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NEWSLETTER

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WHATS NEW!!!

Attention all participants our Amsterdam Housing Authority website has been updated. Visit our website for information on our Rental Assistance Programs, access to program forms, online applications, Events and newsletters. Visit the link below. We are also on Facebook and Twitter, please check our Facebook page for events and notices.

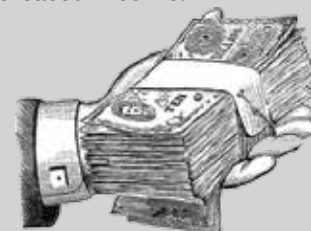
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Want to Save Money ?

AHA can help Section 8 voucher holders establish and increase their savings: Through the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, eligible tenants can save money when their rent goes up as a result of increased income. AHA will save the difference between an FSS participant's old rent amount and the new rent amount in a savings account. FSS participants save an average of \$2,000, though some graduate from the program with savings of \$10,000 or more!

As part of the FSS program, the head and members of the household who are 18 and older are connected to financial empowerment opportunities, such as adult education classes, career counseling, vocational training, or help with accessing income supports (e.g., SNAP/food stamps or free tax prep assistance), as needed. Tenants receive the money AHA saved for them in an escrow once they complete the program's goals and graduate from the five-year program. To learn more about this exciting program, including how to enroll, call **(518)842-2907**.



Help Tackle Fraud

We take the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program's Integrity very seriously. If you suspect that Section 8 Program rules are not being followed or being violated, we URGE you to report your concerns. You can anonymously report fraud or wrongdoing by calling or emailing:

Call: (518)842-2907 or **Email:** fraud@amsterdamhousingauthority.org



Did You Know?

AHA has access to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Employment Income Verification (EIV) system. It is used to validate tenant reported income (wages, unemployment and social security benefits, etc.) at interim and annual reexamination interviews. EIV has been used to detect several cases of fraud, and unfortunately, families have been terminated for failing to meet their family obligation of reporting a change in income. HUD works with all housing authorities on enforcement.

Do you have a child going back to school or college?

AHA offers an income exclusion from employment for children under the age of 18. AHA also excludes earnings in excess of \$480 for each Full -Time student 18 years or older (excluding the head of household).

Helpful hints from the Inspector

We may not be Heloise, but here are a few helpful hints on in-expensive cleaning solutions that you might find useful.

Window Cleaners - If you would like your windows to sparkle, don't buy blue or green tinted solution from the grocery store. Instead, mix one-part vinegar to two-part water and pour into a spray bottle to apply. For an extra strength window solution, try mixing three tablespoons of ammonia to one-part vinegar and two cups of water. For lint free windows, use coffee filters or newspaper to clean instead of a cloth.

Stain removers - If you spill on carpets, furniture or clothing and a stain is left behind, don't panic. Make up a solution of one-part vinegar, one part mild dishwashing liquid and two parts water. Pour this onto the stain and blot until the stain is lifted. For a greasy stain, first pour baking soda or cornstarch directly on the stain and leave for an hour to absorb the grease. Vacuum the powder and use your homemade spot cleaner for any residue left behind.



AHA & COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

- JULY 15-16, 2017 :** - "WISH UPON THE STARS" AMSTERDAM ROTARY SHOW
PLAY STARTS AT 2:00PM AT THE BERT DEROSE THEATER
- RIVERLINK CONCERT SERIES FT. JANE LEE HOOKER
@ 7:00 PM -AT RIVERLINK PARK
- JULY 17, 2017 :** - AMSTERDAM FREE LIBRARY WILL HOLD A GENEALOGY & FAMILY
TREE CREATION CLASS @ 6:00PM.
- THE CHRISTIAN WOMEN SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
CHURCH WILL HOLD A FEAST DAY MASS CELEBRATION @7:00PM
- JULY 20, 2017** - SKRUIINERS BIG TOP CIRCUS @ 4335 RT 30 FIELD KIDS ARE FREE
- JULY 22, 2017 :** - CRIME STOPPERS FAMILY NIGHT - MOHAWKS BASEBALL GAME
@ SHUTTLEWORTH PARK AT 6PM-10:30
- AUGUST 1, 2017 :** - AMSTERDAMS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT FROM 4-7 PM @ VETS FIELD

HELP WANTED!!!

- KOHL'S RETAIL STORE : AMSTERDAM, NY, LOOKING FOR PART-TIME SALES ASSOCIATE
\$15.00 / HR , FT CONTACT ELAINA WHITE.
- WESTERN EXPRESS : AMSTERDAM, NY, LOOKING FOR INEXPERIENCED TRUCK DRIVERS
UP TO \$85,000 A YEAR, CALL NOW TO APPLY 1-888-791-6911
- SPEEDWAY : AMSTERDAM, NY, LOOKING FOR A CoMANAGER TO TRAIN, APPLY ONLINE
WWW.INDEED.COM
- TARGET DISTRIBUTION CENTER: AMSTERDAM, NY, LOOKING FOR WAREHOUSE WORKER
\$18.75 AN HOUR APPLY ONLINE THROUGH WWW.INDEED.COM