



A Community Partner,  
Helping People to Help Themselves

# The Scoop

Serving Families in Walla Walla and Columbia Counties

March 2006

## Walla Walla Housing Authority

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## 5th Annual Landlord Fair

This year's Landlord Fair is scheduled for April 20, 2006,  
11:00 am to 9:00 pm at the Walla Walla Housing Authority,  
501 Cayuse St, Walla Walla.

Two 2-hour blocks to visit with exhibitors and vendors;  
11:00 am to 1:00 pm and 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

Six 1-hour mini-workshops; topics to include: Fair Housing &  
Predatory Lending, Tenant Screening, Warning Signs of Drug  
Activity, Washington State Landlord-Tenant Law, Owner's Role &  
Responsibility, and much more.

**FREE ADMISSION ~ FREE REFRESHMENTS  
FREE INFORMATION & RESOURCES**

Plan on attending this one of a kind community event! For more  
information, contact Rosanna Morgan at 522-7815 or by email at  
rosannam@wallawallaha.org.

**AUTOMATIC  
Housing Assistance  
Payment Deposits  
are deposited by the 5th  
of each month**

### 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

#### David Story

Housing Inspector  
526-6277

#### Eve Ortiz

Eligibility Coordinator  
527-4608

#### Gaby Aguilar

Information Coordinator  
527-4542 extension 100

### Smoking Ban Clarified

We were recently asked to research the  
smoking ban voters passed on December 8,  
2005 and how it impacts rental units.

In apartment complexes and other multi-  
family housing buildings, the law prohibits  
smoking in all common areas of buildings,  
including lobbies, hallways, elevators,  
stairs and laundry facilities. In addition,  
smoking is prohibited 25-feet from any  
indoor protected space (*common areas,  
offices, etc.*) and signs must be placed at all  
entrances to buildings indicating that  
smoking is prohibited.

Confirmed by Dave Eaton of the Walla  
Walla Health Department, the law does not  
impact private residences (including rental  
units) otherwise. More information can be  
obtained from the local health department  
at 527-3290 or from the Washington State  
Department of Health website at  
www.doh.wa.gov.

WWHA encourages property owners and  
landlords to implement a smoking policy  
for each of your rental properties. If you  
are implementing a new policy, be sure to  
distribute to existing tenants, as well as  
new ones.



## YOU'RE INVITED!

### Living *Crime Free* with RENTAL HOUSING



#### Do you own or manage Rental Property and worry about?:

- Non-payment of rent
- High turnover and vacancies
- Loss of rent during eviction and repair periods
- Toxic contamination from drug labs
- Property damage from abuse, retaliation or neglect
- Excess time spent on crisis control
- Good tenants moving out
- Reduced business value

#### Do you live in or near Rental Property and are experiencing?:

- Fear and frustration due to criminal activity in and around rental property
- General neighborhood decay
- Decline in property value

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then the *Crime Free Rental Housing Program* is for you. The Walla Walla Police Department and the City of Walla Walla are proud to offer this highly effective program aimed at reducing criminal activity in and around rental property.

#### LEARN ABOUT:

- Rental agreements and applications
- Tenant screening and Fair Housing
- Eviction process
- Landlord/Tenant Law
- Identifying and reporting illegal activity
- Warning signs of drug and gang activity
- Meth lab clean-up
- Fire safety
- Property security and safety
- Tips for active management
- Working with the Police and Sheriff

**MAY 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 PM to 9:30 PM**  
**Walla Walla Community College**

This 12-hour course, refreshments and program manual are offered **FREE OF CHARGE**. *Space is limited, first come first serve.* Contact the WWPDP's *Crime Free Rental Housing voice mail* at 522-3751, extension 799, for more information.

#### Walla Walla Housing Authority

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Commissioner

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**Advertise  
FREE!**



Advertise your available rentals with WWAHA for FREE!

Contact Gaby at 527-4542 extension 100 and provide your rental property information...*type of unit, number of bedrooms, address of rental, monthly rent, security deposit, amenities, and contact information.*

WWHA's Available Rental listing is up-dated weekly and is available to the general public.

Advertise today and get results!

Visit Us On-Line: [www.wallawallaha.org](http://www.wallawallaha.org)

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