



KHA Hours:
 Monday-Thursday
 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM
 Closed to the Public on Fridays.
 Hours may vary on Holidays and
 mandatory trainings
Phone number:
 360-423-3490
Holiday Closures:
 Veterans Day- November 11th
 Thanksgiving- November 28th-29th

Fall 2019 Newsletter

Activities & Events

October

October 4th – November 2nd select days

What: Cinema of Horror

When: 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Where: Three Rivers Mall Theater, 1301 Grade St., Kelso.

What: For more information go to www.cinemaofhorror.com. Trick-or-Treat Nights: Oct. 27th & 31st 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm not scary for ages 13 and under.

26th

What: Kick it off Kelso Holiday Bazaar

When: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: Kelso Red Lion Hotel & Conference Center, 510 Kelso Dr., Kelso

What: Come to the Holiday Bazaar. Lots of crafts.

31st

What: Halloween in Kalama Trick-or-Treat

When: Check Kalama Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for details

Where: Downtown Kalama.

What: The streets are closed off for safe trick-or-treating for youngsters.

November

16th

What: Longview Community Holiday Bazaar

When: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: Cowlitz County Event Center, 1900 7th Ave., Longview

December

6th

What: 2019 Tree Lighting Festival

When: 6pm – 9pm

Where: 203 S Pacific, Kelso

What: This is the annual celebration for the beginning of the Winter season in Kelso. The lighting will happen at 6:10 pm this year.

Health & Safety Tips



- Daylight savings ends on Sunday, November 4th, which means that we get an hour back. While an extra hour of sleep is awesome, it also means it gets lighter later and darker sooner. Drive safely with your headlights on at dawn and dusk.

- Don't forget to change your batteries in all smoke alarms on November 4th!

- Be sure to have something reflective on your kids after dusk or dress them in light clothing. Ensure they are with a friend or adult while out after dark.

- Schedule you and your families flu shots if you haven't already. Ensure you keep your hands and surfaces clean to not spread germs as school starts back up.

Fun for all Ages



Fall is here and what better time to do some fall activities. Fall is the time the leaves fall; kids are back in school and the days are a little bit cooler. Here are some fun ideas for this time of year:

- Make a trip to a pumpkin patch. Pumpkin patches aren't just for families with kids. They are for all ages. You can get pumpkins, squash and kettle corn at most pumpkin patches and enjoy a corn maze.
- Look up delicious fall recipes for the family or some close friends. There are a few butternut squash recipes on allrecipes.com
- Go apple picking. Apples are delicious on their own, but they also make great pie filling.
- It's the time of the year to put out the fall potpourri. You can look up ways to make your own, or go to Fred Meyers or Target to get premade ones.
- Black Friday has been a tradition since the 1950's and is a great time for do shopping.

KHA Mission Statement



To provide housing opportunities and coordination of needed social services to assist low- and moderate-income clients in their effort to attain economic self-sufficiency and to do so in a professional and efficient manner. To assist non-profit programs in efforts to provide housing with specialized services for homeless persons, chronically mentally ill, families in transition, elderly and other special needs groups. Assist low income families by providing new multi-family units at affordable rents. To provide home ownership opportunities by utilizing the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program and other programs that are available.

Cowlitz County Community Resources



Aging & Disability- (360)577-4929
CAP-(360)425-3430
Community House on Broadway-(360)425-8679
Crisis Line-(206)722-3700
DSHS-(877)501-2233
Emergency Support Shelter-(360)425-1176
FISH of Cowlitz County-(360)636-1100
Free Medicaid Transport-(800)752-9422
Habitat for Humanity-(360)636-6765
Head Start/ECEAP-(360)422-2800
Love Overwhelming-(360)560-3913
Lower Columbia College-(360)442-2841
NW Justice Project-(888)201-1014
River City Transit-(360)442-5663
Salvation Army- (360)423-3990
Social Security Admin-(866)495-0044
Tobacco Quit Line-(877)270-7867
Worksource-(360)577-2250



Rent Reminder



Just a reminder that rent is due every month by the 5th. You will need to make sure it is brought to the office, or post marked no later than the 5th to avoid late fees of \$35.00. If a late fee is applied you will have 30 days from the date it applies to pay. All NSF checks returned for insufficient funds will also be charged a \$35 fee to your account and your coordinator will contact you. If you have an NSF, we will no longer be able to take personal checks. You will need to pay by cashier's check or money order [CFR 24 966.4 (b)(4)]

*Please note that KHA does not accept partial payments. Rent must be paid in full.

