

# Housing Choice~quarterly

October ~ November ~ December 2005

Welcome to *Housing Choice~quarterly!* This quarterly newsletter is designed especially for YOU...the Housing Choice Voucher Program participant. You'll receive valuable information on up-coming events, workshops and up-dates to program rules and regulations. We hope you enjoy receiving the *Housing Choice~quarterly*. If you have questions or comments regarding this newsletter, please contact us at 522-7815 or email [wvha@wallawallaha.org](mailto:wvha@wallawallaha.org).

## October is Fire Safety Month

If there is ever a fire in your home, you can be sure that your local firefighters will be there, but they need your help. By teaming up for fire safety, you will learn how to prevent fires in the first place, as well as some really important safety tips that could save your life if a home fire does break out.

### Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

Does a grown-up always stay in the kitchen when something is cooking?

### Kitchen Range

Is it clean and uncluttered? Are things that can burn (such as curtains or dishtowels) kept well away from the stove?

### Furnace or Baseboard Heaters

Is the furnace filter changed monthly? Is furniture kept 12 to 18 inches away from baseboard heaters?

### Space Heaters

Are space heaters three (3) feet away from anything that can burn?

### Matches and Lighters

Are they locked up and out of children?

### Electrical Cords

Are they in good shape? No cracks or bare wires showing? Always unplug cords before inspecting them.

### Electrical Outlets

Are outlet cover plates in good condition? Not

cracked or broken? Are outlets overloaded?

### Ashtrays

If people smoke in your home, are large, deep non-tip ashtrays being used? Are they wetting the butts before throwing them in the trash?

### Flammable Liquids

Are gasoline, paint thinner, and other flammable liquids that burn stored properly and in their original container? Remember to never store flammable liquids in the home.

### Candles

Are candles burned only when an adult is present and blown out when adults leave the room? Do candles have sturdy holders to catch the wax?

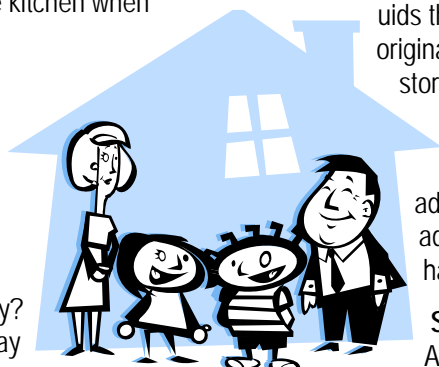
### Smoke Alarms

Are your smoke detectors working properly? Do you test them periodically and change the battery every six (6) months?

### Escape Plan

Does your family have an escape plan with at least two (2) exit routes from the home, in the event of a fire? Do you practice it regularly? Does everyone know the meeting place?

Everybody in your household is responsible for fire safety. Work together with every family member to find and correct potential fire hazards.



## Children's Day

8th Annual

Saturday, October 8, 2005

1:00 - 5:00 pm

Walla Walla Housing Authority  
501 Cayuse St

Celebrate our community's Children  
Fun Activities for the Whole Family!

Hosted by

Walla Walla Housing Authority

For more information or if you would like to volunteer  
contact Rosanna Morgan at 522-7815  
or [rosannam@wallawallaha.org](mailto:rosannam@wallawallaha.org)



## Are you registered to VOTE?

Registering to vote is quick, easy, and FREE! In the State of Washington, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- A legal resident of Washington State
- At least 18 years old by election day

You do not have to register by political party or declare political party membership to vote in the state's regular primaries or general elections.

If you meet the above criteria you can register by completing the voter registration form. Voter registration forms are available at the Walla Walla County Courthouse, 315 W Main St, 2nd Floor, Room 201. Forms can be downloaded from Washington's Secretary of State website at

[www.secstate.wa.gov/elections](http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections). Voter registration forms are also available from the WWHA Office.

In general, you must register at least 30 days in advance of an election to be eligible to vote in that election. It is especially important to remember this deadline if you are registering by mail. Your application must be post-marked by the 30-day cutoff or it will not become effective until after the election.

If you miss the 30-day deadline, you can still sign up in time for the election, but you must register in person at the Walla Walla County Auditor's office no later than 5 days before the election.

Exercise your right to VOTE!!

## Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
9:00 am to 6:00 pm  
we are OPEN during  
the noon hour

## Rental Assistance Division

Jason Hahn

Rental Assistance Manager  
527-4606

Families participating in  
REACH, TBRA, or Welfare  
to Work

Nina Hill

Rental Specialist  
Participant last names A-K  
527-4607

David Mitchell

Rental Specialist  
Participant last names L-Z  
522-7813

Donna Larsen

Eligibility Coordinator  
Waiting List  
527-4608

Gaby Aguilar

Information Coordinator  
527-4542 extension 100

## Up-coming Office Closures

November 24th & 25th  
Thanksgiving Holiday

December 26th  
Observance - Christmas Day

Celebrate the holidays  
Responsibly!

**Walla Walla Housing Authority**

Board of Commissioners

**Bob Adams**  
Chair

**Brian Jones**  
Vice Chair

**Jude Noland**  
Commissioner

**Jill Zagelow**  
Commissioner

**Kathryn Farrell Guizar**  
Commissioner

**Cathie Antle**  
Resident Commissioner

**Dominick Elia**  
Ex-Officio

**Renée Rooker**  
Executive Director

**Daylight Savings**  
Sunday, October 30th



Set clocks  
**BACK** one-hour

**PACIFIC POWER LOW INCOME  
BILL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

If you are a Pacific Power and Light customer and use electric heat, you may qualify for a wattage rate discount from November 2005 through April 2006.

Blue Mountain Action Council is presently accepting calls to schedule appointments to complete the application process. Please call 529-4980 during regular office hours. *You must apply again this year to receive the discount even if you were in the program last year.*

**Appointments are limited so please call in soon to assure an appointment time.**

**Required Documentation**

- ⇒ Social Security cards for all family members of the household
- ⇒ A recent electric bill
- ⇒ Income verification for the three previous months; (pay stubs, award letters, bank statements for direct deposits, etc.)
- ⇒ Proof of residence for everyone 18 or older, other than the electric bill (*physical address NOT PO Box*)

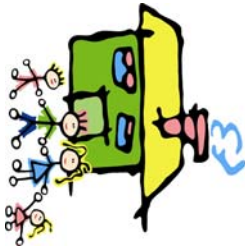
This is a separate program from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. You will need to fill out a registration form for a possible appointment for help with your heating bill through BMAC's regular energy assistance program.

For more information contact:  
Blue Mountain Action Council  
342 Catherine St, Walla Walla  
529-4980 or toll-free at 1-800-244-5908

**3-DAY FLU CLINIC**  
**Walla Walla County Fairgrounds**  
**Community Building**  
**October 18th, 19th, & 20th 7:00 - 5:00 pm**

Valley Transit to provide free bus service to the clinic site.

For more information contact the  
Walla Walla County Health Department  
Nancy Wenzel at 524-2662



A Community Partner, Helping People to Help Themselves

**Walla Walla Housing Authority**

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