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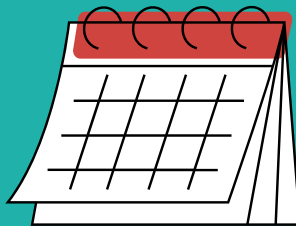
Our very own Maintenance Manager & Safety Officer provides tips and resources for keeping safe with the upcoming heat and smoke!

Resident Survey Results

We asked, you answered! Take a look at the results from the resident survey!

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July 4 - Independence Day



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LEARN MORE: THE FOURTH OF JULY

[From History.com](#)

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the [American Revolution](#). On July 2nd, 1776, the [Continental Congress](#) voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the [13 colonies](#) adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by [Thomas Jefferson](#). From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from [fireworks](#), parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2023 is on Tuesday, July 4.



History of Independence Day

When the initial battles in the [Revolutionary War](#) broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical.

By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in the bestselling pamphlet “[Common Sense](#),” published by [Thomas Paine](#) in early 1776.

On June 7, when the [Continental Congress](#) met at the [Pennsylvania](#) State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the [Virginia](#) delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies’ independence.

Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee’s resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including [Thomas Jefferson](#) of Virginia, [John Adams](#) of [Massachusetts](#), Roger Sherman of [Connecticut](#), [Benjamin Franklin](#) of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of [New York](#)—to draft a [formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain](#).

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee’s resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 “will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival” and that the celebration should include “Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other.”

On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the [Declaration of Independence](#), which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

Early Fourth of July Celebrations and Traditions

In the pre-Revolutionary years, colonists had held annual celebrations of the king's birthday, which traditionally included the ringing of bells, bonfires, processions and speechmaking. By contrast, during the summer of 1776 some colonists celebrated the birth of independence by holding mock funerals for King [George III](#) as a way of symbolizing the end of the monarchy's hold on America and the triumph of liberty.

Festivities including concerts, bonfires, parades and the firing of cannons and muskets usually accompanied the first public readings of the Declaration of Independence, beginning immediately after its adoption. Philadelphia held the first annual commemoration of independence on July 4, 1777, while Congress was still occupied with the ongoing war.

[George Washington](#) issued double rations of rum to all his soldiers to mark the anniversary of independence in 1778, and in 1781, several months before the key American victory at the [Battle of Yorktown](#), Massachusetts became the first state to make July 4th an official state holiday.

After the Revolutionary War, Americans continued to commemorate Independence Day every year, in celebrations that allowed the new nation's emerging political leaders to address citizens and create a feeling of unity. By the last decade of the 18th century, the two major political parties—the [Federalist Party](#) and Democratic-Republicans—that had arisen began holding separate Fourth of July celebrations in many large cities.

Fourth of July Fireworks

The [first fireworks](#) were used as early as 200 BC. The tradition of setting off [fireworks on the 4 of July](#) began in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777, during the first organized celebration of Independence Day. Ship's cannon fired a 13-gun salute in honor of the [13 colonies](#). The *Pennsylvania Evening Post* reported: "at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks (which began and concluded with thirteen rockets) on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated." That same night, the [Sons of Liberty](#) set off fireworks over Boston Common.



FYI: FIREWORKS BANNED IN EVERETT

Fireworks are banned in Everett, including unincorporated southwest Snohomish County. Penalties include criminal citations with large fines and/or jail time. By law, all fireworks will be seized and destroyed.

- [View a map](#) of where fireworks are banned in Snohomish County
- More information about [fireworks use in Snohomish County](#)

Fourth of July Becomes a Federal Holiday

The tradition of patriotic celebration became even more widespread after the [War of 1812](#), in which the United States again faced Great Britain. In 1870, the U.S. Congress made July 4th a federal holiday; in 1941, the provision was expanded to grant a paid holiday to all federal employees.

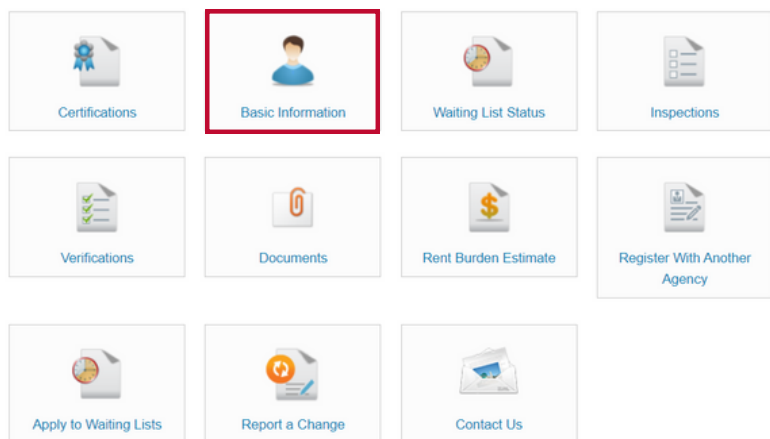
Over the years, the political importance of the holiday would decline, but Independence Day remained an important national holiday and a symbol of patriotism.

