

Upcoming events in Cowlitz County (and nearby counties)

April:

Every Saturday starting April 7th, thru
October: Cowlitz Community
Farmers Market

Location: 1900 7th Ave,
Longview
Time: 9 am - 2 pm

28th: Safe Kids Day

Location: Youth & Family Link,
907 Douglas St,
Longview

Time: 10 am - 2 pm

- Free admission
- Lean Health & Safety tips
- Enjoy Activities & get info

May:

Every Tuesday starting May 15th thru
October: Cowlitz Community
Farmers Market

Location: 1900 7th Ave,
Longview
Time: 9 am - 2 pm

4th: Buccaneers Ball

Location: Cowlitz Regional
Conference Center, 1900 7th Ave,
Longview

Time: 5:30 - 9:30 PM

8th: 2018 Senior Expo

Location: Cowlitz County
Event Center, 1900 7th Center,
Longview

Time: 10 am - 2 pm

June:

2nd: Big Paddle

Location: 111 W Division St,
Ridgefield, WA 98642, USA
Time: 7 am - 4:30 pm

- 7am Breakfast/guided birding tour
- 8am Paddler's village opens at Waterfront
- 9:30am obstacle course starts
- 11:30am live music with Chicamarimba
- 1:30pm Recreational Paddle at Waterfront
- 4:30pm Closing Ceremony

Tips for Springtime



Winter is over, time to go outside and enjoy the fresh air. Below are some tips for how to stay healthy, happy and safe during spring:

- Stay weather informed. Download a weather app to your phone or purchase a weather radio. Spring brings out the sun more often, but it also brings thunderstorms, flooding, and tornados. Being informed can help with preparing for these natural disasters.
- Protect your skin and children's skin from the sun. The sun may not be as bright and it's not as warm as the summer, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't protect your skin from Ultraviolet rays (UV). You can find really good and cheap sunblock's at any store. Equate is really good and you can usually get it under \$5.
- Commit to outdoor time. Studies have shown (Oxford Academic) that being outdoors in nature, makes people happier and healthier. Be mindful of your health and your families and try and spend at least 30 minutes outside a day (if weather permits of course) doing anything. This could be walking, sitting on the porch, playing with your kids, grandkids, or find a local activity. The healthier you are, the more energy you will have.

Business Hours & Phone Number

Monday- Thursday
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Hours may vary due to Holidays

Phone number: 360-423-3490

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.

Rent Reminder

Rent is due every month by the 5th. Any rent received after the 5th and isn't post marked by the 5th, will be considered late. A late fee of \$35.00 will be applied and you will need to pay this amount on or before, 30 days after the charge hits your account. KHA will mail a statement with this charge. Also, if your check is returned due to insufficient funds, or its declined for any other reason, a \$35.00 fee will be applied and you will need to pay this amount on or before the next rent due date by money order or cashier's check. [CFR 24 966.4 (b)(4)]

*Please note that KHA does not accept partial payments.

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.

This policy was put into place for the health of all residents. Homes with secondhand smoke are not healthy and are not safe for anyone. This policy is in place not for the smoker, but for the smoke that can cause many health issues.

In addition to going smoke free, we also want to remind tenants that, although 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*).

SPRING 2018

Exterior Maintenance Inspections



Spring is here which means it's time to prepare for exterior inspections. While we know it's been a long winter, and you want to enjoy the beautiful weather, please make sure you are keeping up with regular lawn and outside maintenance. Below are just a few reminders on what KHA is looking for in exterior maintenance.

- Lawn must be mowed and edged.
- Flower beds & storage sheds must be weeded.
- Toys need to be removed every night.
- Animal waste must be removed from yards.
- Swimming pools, trampolines, or fire pits of any kind are not allowed on KHA property.
- Exterior siding and doors must be kept clean

Please keep in mind, if you fail an inspection, KHA will give you time to resolve any issues that were failed. If at the time of reinspection those issues haven't been resolved, KHA will do the required maintenance, and will have to charge for those services. Refer to your charge sheet to see what each service would be charged.

Note: You will receive a notice prior to when the inspections will start weekly. This notice will provide further details.

Reporting Changes



Did you get a new job? Give birth? Someone new living with you? Last name change? Someone move out? Let KHA know! You must let KHA know of any changes that will affect your household within ten (10) days of the change. Some changes will not affect your tenancy right away, but it is good to let us know, especially with an increase or decrease in income, or someone is moving in and out.

New Extensions

Recently KHA did a phone system upgrade. With this upgrade, everyone received new phone extensions. Below is a list of the new extensions.

Executive Director, Joleen- 201

Public Housing/Housing Choice Manager, Tammy- 202

Housing Choice Voucher(HCV) Coordinator, Shelly-203

Public Housing Coordinator, Heather- 205

Maintenance Supervisor, Don- 204

F.S.S. Coordinator/HCV Coordinator Assistant, Limayri-206

Executive Director Assistant, Suzanna-207