Household Composition Changes



Has anyone given birth in the house, or gained custody of a child? A family or friend is in need of housing and you want to help them out? KHA understands household compositions will change from time to time. You must report any changes to the household within 10 days to your KHA coordinator. KHA must approve the added household member before they can be considered part of the household.

If the family member is over the age of 18, they must pass a background check and sign documents before being added to the household. In the case of a child (Under 18) being added, KHA will need documentation, either a birth certificate, adoption, or a custody agreement stating the tenant has custody of the child. Unauthorized tenants may result in a violation of your agreement with KHA and you risk losing your housing.

* Please keep in mind, if your child turns 18 and they will be staying in the household, they must do a background and go through orientation.

Holiday Lights & Decorations



Tenants are allowed to display holiday decorations, however, there are some restrictions that tenants must follow. Please follow these important guidelines:

- No extension cords coming through windows or doors. Battery-operated lights are acceptable.
- Lights cannot be hanging on interior walls.
- Staples and nails cannot be used. Suction cups are acceptable.
- Decorations must be removed 7 days after the holiday. Leaving decorations out after the 7 days, can result in an exterior inspection failure.

REMINDER NO SMOKING POLICY



In accordance with HUD's guidelines (24 CFR 965.653) Public housing properties cannot have tobacco products in their unit, or around units. You must be 25 feet away from the property if you want to smoke any tobacco products. Also, Marijuana is legal at a state level, it is not legal at the federal level. KHA is a federally funded program and we must follow HUD's and the Federal governments guidelines for the use of Marijuana (The Controlled Substance Act).

*Please be advised there have been numerous reports from KHA staff, clients and Col Sac that tenants are still smoking on the property. This is a first official warning to all tenants on all properties regarding the smoking policy. If after this notice it is reported to KHA that clients are still smoking on KHA property and not 25 feet from the units, the client will be in violation of their lease.

Guest Policy [24 CFR 5.100]

A resident family must notify the PHA when overnight guests will be staying in the unit for more than 3 days. A guest can remain in the unit no longer than 14 consecutive days or a total of 30 cumulative calendar days during any 12-month period.

A family may request an exception to this policy for valid reasons (e.g., care of a relative recovering from a medical procedure expected to last 20 consecutive days). An exception will not be made unless the family can identify and provide documentation of the residence to which the guest will return.

Children who are subject to a joint custody arrangement or for whom a family has visitation privileges, that are not included as a family member because they live outside of the public housing unit more than 51 percent of the time, are not subject to the time limitations of guests as described above.

Former residents who have been served with a no trespass notice or who have been evicted are not permitted as overnight guests.

Guests who represent the public housing unit address as their residence address, or address of record for receipt of benefits are considered an unauthorized occupants. In addition, guests who remain in the unit beyond the allowable time limit will be considered to be unauthorized occupants, and their presence constitutes violation of the lease.

Bins for the Leaves



The bins will be out on each street to put your leaves in soon. Please do not place garbage in bins. Only leaves belong in the bins, no bagged leaves. If the leave bins are full, please bag up your leaves and contact KHA (360-423-3490) to have maintenance pick up your bagged leaves at road side. We will only have four (4) leave bins and there will be one for each street. Please do not move leave bins to your unit. You will not be able to push the bins back to the appropriate spots designated when they are full. Do not rake leaves into the street.

Reminder: Children are not allowed to play in the leaf bins. These bins are unsanitary and is not safe.