Falling in mid-summer, the Fourth of July has since the late 19th century become a major focus of leisure activities and a common occasion for family get-togethers, often involving fireworks and outdoor barbecues. The most common symbol of the holiday is the American flag, and a common musical accompaniment is "[The Star-Spangled Banner](#)," the national anthem of the United States.

CONTACTING YOUR VOUCHER SPECIALIST

Specialists are assigned based on the zip code of your address. If you are part of the rent study, your contact will be a THRIVE Program Specialist. If you are not part of the rent study and are served by the traditional HCV team, your contact will be an HCV Certification Specialist. Please note: some individuals may have a different specialist assigned to them than what is listed. View [certification specialists here](#).

You can also view your Specialist in RENTCafé by logging in and selecting "**Basic Information**" (see below).



ZIP CODE	THRIVE SPECIALIST	HCV CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST
98012	Mariela Santos	Keren Davey
98020	Melanie Pilkenton	Certification Specialist
98021	Melanie Pilkenton	Certification Specialist
98026	Melanie Pilkenton	Certification Specialist
98036	Mariela Santos	Certification Specialist
98037	Mariela Santos	Alex Poh
98043	Melanie Pilkenton	Certification Specialist
98077	---	Certification Specialist
98087	Mariela Santos	Chariti Renville
98201	Melanie Pilkenton	Amy Moe
98203	Mariela Santos	Keren Davey
98204	Doaa Al Maly	Alex Poh
98208	Doaa Al Maly	Catherine Rodriguez
98223	Mariela Santos	Catherine Rodriguez
98251	Melanie Pilkenton	Certification Specialist
98252	Melanie Pilkenton	Certification Specialist

ASK EHA: SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS

Do you have a question about EHA's services and offerings? Maybe you would like to learn more about RentCafé or different teams here at EHA. Send your question or inquiry to heathers@evha.org and it might be featured in next month's newsletter!



WILDFIRE SAFETY TIPS

By Travis Arrington, EHA Maintenance Manager & Safety Officer

Forecasters are warning of [greater than normal wildfire potential](#) from July through September. Breathing wildfire smoke is not good for anyone, but children, older adults, and people with existing lung and heart conditions are more [at-risk for severe health impacts](#) during smoke events.

One of the best ways to protect yourself and your family during a smoke event is to stay indoors and take steps to keep your indoor air clean.

- Consider purchasing a portable air cleaner with HEPA filter. See [choosing a portable air cleaner](#) for ideas.
- Assemble your own [DIY Air Filter](#)
- [Create a Clean Air Room](#)

Here are tip cards to use as reminders of what to do if experiencing extreme heat or wildfire smoke:



WILDFIRE Smoke

**KEEP INDOOR
AIR CLEAN**

Avoid candles, sprays, smoking, and frying or broiling food. Set up a portable air cleaner or filter.

CHECK AIR QUALITY

Check air quality forecasts and current conditions before going outside or opening windows and doors.

STAY INFORMED

Go to
WWW.SNOCO.ORG/SMOKE
for air quality forecasts and tips for staying safe during wildfire smoke.

Extreme HEAT

STAY HYDRATED

Drink water often, regardless of how active you are. Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink.

STAY COOL

Spend more time in air-conditioned places and stay out of the sun.

STAY INFORMED

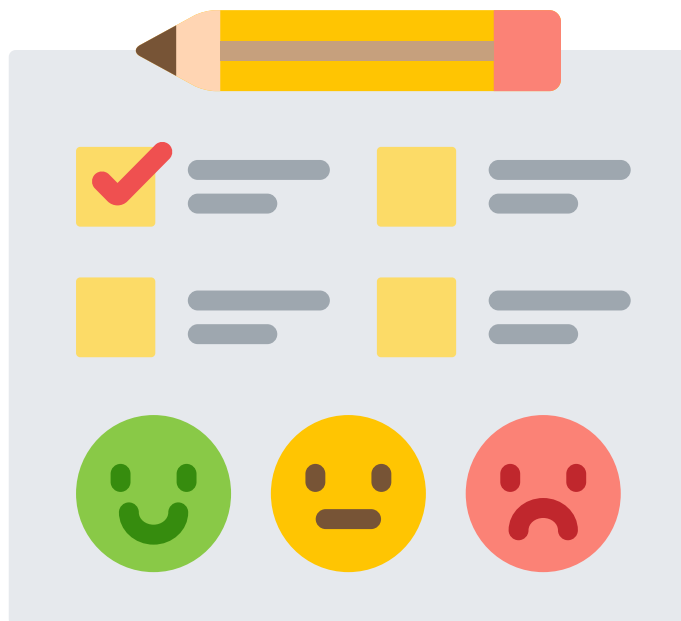
Go to
WWW.SNOCO.ORG/COOLING
for a list of cooling centers and tips for staying safe in hot weather.

RESIDENT SURVEY RESULTS: HOW DID WE DO AT EHA

We would like to thank all of the residents that participated in the surveys this year. We received so many responses (just shy of 1,000!), which is some of the most engagement we have seen!

