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PARTICIPANT 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, and online applications. Visit the link below.

www.amsterdamhousingauthority.org

Moving ?

Are you interested in moving to a new unit? Please do not move from your unit without notifying the Section 8 Dept. Must notify in writing on a CHANGE FORM and submit it to AHA at least 30 days before the day you plan to move. Moving without notice will jeopardize your rental assistance.

1. Fillout, sign, & submit a CHANGE FORM and 30 DAY NOTICE TO VACATE requesting to move to our office. The forms are available on our website (www.amsterdamhousingauthority.org) and in our lobby. Submit your forms into AHA office, by mail, fax, email, or leaving it in the drop box.
2. AHA will review your request. Once approved you will be scheduled to attend a tenant briefing appointment. At this appointment you will sign a voucher and begin your search for a new unit.

IMPORTANT: AHA will not approve a move request with assistance if you:

- Are within your first initial 12 month lease, or
- Owe any money to AHA or your current Landlord, or
- Moved out of your unit without notice, or

Help Stop 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:

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



Report Every Change of Income

It is very important to notify AHA of ANY change to your income within 10 days of the change. To protect your housing assistance, always report any new or changed income, including (but not limited to):

- Employment wages, including changes to your pay or the number of hours you work;
- Child support payments;
- Social Security (SS) and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- Disability and/or unemployment benefits;
- Money received from family or friends, including bills paid by anyone outside of your household.

Changes must be reported in writing using the Change form available on the "forms" page of the AHA website (www.amsterdamhousingauthority.org) and in the AHA lobby. Failure to report changes in income can result in unfortunate consequences, including:

- Being required to repay the Housing Authority;
- Termination from the Section 8 program;
- Prosecution for fraud

Scholarship for College

In order to encourage academic excellence and community responsibility among high school students, **NYSPHADA** has implemented a scholarship program for graduating seniors who are preparing to enter higher level learning (defined as a 2-4 year college, trade school or formal certification program). **NYSPHADA** will award one (1) scholarship to a deserving youth currently residing in Public Housing or Rental Assistance Program.

The scholarship deadline is January 25, 2017, so please visit our website to download the application and submit it to an Amsterdam Housing Authority staff member.

AHA & COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

- NOVEMBER 10, 2016 :** - AMSTERDAM FREE LIBRARY WILL BE HOLDING PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING HOUR @ 10:30AM
- AMSTERDAM FREE LIBRARY WILL BE HOLDING TECH THURSDAY @ 6:00 PM - LEARN TO OPERATE MICROSOFT WORD
- NOVEMBER 11, 2016 :** - AMSTERDAM HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICES WILL BE **CLOSED**
- WALTER ELMWOOD MUSEUM WILL BE HOLDING PRINT-MAKING CLASSES 9:30AM- 12PM : INTRODUCTION TO PRINT-MAKING (INK & ETCHING)
- NOVEMBER 24, 2016 :** - AMSTERDAM HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICES WILL BE **CLOSED**
- 2ND ANNUAL THANKS4GIVING 5K RUN/WALK @ 9AM AT SHUTTLEWORTH PARK
HAPPY THANKS GIVING DAY!!!
- NOVEMBER 25, 2016 :** - AMSTERDAM HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICES WILL BE **CLOSED**
- 1ST ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING EVENT @ 4PM-8M AT THE MOHAWK VALLEY GATEWAY OVERLOOK BRIDGE
BLACK FRIDAY!!!!
- DECEMBER 10, 2016 :** - 3RD ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT ELKS LODGE FROM 8:30AM - 1:00PM

HELP WANTED!!!

- NESCO RESOURCE : AMSTERDAM, NY, LOOKING FOR SHIPPING/RECEIVING CLERK \$15.00 / HR , FT CONTACT ELAINA WHITE.
- KAPSTONE : AMSTERDAM, NY, LOOKING FOR MANUFACTURING, SHIPPING, & MAINTENANCE POSITIONS TO BE FILLED. \$15.00/ HR, FT, APPLY ONLINE AT WWW.KAPSTONEPAPER.COM/CAREERS
- ALPIN HAUS : AMSTERDAM, NY, LOOKING FOR A RECEPTIONIST, FULL TIME POSITION
- PETSMART: AMSTERDAM, NY, LOOKING FOR AN EARLY MORNING STOCKER, PART-TIME POSITION, APPLY ONLINE AT [HTTPS://JOBS.PETSMART.COM/](https://JOBS.PETSMART.COM/)