



A Community Partner,
Helping People to Help Themselves



You May Be Eligible For an Earned Income Tax Credit up to \$4,400! (For tax year 2005)

The Earned Income Tax Credit is a refundable Federal income tax credit
for low-income working individuals and families.

FREE HELP IS AVAILABLE!

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program offer free tax help, if you qualify. Trained community volunteers can help you with special credits, such as the **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**, **Child Tax Credit**, and **Credit for the Elderly**. In addition to free tax return preparation assistance, many sites also offer free electronic filing (e-filing). To locate the nearest site, call **1-800-829-1040**.

EITC Assistant Tool - <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=96406,00.html>

2005 EITC limits - <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=150513,00.html>

Live Telephone Assistance - **1-800-829-1040**

Live telephone assistance for persons with a hearing impairment - **1-800-829-4059**

Taxpayer Advocate Service - <http://www.irs.gov/advocate/index.html>

Need More Help? - <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=120215,00.html>

It's Your Money – Don't Give it Away!

Don't be fooled by those "get your refund in a hurry" services. They'll give you a **loan** – for a fee - but it's **your money!** The IRS will send your refund directly to you. Don't give away **your** hard-earned money.

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People to Help People

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Tax Help Available - FREE - at Four Local Sites

FREE Tax Help!

*Tax Return Preparation and E-Filing
February 1st - April 17th*

For those wanting assistance in preparing your 2005 Income Tax Return, FREE help is available. All you need is a copy of your 2004 return (or most recent return filed) along with all your 2005 information, regarding income and possible deductions.

Call to schedule an appointment with:

Blue Mountain Action Council

342 Catherine St - 529-4980

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

1:00 - 4:00 pm



Walla Walla Senior Center

720 Sprague Ave - 527-3775

Monday-Thursday - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Walla Walla VA Medical Center

77 Wainwright Dr - 529-5914

Wednesdays

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

1:00 - 4:00 pm

DROP-INS ONLY

Blue Mountain Mall

1631 W Rose St - drop-ins only

Mondays - 4:30 - 7:30 pm

Saturdays - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Walla Walla Housing Authority

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There's Still Time to Apply for Educational Scholarships

The Pacific Northwest Regional Council of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials has announced its 2006 College Scholarship Program to resident and/or participant of local Housing Authority programs.

There are three types of scholarships:

- **CHALLENGE**

A 4-year, \$4,000 college scholarship (\$1,000 per year); two scholarships are available

- **COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A 2-year, \$2,000 community college scholarship (\$1,000 per year); one scholarship is available

- **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

A 4-year college or trade school scholarship (\$1,000 per year); one scholarship is available



Deadline for Submission to WWHA

FEBRUARY 15, 2006

Don't Wait!!

Applications are available at the Walla Walla Housing Authority office, 501 Cayuse St, WW; Monday through Friday - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Applications can be downloaded at www.pnrnahro.org; click the "SCHOLARSHIPS" button on the left hand toolbar.

If you are interested in learning more about these available scholarships or need assistance, contact Colleen Myers, Property Manager, at 527-4610 or colleenm@wallawallah.org.



If you are on SSI,
you must ACT NOW
to get more Food Assistance
before it is too late!

Three Simple Questions:

1. Are you on SSI?
2. Do you pay for heat or two other utilities?
3. Does your rent exceed \$115 per month?

If you answered "YES" to all three questions,
CALL DSHS TODAY - 1-877-380-5784
toll-free and ask about Basic Food

Office Hours

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

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Colleen Myers
Property Manager
527-4610

Kevin Westbrook
Belmont Apartments
Resident Manager

James Blake
Galbraith Gardens
Resident Manager

Matthew Rockwell
Marjorie Terrace
Resident Manager

David Story
Housing Inspector
526-6277

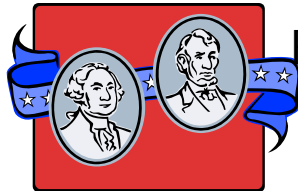
Eligibility Coordinator
Eligibility & Wait List
527-4608

Gaby Aguilar Medina
Information Coordinator
527-4542 extension 100

AFTER-HOURS
Maintenance Emergency
527-4542 extension 115
beginning at 5:00 pm

Please be patient, as your call
is routed through our telephone
system to connect you directly
with the on-call WWHA
Maintenance Technician

 **President's Day** 



February 20th

WWHA Office
will be closed

Serving Families in the Cities of Walla Walla and College Place

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For more information or questions about this newsletter, contact us at 509-527-4542 or wwha@wallawalla.org

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