According to our HCV participant survey, when it comes to their EHA Certification Specialist:

- **83% agree** staff are good listeners
- **81% agree** staff conduct themselves professionally
- **76% agree** staff explain the program and answer questions
- **75% agree** staff return calls in a timely manner
- **71% agree** staff treat them with respect



For EHA residents who completed the survey and live at our properties, when it comes to EHA property management staff:

- **92% agree** they are treated with respect by staff
- **85% agree** that staff explain the program and answer questions
- **85% agree** staff are available to talk or email

For EHA residents who completed the survey and live at our properties, when it comes to EHA maintenance staff:

- **89% agree** they are treated with respect by staff
- **83% agree** that staff provide high quality repairs in unit or common areas
- **81% agree** staff complete work orders in a timely manner

For EHA residents who completed the survey and live at our properties, when it comes to EHA resident services staff:

- **81% agree** they are treated with respect by staff
- **73% agree** that staff are available if help is needed
- **71% agree** staff provide high quality connections to services



We recognize there is an opportunity for EHA when it comes to returning calls in a timely manner, and we are happy to share that we are adding additional staff in the Certification Specialist and Inspections positions. We are confident that with these additional staffing changes we will be able to increase the quality of our customer service.

HUD STRONG FAMILIES: RESOURCES

Health: National Maternal Mental Health Hotline

1-833-TLC-MAMA (1-833-852-6262)

Are you a new parent - or about to be - and feeling sad, worried, overwhelmed, or concerned that you aren't good enough? These are common feelings during or after pregnancy and help is available. The National Maternal Mental Health Hotline's counselors provide 24/7 free, confidential emotional support and resources to help you feel better.

Personal Finance: FDIC Program

FDIC Money Smart Financial Education Program

The FDIC Money Smart financial education program can help people of all ages enhance their financial skills and create positive banking relationships. First released in 2001 and regularly updated since then, Money Smart has a long track record of success.



How Money Smart Are You?

Learn about everyday financial topics through 14 interactive games and related resources



For Parents:

Engaging games, podcasts, and parent resources



YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS AT THE EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARY

LEGO Engineers

July 7, 14, 21, 28 | 3-4:30PM
Evergreen Branch
Ages 6-12 with adult.

Use LEGO® bricks to build solutions to our design challenges or use your imagination to make your own creation!

Garden Doodle

July 27 | 2-4PM
Main Branch
Ages 8-17

Registration required

Create a hand-lettered phrase surrounded by whimsical garden elements with local artist Rosemary Jones!

Gems & Geology

July 8 | 10AM, 11AM, Noon
Evergreen Branch
Ages 7-12

Registration required

Discover the magic of rocks, minerals, and wonders of geology in this hands-on class. We'll dig into earth science concepts, explore natural resources, and interact with exciting geologic specimens that are yours to keep! Amy Bergin of Rock Solid Science will offer 3 sessions of this program.

Magic of Ladybugs & Butterflies

July 15 | 11-11:45AM
Main Branch

Imagine you have wings and flutter and fly with two beautiful, magical garden creatures – butterflies and ladybugs! Lisa Taylor, urban farmer, and the Garden Critter puppets teach backyard science lessons using music, dance and, of course, fun! Family program, all ages welcome with adult.



Events around Everett this month!

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Everett Farmers Market

Sundays | 10:30AM–3PM | 2930 Wetmore Ave.
Entrance at Hewitt & Wetmore or Pacific & Wetmore

Everett's July Fourth Celebrations

July 4 | 11AM (Parade), 3PM (Festival) | Legion Memorial Park

Parade starts at 11AM at 25th Street & Colby Avenue. See [map and more information here](#).

Festival will be held at Legion Memorial Park and will include live music, food trucks, a beer garden, and fun for the whole family. [More information here](#).

Everett's Thunder on the Bay fireworks show starts at 10PM and is one of the biggest shows in the region. A free shuttle from Legion Memorial Park will be available. Everett's Grand Avenue Park and Port of Everett offers the best views. [Learn more here](#).

Free Slurpee Day at 7 Eleven

July 11 | Local 7 Eleven

Enjoy a FREE Slurpee drink on July 11 in celebration of 7 Eleven's birthday! Interested in free Slurpees before 7/11? [Learn more here](#).



Job Fair: Thomas Family Farm

July 13 & 20 | 5:30PM | For Fall Festival Positions | Ages 16+

July 13 is for all fall festival jobs (day/night), July 20 is for Zombie Paintball actor positions.

Thomas Family Farm is seeking to hire help for our Fall Festival. Work will be every weekend of October day and night. You have the option to work day, night, or both. No experience required unless you apply for the tractor driver, we can train you on everything else. [Learn more!](#)

Daytime/Nighttime Job Wages:

- Corn Maze – \$17/hr
- Kitchen and Food service – \$17/hr
- Corn and pumpkin pickers – \$17/hr
- Kids Activities – \$17/hr
- Tractor Drivers (cow train, hayride) – \$21 per hour, **must have experience**