



Summer 2019 Newsletter

Summer Activities

June:
1st

What: Youth and Family Link Back to Summer Carnival
Time: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Where: Victoria Freeman Park in Longview
Description: There will be carnival games, free hot dogs, popcorn, summer resources, and much more. Admission is free.

28th – 30th

What: Kalama Heritage Festival
Time: 28th- 11am-7pm; 29th- 10am-7pm; 30th-11am-5pm
Where: 269 Hendrickson Drive, Kalama
Description: Pacific 'Ohana Foundation presents this three-day event to share the spirit of Hawaii and the Pacific NW. There will be food, entertainment and local craft vendors. Admission is free.

July

2nd - 4th

What: Go Fourth Festival
Time: Unknown at this time
Where: Lake Sacajawea and surrounding area

Description: This is a 3-day event that is held every year since the 1960's. there will be daily entertainment, arts & crafts booths, food booths and rides. On the 4th of July, there will be a fireworks event. Admission is free.

20th

What: Believe in the Son Car Show
Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Where: Calvary Community Church, 2655 38th Avenue, Longview
Description: 19th annual Car show. There will be music, raffles, food and a lot of cars to view. Admission is free for spectators.

August

17th

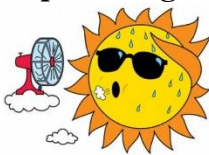
What: Squirrel Fest
Time: 9:00 am – 4 pm
Where: Civic Circle, Longview
Description: The Civic Circle is transformed into an all-day venue of music, fun, and games for the whole family. Admission is free. Please check www.lvsquirrelfest.com for the 2019 activities.

Fun in the Summer

Having fun in the summer shouldn't cost a lot, but most people over spend just to enjoy the nice weather. We want everyone to make sure they are getting out and having fun, so here is a list of ideas to do that are inexpensive.

- Go to the nearest park. Starting in August, Lake Sacajawea has free movies every Friday.
- Go for a Hike. There are so many trails around Kelso and Longview and Mt. St. Helens isn't far away either. Grab some family and friends and make sure to bring lots of water.
- Go to the beach. It doesn't have to be a beach at the ocean, there is local beaches that are off the river and are free to visit. Willow Grove park is right next to a good beach.
- Go on a picnic. Picnics are free and fun.

Safety Tips During the Summer



According to the Office of Washington State Climatologist because we are under El Nino Conditions, there is a chance for warmer and drier conditions. Here are some safety tips for all ages:

- Stay Hydrated. The standard suggestion for water is 6-8 cups per day. If you plan to be outside a lot, aim for more. Keep a water bottle with you at all times.
- Check the forecast before you go out. If its going to be 90 degrees or more, limit your time in the sun and make sure to use sunscreen. Find shade to limit overheating.
- Keep the blinds and doors shut during the summer and use your air conditioner or fan to keep the house cool. Sunlight is awesome, but it warms the house up quickly and you risk overheating inside as well.

KHA Hours:
New Hours Effective 5/6/19
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:
May 27th- Memorial Day
July 4th – Independence Day
September 2nd- Labor Day

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
Kelso Police Department-(360)423-1270
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

Peaceful Enjoyment on the Property



There has been some police activity within the past couple months on Kelso Housing Authority Property. Per the ACOP [24 CFR 966.4(l)(5)(ii)(A)], the PHA will terminate the lease when a covered person (this includes guests) engages in any criminal activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents (including PHA management staff residing on the premises) or by persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises. Immediate vicinity means within a three-block radius of the premises.

Pets on the Property



Recently, there have been some reports about unauthorized pets on KHA property. Anytime you want to have a pet, you must let your coordinator know that you will be getting a new pet. The pet will need to be approved through KHA first before it can come into the home. Each pet has a required pet deposit. [24 CFR 5.318(d)(1)]. If your coordinator finds that an unauthorized pet is in your unit and you have failed to let KHA know, you are jeopardizing your housing and may be termed. Also, Pets that are not owned by a tenant are not allowed on the premises. Residents are prohibited from feeding or harboring stray animals. If you have questions about the policy, you can contact the office and someone can answer any questions you have.

Exterior Inspections

The following standards apply to all Kelso Housing Authority Properties:

- Yards: should be free of debris, trash and abandoned cars. Exterior walls should be free of graffiti.
- Gardens: Vegetation should be at least twelve (12) inches from unit to alleviate from damage to units. There will be a limit of four (4) to Five (5) Flower pots and they must be 24-inch and placed in flower beds. Annuals are acceptable, any other vegetation must be approved by KHA. Plants and flowers should not be placed in walkways and should not detract from the appearance of KHA property. Flower beds shall be maintained by the tenant and should not be extended or changed in any way.
- Porches (front and back): should be clean and free of hazards. Any items stored on the porch shall not impede access to the unit.
- Steps (front and back): should be clean and free of hazards.
- Sidewalks: should be clean and free of hazards.
- Storm doors: should be clean, with glass or screens intact.
- Parking lot: should be free of abandoned cars. There should be no car repairs in the lots.
- Hallways: should be clean and free of hazards

Basketball Hoops

Please let your coordinator know if you own a basketball hoop so it can be documented in your file. You will need to make sure the basketball hoops are upward and in the grassy area by unit. Please do not leave on streets. If you do not report to KHA you have a basketball hoop, we will be removing all basketball hoops that were not reported.

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:** How many cars am I allowed at my unit?
Answer: Each household is allowed a maximum of 2 cars and they must be registered, drivable and have good tags. If you have guests, they must park on the street and not in driveways. KHA has the right to tow inoperable vehicles and it will be at the tenant's costs.
2. **Question:** Can I install an air conditioner?
Answer: You may have one air conditioner per unit and it must be approved by KHA. The air conditioner form is at the office and you can pick up upon request. Once the air conditioner has been approved from maintenance, you will be contacted by your coordinator for proper installation. Please store your screens in your storage unit to avoid maintenance charges.
3. **Question:** When should I report a maintenance request?
Answer: Maintenance requests should be reported as soon as the issue(s) occurs. Please do not wait until an inspection takes place to let KHA know about any maintenance issues that need to be resolved. The sooner maintenance knows, the quicker we can resolve the issues.