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Community Resources

COMMON GROUND provides a lifeline for individuals and families in crisis, victims of crime, persons with mental illness, people trying to cope with critical situations and runaway and homeless youths.

Call their **24-hour Crisis and Resource Hotline at 1-800-231-1127** for free and confidential counseling, information and referrals.

HAVEN is a nationally recognized nonprofit leader that provides programs to promote violence-free homes and communities and helps victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. 24-HR Crisis & Support **248-334-1274** Toll-Free Crisis Line **877-922-1274** TTY Line **248-334-1290**

The OAKLAND COUNTY HEALTH DIVISION provides health services for the public, businesses and educational communities. The Health Division's 30+ programs/services focus on preventing the spread of disease; ensuring a safe and clean environment; promoting and encouraging healthy behaviors; preparing for emergencies; surveillance of disease threats; and ensuring accessibility of health services. 1200 N Telegraph, Bldg. 34 East Pontiac, MI 48341 **Phone: 248-858-1280**

What's going on in Unity Park ?

Community Housing Network has secured two tax credit reservations in the past year totaling \$6.4 million and will construct an additional 24 –lease-to-purchase homes in the Unity Park neighborhood. Construction of the first 32 homes were completed in early 2015.

“With the new construction, we will have built 56 long-term, lease-to-purchase homes in the Unity Park neighborhood in the past three years,” said Community Housing Network’s vice president of Development Kirsten Elliott.

The Unity Park Rentals Phase III development broke ground this winter and, Phase II construction is expected to begin this summer. Occupancy is expected by the end of the year. For both developments, homes will be built on properties that were once vacant, blighted or foreclosed.

“We are honored that we are able to continue to bring investment into the city of Pontiac,” Elliott said.

“There are a lot of great activities happening in the neighborhood and in Pontiac, such as the community garden coalition, Little Libraries and the M-1 Concourse going in just down the street on Woodward.”

How to apply for these homes?

To apply or learn more about living at Unity Park Rentals, contact Melissa Zink with Piper Management Group at **248-481-8465** or visit our website at **www.unityparkrentals.com**.

Upcoming events in Unity Park

**Want fresh produce without going to the store?
Join the Fresh Food Share program!**

Order a low-cost box of fresh produce to be delivered to a Pontiac community site on the third Friday of every month.

**Small Mixed Box (15-20 lbs.)- \$14 • Large Mixed Box (25-30 lbs.)- \$24
Fruit Box (8-12 lbs.)- \$14**

Order by the second Friday of each month.

Order online at www.freshfoodshare.org or at each site.

EBT accepted. Call the sites below for payment options and delivery dates.

Call 313-923-3535 ext. 203 or email freshfoodshare@gcfb.org for more information.

Pontiac Public Library
60 E. Pike St.
(248) 758-3942

Walton Park Manor Co-op
26 Leanne Ln.
(248) 338-2000

Unity Park Rentals
333 Auburn Ave.
Pontiac, MI 48342
(248) 481-9465

Lighthouse
46156 Woodward Ave.
(248) 920-6000 ext. 2133

YMCA- North Oakland Family
3378 E. Walton, Auburn Hills
(248) 370-9622

Payment options include: EBT, cash, money order, check, and credit card (online). Boxes can be picked up on the third Friday of each month from 1-4p.m.

Pick-up location: If you are picking up from the Unity Park Rentals Community building, come in through the door off the parking lot and remember to bring your ID.

Reading in the Park



- **Reading In the Park** is a reading program that will occur this summer in Unity Park. This program will be held at Shirley Street Park between Whittemore and Wall. This program is a result of a partnership between the Pontiac Library, Community Housing Network and the City of Pontiac.
- The program will kick off with a block party **July 9th** at Shirley Street Park. Watch for more Details!!
- **Reading In the Park** will be hosted from **July 12** to **August 16** on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Noon-2 p.m.
- Lunch will be provided every meeting.
- Community leaders and children will read to each other twice a week for two hours to help increase their reading and literacy levels.
- Guest readers will include elected officials, public safety officials, officers and community leaders.
- Children will be given new books at the end of each session to take home.



Unity Park Community Garden Day

Please come join us as we prepare the Unity Park Community garden for a season of growth! We'll be preparing the garden beds and planting vegetables for use by all Pontiac and Unity Park residents.

When: Saturday, June 25,
2016, 9 a.m.- noon

Where: 468 Whittemore,
between Going and Francis,
Pontiac

To get involved, contact: Jarrett Sanders,
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Development Coordinator, 248.824.7314,
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