



A Community Partner,
Helping People to Help Themselves

People to People

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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 your 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

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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!



- Are you concerned about:**
- Neighborhood safety?
 - Vehicle prowlers?
 - Burglars?
 - Personal safety?
 - When to call law enforcement?



Be a part of Area Block-Watch by attending the upcoming meeting in your neighborhood to discuss concerns and create solutions.

Light Refreshments will be served

Maple Lane
450 W Maple St
June 8th, 3:30 pm

Gateway Court
320 N 7th Ave
June 15th, 3:30 pm

Emerald Ridge
1107 W Chestnut St
June 22nd, 3:30 pm

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

Tim Greeson
Belmont Apartments
Resident Manager

James Blake
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Marjorie Terrace
Resident Manager

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Housing Inspector
526-6277

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Eligibility Coordinator
Waiting 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



Neighborhood Block Watch is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. Neighborhood Block Watch fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between police and the communities they serve.

For more information or if you have any questions, about Neighborhood Block Watch contact the local Area Crime Watch office at 527-9290 or Colleen Myers, WWHA Property Manager, 527-4610.

Together, residents can make their neighborhoods safe and enjoyable places where families choose to live, work, and play.

What's Happening at the YWCA?

FUN FACTORY - June 12-August 4

FREE games, crafts, and fun activities for children ages 5-9. Look for the Fun Factory van in your neighborhood this summer!

MONDAY's:

- 1-2:15 pm - Washington Park

WEDNESDAY's:

- 9-10:15 am - Woodland Village (275 Woodland Ave)
- 1-2:15 pm - Pioneer Park
- 3-4:15 pm - Gateway Court (320 N 7th Ave)

THURSDAY's:

- 9-10:15 am - corner of Berney Drive & Trimble Road



Father's Day



Sunday, June 18th

Serving Families in the Cities of Walla Walla and College Place

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