



# RESIDENT SERVICES APRIL 2024 NEWS

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- April Break Lunches for Kids
- College Scholarships
- FSS Newsletter
- Summer Camp Opportunity
- Community Gardens
- Community Events
  - Baseball Game
  - Art Exhibit
  - Sprig Dance
  - Nurse Visit

If you have questions or need accommodations to participate please contact Teyonda Hall [\(207\) 221-8003](mailto:thall@porthouse.org)



# JOB FAIR 2024

Questions? Contact  
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Services at  
207-221-8003 or  
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Join Portland Housing Authority,  
Workforce Solutions, Boys & Girls Club,  
Camp Ketcha, The Opportunity Alliance  
and Others to find out about work  
opportunities available in your area!

- Summer Jobs
- Custodial Work
- Healthcare
- Maintenance
- Childcare
- And Many More

**Tuesday, APRIL 9 AT 10 AM**

58 BOYD STREET, In the Solterra  
Community Room, Portland ME 04101

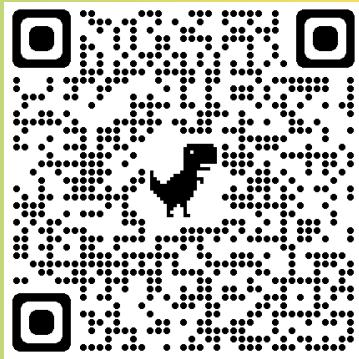
**Thursday, APRIL 11 AT 10 AM**

2 RIVERTON DRIVE, Riverton Park  
Community Room, Portland ME 04102

# APRIL BREAK LUNCH MENU



## LUNCHES BY SIGN UP ONLY



Chicken  
Nuggets



Baked  
Macaroni &  
Cheese



Chicken Wrap  
with Lettuce,  
Cheese, Ranch



Cheese  
Sandwich



Hummus with  
Pita Chips or  
Veggies

Complete the form  
online or with your  
Service Coordinator  
<https://tinyurl.com/PHALunch>

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Suggestions for future lunches:

Sign up for April Break  
Monday April 15th  
Tuesday April 16th  
Wednesday April 17th  
Thursday April 18th  
Friday April 19th

Submit dietary restrictions through the  
google form or call/text Emily if you  
need an accommodation due to  
allergies or intolerances (207) 221-8063  
Menu may change based on availability.

Call or text Emily (207) 221-8063 to change your order  
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PORLAND **HOUSING** AUTHORITY

# PHA Scholarship Program



For more information or if you have questions about the application:



**Contact Emily**  
**call or text: (207) 221-8063**  
**email: efitch@porthouse.org**



Application and extra copies of the reference form are available at:  
**[www.porthouse.org/301](http://www.porthouse.org/301)**



**Applications are due**

**May 15th, 2024**

**Open to everyone**

Anyone who plans to attend any higher education or trade school in the fall is eligible if they are on the lease with Portland Housing! You must be accepted to the school by the end of July.

**Awards up to \$5,000**

Scholarship awards generally range from \$1,000 to \$2,500. Applying does not guarantee an award. The number of awards and amounts will depend on funding and the decisions of the review committee.

# Study Center Scholarship Events

Visit the Study Center for more information and support on Housing related scholarships

## Riverton Park

61 Riverton Drive

**Thursday**

**4/11/24**

**5-6 pm**

## Kennedy Park

51 Mayo Street

**Friday**

**4/12/24**

**2-3 pm**

## Sagamore Village

21 Popham Street

**Friday**

**4/12/24**

**4-5 pm**



## **Allan R. Andrews Scholarship**

The Scholarship Committee will determine the number and amounts of the scholarships; no scholarship will be less than \$1,000. Scholarships are paid directly to recipients. If you have any questions, please email [info@nercnahro.org](mailto:info@nercnahro.org) or call the NERC office at (617) 742-6372.

**Deadline to apply: April 29, 2024.**

**[www.nercnahro.org/page/Scholarship2024](http://www.nercnahro.org/page/Scholarship2024)**



## **Housing Authority Insurance Group**

The HAIG Resident Scholarship Program awards are \$6,000 each and are issued to your educational institution before the fall 2024 academic term. A total of 20 scholarships will be awarded.

**Accepting electronic applications until 3:30 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 2024.**

**[www.housingcenter.com/scholarships/](http://www.housingcenter.com/scholarships/)**



## **PHA Scholarship**

More information available on the reverse side of this flyer.

