



Spring 2019 Newsletter

KHA Hours:

Monday-Thursday

8:30 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:

May 27th- Memorial Day

Spring Activities

April:

6th-7th

What: Vancouver's Women's Show

Time: Sat. 10am-6pm & Sun 10am-5pm

Where: Clark County Even Center-17402 NE Delfel Rd. Ridgefield, WA

Description: There will be sample tastings, Dozens of amazing shopping boutique's, beauty makeovers and much more. Cost is \$10.00 per person (children under 12 are free).

7th

What: Easter Egg Hunt

Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Where: Riverside Park-1820 Westside HWY, Kelso

Description: There will be an Easter egg hunt, the Easter bunny, and lots of raffle baskets to win.

20th and 22nd

What: State Park Free Days

Time: All day the 20th & 22nd

Where: All State Washington Parks

Description: Two days in April to enjoy all of Washington States Parks. The two closest to Kelso are, Seaquest State Park in Castle Rock and Paradise Point State Park in Ridgefield.

May:

Every Saturday and Tuesday through October

What: Farmers Market

Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where: 1900 7th Avenue, Longview

Description: Farmers markets offer farm fresh locally produced fruits, vegetables, meats, fish, dairy, herbs, flowers, food, and craft items.

7th

What: Senior Expo!

Time: 10 am – 2 pm

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

Description: Connecting seniors, caregivers, & families to community resources for better living.

June:

21st

What: WorkSource- Resume Writing Lab

Time: 2 pm – 4 pm

Where: Longview Public Library

Description: Learn how to write resumes. Create, or update your current resume.

Spring Cleaning



Spring is here and that means its time to get your home in shape after a cold winter. A good, deep spring clean-up is a world-wide tradition, that not only promotes wellness, it also carries a fresh-start feeling brought in by the new year. Below are a few inexpensive tips that you and your family could use when it comes to cleaning:

- Clean out your refrigerator. The best combo cleaner is salt and soda water.
- Clean the cooktop to remove grease splatters and crumbs. A soapy cloth and toothbrush work's really well.
- Disinfect the surfaces of your bathroom. This includes the sink, bathtub/shower and countertops. Lemon Juice and Vinegar works well.
- Clean your bed mattresses. Start by Vacuuming the surface. Then, sprinkle baking soda and a few drops of essential oils and let sit a few hours. After a few hours, vacuum the baking soda up and you will have a fresh mattress.

Fun for all Ages in Spring



It's the time of the year when the birds are chirping and the flowers are starting to blossom. Why not get out and enjoy the beautiful weather. We have provided a few ideas for all ages, but you can find more ideas throughout the internet and town.

- Visit a pond and feed the ducks.
- Visit the farmers market and enjoy new fruits and vegetables.
- Go on a short road trip to the beach, or the mountains for a hike.
- Go to the Oregon Zoo (The 2nd Tuesday of each month is \$5.00 per person, all ages)

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



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 a late fee of **\$35.00**. If a late fee is applied you will have 30 days from the date it is charged to your account to pay in full. KHA will mail a monthly statement which will reflect the \$35.00 charge. All NSF checks returned for insufficient funds also will reflect a \$35 fee added to your account and a coordinator will contact you. If you have a NSF at any time during your residency, we will no longer take personal checks and you must pay in a 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 and will inquire a late fee if received after the 5th of the month. ***

Scheduled Meetings with Coordinators

We want to remind all KHA tenants that meetings/reexamination interviews are a requirement and cannot be missed. A notification letter will be sent by first-class mail and will contain the date, time, and location of the meeting. In addition, the letter will inform the family of the information and documentation that must be brought to the meeting/interview. If the family is unable to attend, the family should contact KHA in advance of the scheduled date and time to request a new appointment. In all circumstances, if a family does not attend the scheduled meeting/interview, KHA will send a second notices with a new date and time. If a family fails to attend two scheduled meetings/interviews without KHA approval, the family will be in violation of their lease and may be terminated in accordance with the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy for Public Housing.

Welcome Mary to the KHA Family

KHA wants to welcome Mary as the new Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)/Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) coordinator. Both of these programs are to assist families that live in Public Housing with needs to be more self-sufficient.

Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) is a program that encourages families that participate in either the Public Housing, or Housing Choice Voucher (HCV/S) programs to take control of their dreams for the future and achieve personal and financial goals. When you sign up for FSS, the benefits you can expect are:

- One on One coaching with coordinator;
- Referrals to local services in your area;
- A Savings account that will grow as your earned income increases

Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) is a program that provides critical link between program participants, local resources that can assist them, and PHA and property staff. Some of the ways this program assists are:

- Enhance quality of life by connecting residents to services and activities;
- Enable participants live in independently;
- Avoid more costly forms of care, such as nursing homes or other institutional facilities.

If you are interested in either program, please contact Mary at extension 206. She will be happy to go over the program you are interested in more detail.

New Extensions

There have been some changes in the extensions at the KHA office.

Joleen-Executive Director-201
 Heather- P.H. Coordinator-205
 Limayri-P.H. Coordinator-209
 Shelly-HCV/S8 Coordinator-203
 Front Desk-206
 Mary-FSS/ROSS Coordinator- 206
 Don-Maintenance Supervisor-204
 Michael-Maintenance/Inspector-204
 Ben-Grounds/Maintenance-204
 Suzanna-Executive Director Assistant-207

Frequently Asked Questions



KHA gets a lot of the same questions from clients, so we wanted to go over a few that are popular.

1. **Question:** Can I paint the interior of my unit?
Answer: You will need maintenance's permission and it can only be the same color the unit is already painted.
2. **Question:** If I receive charges (i.e. Maintenance, Late fee), when must I pay them by?
Answer: You will need to pay any charges that occur on your account within 30 days of receiving a letter from KHA about the charges.
3. **Question:** Can KHA waive my late fee if I'm late on my rent?
Answer: If we waive a late fee for one client, we will have to waive them for all clients. To make sure we are following Fair Housing, KHA does not waive late fees.
4. **Question:** Is it okay for me to smoke on my front/back porch?
Answer: No, you must be twenty (25) feet away from **all** KHA properties.

Book Program



Come on into the main office and explore our array of books. There are children's and adult books, so everyone in the family can enjoy a book. With spring break right around the corner, it's the perfect time to come into the office and pick a few books to read.

Also, if you have any gently used books that you would like to donate, please bring them into the main office and give them to the front desk.

Happy Reading!