



AMSTERDAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

SECTION 8

NEWSLETTER

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Remember Family Obligations

It is important to remember your obligations as participants of the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Family obligations state: - The members of the family may not engage in drug-related criminal activity or violent criminal activity or other criminal activity that threatens the health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of other residents and persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises. - The members of the household must not abuse alcohol in a way that threatens the health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of other residents and persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises. Landlords are obligated to enforce their lease agreement with their tenants. If there are complaints, it is important that landlords communicate with their tenants and resolve any issues. Your lease should address disturbances and consequences for violating the lease agreement. For more information on Family Obligations, visit our website www.amsterdamhousingauthority.org

Want to Save Money ?

Ever dream of the day when your income is enough to cover your living expenses and you no longer need Section 8? The Family Self Sufficiency Program is designed to help you develop a plan to increase your earned income; possibly even become a home owner. The program is a financial incentive for participants to increase their earnings in the form of an escrow savings account that increases as residents earnings increase. The escrow account helps participants build savings that they can use to improve their quality of life and advance their personal goals. Escrow funds can also help participants pay for key services such as car repair or employment training that they may need to make progress toward their goals. Through Case Management and coaching to help participant's access services they may need to overcome barriers to employment, strengthen their financial capability, and address other challenges holding them back from achieving their goals. If you are interested in applying for the FSS Program please feel free to contact us for an application.



Want lower Utility bills?

You might not want to accept it, but winter is rapidly approaching, meaning higher utility bills. We recommend you enter in a budget plan with your utility company. Your monthly bill will be consistent all year, anticipate increases in both your gas and electric usage during the harsh cold winter months. If this interest you, there are simple procedures that your family can do to keep your apartment warm and energy efficient to save money towards your utility bill. If you have access to the thermostat, set it to a fixed temperature (69 degrees) where your family will feel comfortable rather than raising the temperature every day and lowering it whenever it gets too hot. Believe it or not altering the thermostat on a regular basis will not benefit your budget. Other steps that your family can take are keeping your windows and entrance door closed and properly sealed. Sealing any openings to avoid drafts around doors and windows with weather stripping is another solution. You can also switch to energy efficient light bulbs, and unplug your electronics while they're not in use.

Applying for housing has never been easier...

Do you know of somebody who is in need of a living arrangement or is currently homeless or in the middle of moving, but cannot afford to live on their own. Whatever the situation, here at the Amsterdam Housing Authority we make it easy for the general public to apply, and get their name on a waiting list based on their needs. We currently have 5 open waiting lists which meet all family sizes based on your family composition. We have programs for the elderly, as well as programs for families. You can do so by visiting our website at www.amsterdamhousingauthority.org, click on the Applications tab, that will prompt you to **CLICK HERE TO APPLY** button. Once you click that it will bring you to the instructions page followed by the application. Once you are done with the application, please save or print your confirmation number as proof that you applied. You can contact our office a week after applying to see what rank you are for the specific waiting list you applied for.



OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH...

Early Detection

When breast cancer is detected early, and is in the localized stage, the 5-year relative survival rate is 100%. Early detection includes doing monthly breast self-exams, and scheduling regular clinical breast exams and mammograms.

Diagnosis

Breast cancer can be diagnosed through multiple tests, including a mammogram, ultrasound, MRI and biopsy.

THE BEST PROTECTION IS EARLY DETECTION

AHA & Community Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER 27TH:	3RD ANNUAL HOMECOMING KICKOFF BONFIRE @ 6PM MOHAWK VALLEY GATEWAY OVERLOOK
OCTOBER 6TH:	OKTOBERFEST @ 1PM - 8PM - SOUTH SIDE - BRIDGE ST.
OCTOBER 8TH:	COLUMBUS DAY - AHA OFFICES ARE CLOSED
OCTOBER 15TH:	AMSTERDAM ROTARY CLUB CHICKEN PARM DINNER @ 4PM-7PM - RAINDANCER 4582 STATE HWY 30
OCTOBER 18TH:	OPIOID EPIDEMIC PREVENTION DISCUSSION @ 6PM LYNCH MIDDLESCHOOL - MEDIA CENTER
OCTOBER 27TH:	AMSTERDAM ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE @ 1PM GUYPARK AVENUE
OCTOBER 31ST:	HALLOWEEN MVGO KIDS TRICK OR TREAT @5PM

HELP WANTED!!!!

- TARGET DISTRIBUTION CENTER: Looking for a Packer - apply online on <https://jobs.target.com/job/>
- PLANET FITNESS CENTER: Looking for Part Time Front Desk Associate
- UNITED STATE POSTAL SERVICE: Looking for Holiday Clerk Assist. \$17 /hr
- MICHAEL'S: Looking for cashier/ sales team member
- PETSMART: Looking for Retail Sales Associate - <https://careers.petsmart.com/job/>
- DOLLAR GENERAL: Looking for Sales Associate, <https://retail-dollargeneral.icims.com/>
- KAPSTONE: Looking for Production Manufacturer - Apply on company website

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