**Deadline to apply: May 15, 2024.**

**[www.porthouse.org/301](http://www.porthouse.org/301)**



for all things scholarship related, feel free to call, text, or email us:

**Emily Mancini-Fitch  
(207) 221-8063  
[efitch@porthouse.org](mailto:efitch@porthouse.org)**

# *Family Self-Sufficiency Program*

## *Virtual Information Session*

### **What is it? What can it do for me?**

**Join our staff for an overview of the  
program!**

**When:**

**Wednesday,  
April 17  
10-11am**

*A link will be sent the  
day of the session*

**Adam from the**

**Voucher  
Homeownership  
Program will be  
joining us to explain  
how the FSS &  
Homeownership  
Programs can work  
together!**

**CALL/TEXT 207.221.8064 OR EMAIL [AJONES@PORTHOUSE.ORG](mailto:AJONES@PORTHOUSE.ORG)**

**TO REGISTER BY APRIL 12**

**INTERPRETER SERVICES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**





## Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program Overview

### What is the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program?

FSS offers an opportunity to **save your rent increase** and **achieve your goals and dreams** within 5 years.

### How the Program Works

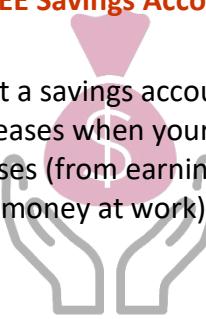
#### Individualized Services

An FSS Coach will help you identify goals and connect you to resources in the community to help you reach those goals.



#### FREE Savings Account

You get a savings account that increases when your rent increases (from earning more money at work)!



#### Reach Your Goals & Dreams!

- Buy your own home
- Save for education
- Pay down debt
- Buy a car
- And more!



### The FSS Savings Account

Once you enroll in FSS, you become eligible to build savings through an FSS savings account. The FSS savings account is maintained by your property owner and grows as you earn more money at work.

### Here's how it works...

You pay rent based on a percentage of your household income. When your household income rises, the amount you must pay toward rent also rises. **For FSS participants**, you will still pay the new higher rent to your landlord, but the housing authority will also deposit an amount equal to the increase in rent (due to income from work) into the FSS savings account. When you graduate, you can use this money for any purpose.

### Eligibility

- Receive housing subsidy through the Portland Housing Authority.
- Be willing and able to work.
- Be a tenant in good standing as determined by your housing owner.

### Appointment Frequency

- **You will meet with your Coach at least quarterly** to monitor progress toward your goals and connect to resources.

**CALL : 207-221-8064**

**EMAIL: EMPOWERME@PORTHOUSE.ORG**

**VISIT ONLINE: BIT.LY/EMPOWERMEREFERRAL**

# Happening Now



The Summer Camp programs provide each camper with activities that:

- Provide a sense of belonging & connection
- Nurture self-esteem
- Increase physical activity
- Teach appropriate social skills
- Develop empathy for others
- Foster appreciation for nature
- Encourage creativity & imagination
- Promote diversity & friendship
- Inspire self-advancement
- Create confident leaders

## Summer Camp for Girls

7-12 years old

July 2 - July 11

Sign up through the Study Center

**Applications Due April 12th**

During the day, campers are in mixed-age groups to participate in scheduled camp activities. In small, supportive groups, campers sample new recreational activities, learn and improve skills, and stretch beyond their comfort zones. Some activities include:

|                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| • Canoeing, kayaking & pontoon Rides | • Creative Arts                                |
| • Swimming lessons                   | • Arts & Crafts                                |
| • Dance                              | • Nature Exploration                           |
| • Landsports                         | • Hardy Girls Healthy Women (empowering girls) |
| • Food Fun Fitness                   | • Literacy enrichment                          |

## Coming Soon

# SEEDS & SEEDLINGS COMMUNITY GARDENS

RIVERTON PARK, SAGAMORE VILLAGE,  
WASHINGTON GARDENS/FRONT STREET,  
AND EAST BAYSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS

Call, Text, or email

**Emily (207) 221-8063**  
**[efitch@porthouse.org](mailto:efitch@porthouse.org)**

for updates and notifications  
on gardening news



# CA\$H GREATER PORTLAND FINANCIAL STABILITY FAIR

AT THE PORTLAND SEA DOGS



SUNDAY, MAY 5 | 11 AM

Join CA\$H Greater Portland for a day of baseball, food, fun, and financial education! Attend financial stability workshops and receive free tickets and food vouchers for the whole family.



FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS



KID-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES



FREE GAME TICKETS



FREE FOOD VOUCHERS



SCAN TO GET TICKETS OR VISIT  
[UWSME.ORG/CASHBASEBALL](http://UWSME.ORG/CASHBASEBALL)

SIGN UP BY APRIL 5

THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT SPONSOR  
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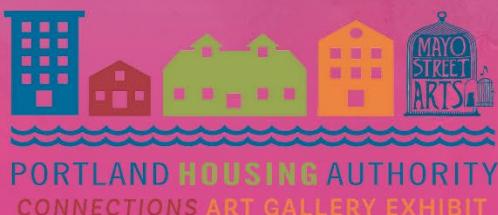
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United Way  
of Southern Maine



Portland Housing  
Authority and  
Mayo Street Arts  
Invite you to  
attend the  
Connections Art  
Exhibit Opening

# Connections Art Exhibition

May 3, 2024 5pm to 7pm  
10 Mayo St, Portland, ME 04101



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Join us for a

# Spring DANCE PARTY

# washington Gardens

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Friday, April 26th 7pm-9pm

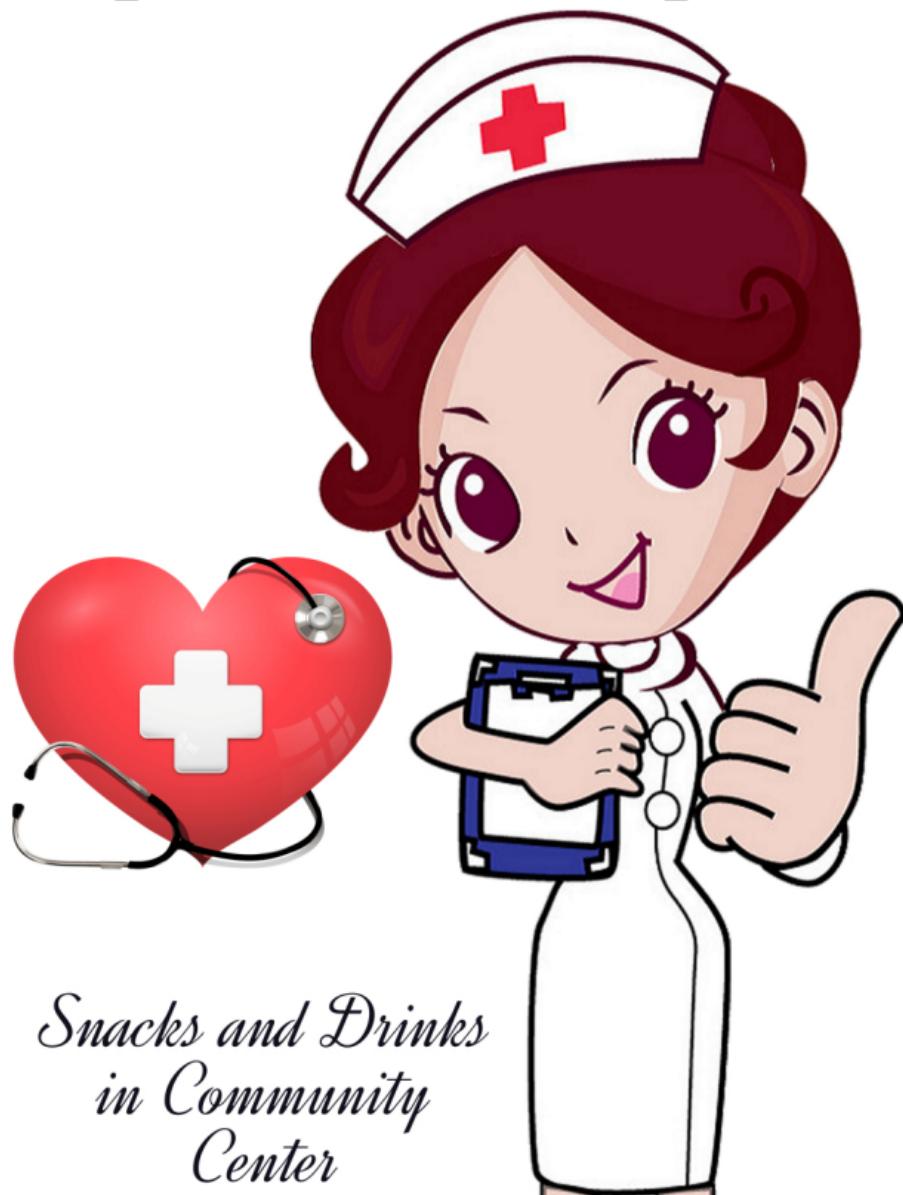
Community Center

Food and Drinks

# Washington Gardens

## Jeanne Steinmetz, RN

April 17TH 1pm



*Snacks and Drinks  
in Community  
Center*