

Housing Choice~quarterly

Spring 2006

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 wwha@wallawallaha.org.

Notify your landlord when...

- your home needs repairs;
- you wish to have a guest;
- you'll be away from home for a number of days (refer to your lease agreement).

Keeping the lines of communication is important in your landlord-tenant relationship.

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Applying For or Receiving HUD Housing Assistance? Think About This...Is Fraud Worth It?

Do You Realize...

If you commit fraud to obtain assisted housing from HUD you could be:

- * **Evicted** from your home
- * **Required to repay** all overpaid rental assistance you received
- * **Fined** up to \$10,000
- * **Imprisoned** for up to 5 years
- * **Prohibited** from receiving future assistance
- * **Subject** to State and local government penalties

Do You Know...

You are committing fraud if you sign a form knowing that you provided false or misleading information.

The information you provide on housing assistance application and recertification forms will be checked. The local housing agency, HUD, or the Office of Inspector General will check the income and asset information you provided with other Federal, State, or local governments and with private agencies. Certifying false information is fraud.

So Be Careful!

When you fill out your application and yearly recertification for assisted housing from HUD make sure your answers to the questions are accurate and honest.

You must include:

- * All sources of income you or any members of your household receive, such as wages, welfare payments, social security and veteran's benefits, pensions, retirement, etc.
- * Any money you receive on behalf of your children, such as child support, AFDC payments, social security for the children, etc.
- * Any increase in income, such as wages from a new job or an expected pay raise or bonus.

- * All assets, such as bank accounts, savings bonds, certificates of deposit, stocks, real estate, etc., that are owned by you or any member of your household.
- * Any income from assets, such as interest from savings and checking accounts, stock dividends, etc.
- * Any business or asset (your home) that you sold in the last two years at less than full value.
- * The names of everyone, adults or children, relatives and non-relatives, who are living with you and make up your household.



Ask Questions...

If you don't understand something on the application or recertification forms, always ask questions. It is better to be safe than sorry.

Watch Out for Assistance Scams!

- * Don't pay money to have someone fill out housing assistance application or recertification forms for you
- * Don't pay money to move up on the waiting list
- * Don't pay for anything that is not covered by your lease agreement
- * Get a receipt for any money you pay
- * Get written explanation if you are required to pay for anything other than rent (maintenance or utility charges)

Report Fraud

If you know of anyone who provided false information on a HUD housing assistance application or recertification or if anyone tells you to provide false information, report that person to the HUD Office of Inspector General Hotline. You can call the Hotline toll-free, Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, Eastern Time, at 1-800-347-3735. You can fax information to 202-708-4829 or email it to Hotline@hudoig.gov. You can write the Hotline at:

HUD Office of Inspector General Hotline
451 7th St SW Washington DC 20410

Office Hours

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

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GOT SUMMER PLANS?

With school letting out soon and summer just around the corner, the Walla Walla Valley offers a wide variety of summer activities; many of which are FREE or low-cost, scholarships may also be available.

To find out what summer fun is available, contact:

- * 4-H 527-3260
- * Boys Scouts 525-7578
- * Campfire USA 525-3180
- * Chamber of Commerce 525-0850
- * City of Walla Walla Parks & Recreation 527-4527
- * Girls Scouts 1-800-967-8113
- * Walla Walla Public Library 527-4550
- * YMCA 525-8863
- * YWCA 525-2570



Many service agencies, clubs, and organizations also provide summer activities and events. Your child's school teacher may also provide you with a fun summer pack to keep your kids geared up and prepared for the next grade. Check with your child's teacher.

2006 Summer Youth Recreation Program fliers will be distributed through schools. If you didn't receive one, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 527-4527. Don't miss out on all the summer fun!

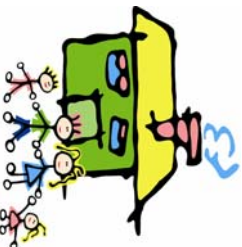
Father's Day



Sunday, June 18th

WWHA will be Closed
Tuesday, July 4th
in observance of
Independence Day
Celebrate the Holiday
with Safety in Mind!

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WE WANT YOU!

Walla Walla Housing Authority is currently seeking Housing Choice Voucher program participants to serve on the Resident Advisory Board.

As a member, you will help identify housing needs, establish goals, decide where to target WWHA resources, and assist in policy development. This is your opportunity to make sure your views are known and input is heard.

Contact Frank Ramirez, 509-527-4609 or frankr@wallawallaha.org if you are interested in becoming a member of the Resident Advisory Board. Help us make sure resident needs are being met!