fire extinguisher were both missing in unit where fire was started
- Maintenance will be checking ALL units:
 - Replacing missing extinguishers
 - Replacing missing detectors
 - REMINDER: Do NOT remove detectors or extinguishers

Construction Projects -**Updates**

 All time has been dedicated to fire repairs and addressing impact so NO progress from update last month :(

Office Updates

Erika & Reggie's Corner

Annual Re-Certification Packets

Delivered to Tenants

- On or before March 15th
- Thank you to all who have already returned them!
- If you have questions, please email or call Erika Peterson.



