

# MAKING THINGS WORK

A Monthly Newsletter from Everett Housing Authority



## A LOOK INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

### EHA Waitlists Open

Starting March 1, select waiting lists are opening!

### Public Comment Period

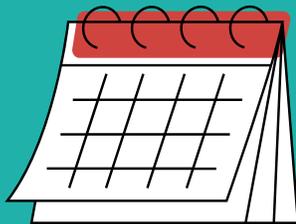
We are currently seeking public comment on our Annual Plan & MTW Supplement. Learn more!

### Home Inspections

Is your inspection coming up? Here is what the Home Inspector will be looking for during your inspection.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Office Closures:

None in March.

### Meetings:

#### March 27 at 12:00PM

Public hearing to receive and review public comments on the Annual Plan & MTW Supplement and Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan

## HELLO FROM EHA!

Happy [Women's History Month!](#)

Women's History Month began as a smaller "Women's History Week" on March 7, 1982, and was later petitioned by the National Women's History Project to become a month-long celebration. The month of March officially became Women's History Month in 1987 and gives us the opportunity to acknowledge the historical contributions of women in the United States.

International Women's Day is observed on March 8th. Learn more about [Women's History Month.](#)



## EHA WAITING LISTS OPEN MARCH 1-17, 2023

Do you know someone in need of housing? EHA is opening select housing waitlists open to applicants March 1-17, 2023 for individuals:

- 62+ for 7 senior housing properties in Everett, Lynnwood, and Lake Stevens
- 18-61 and has a disability for tenant-based vouchers

**Online pre-applications only.** One pre-application per family.

Click [here to apply](#). The online application is accessible from any web browser and available to applicants using a smartphone or smart device. Applicants will need to have a unique email address to submit an online application.

### Properties open for seniors 62+, household sizes of 1-3 people:

- Evergreen Village – 12705 Avondale Way, Everett, WA 98204
- Hawkins House – 9433 N. Davies Rd., Lake Stevens, WA 98258
- Lake Woods I – 12310 19th Pl. W., Everett WA 98204
- Lynn Crest – 4629 194th St. Sw., Lynnwood, WA 98036
- Meadow Park – 1611 128th St. SW, Everett, WA 98204
- Scriber Pointe – 19912 Scriber Lake Rd., Lynnwood, WA 98036
- Silver View – 11109 16th Ave. SE, Everett, WA 98208



### Mainstream tenant-based vouchers (Section 8):

- Open to families where at least one adult member ages 18-61 has a disability
- No household size limitation.

Please contact 425-258-9222 or email [applications@evha.org](mailto:applications@evha.org) for language assistance and reasonable accommodations for disabilities.

## PARK DISTRICT UPDATE

On January 23rd and 24th, 2023, EHA held two public meetings regarding future plans on the Park District (*former Baker Heights public housing in the Delta neighborhood of North Everett*).

Access to the presentation materials may be found [here](#).

Access to the recording of the January 24th Zoom meeting may be found [here](#).

Thank you to all who attended and please stay tuned for future Park District updates and public meetings!

**View all links from this newsletter:**

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**Ver todos los enlaces de este boletín:**

**Xem tất cả các liên kết từ bản tin này:**

**Просмотреть все ссылки из этого информационного бюллетеня**

**Переглянути всі посилання з цієї розсилки**

**عرض جميع الروابط من هذه النشرة الإخبارية**



## FEEDBACK REQUESTED: EHA'S ANNUAL PLAN, MTW SUPPLEMENT

EHA's proposed **PHA Annual Plan and MTW (Moving to Work) Supplement**, effective July 1, 2023, is available for public review and comment. Click [here](#) to view the draft Plan and Supplement. To learn more about some of our MTW waivers, view a recording of our MTW Waivers meeting from February 7 [on YouTube](#).

EHA's proposed **Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan (CFP Plan)** is also available for public review and comment. Click [here](#) to view the draft CFP Plan.

Written comments on all documents may be submitted during the public comment period by mail (Everett Housing Authority, PO Box 1547, Everett, WA 98206, Attn: Chris Neblett), or via email to [chrisn@evha.org](mailto:chrisn@evha.org) or to [mtw@evha.org](mailto:mtw@evha.org).

The Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on the plan documents on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 12:00 PM.

More information on how to participate in the public hearing will be posted on [EHA's website](#) on March 13, 2023.

You can learn more about EHA's participation in the MTW demonstration [here](#).



## VAWA: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

Under VAWA, applicants and tenants of certain HUD rental assistance programs may not be denied housing, evicted, or have their housing assistance terminated because they have experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Additionally, survivors must be able to access certain remedies, such as the ability to request an emergency transfer for safety reasons related to the violence. These protections apply to **all victims** of domestic violence, regardless of gender.

If a housing provider or survivor is unclear on VAWA's protections, they can visit the [newly launched webpage](#), which serves as a clearinghouse for HUD's VAWA resources. The site features FAQs on VAWA housing protections, VAWA trainings, related forms and legal authorities, as well as referrals to direct services for survivors.



## A NEW TAX CREDIT FOR WASHINGTON WORKERS STARTS IN 2023

The Working Families Tax Credit is a new program that will provide payments up to \$1,200 to low-to-moderate income working individuals and families. The amounts are based on income level and the number of qualifying children (if any).

The purpose of the Working Families Tax Credit is to stimulate the local economy, promote racial equity, and support the financial stability and well-being of Washington residents and their families.

The Department of Revenue (DOR) is already promoting the new program, especially to communities that experience barriers to accessing critical information and services due to language, disability status, poverty, homelessness, and other factors.

To find more information and multilingual promotional materials, and to help spread the word among your networks, check DOR's website: [WorkingFamiliesCredit.wa.gov](https://WorkingFamiliesCredit.wa.gov)

## TAX RESOURCES: VITA AND TCE PROGRAMS THROUGH THE IRS

The IRS's **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** and **Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE)** programs offer free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals.

The VITA program has operated for over 50 years. VITA sites offer free tax help to people who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns, including:

- People who generally make \$60,000 or less
- Persons with disabilities; and
- Limited English-speaking taxpayers

In addition to VITA, the TCE program offers free tax help, particularly or those who are 60 years of age and older, specializing in questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors.

While the IRS manages the VITA and TCE programs, the VITA/TCE sites are operated by IRS partners and staffed by volunteers who want to make a difference in their communities. The IRS-certified volunteers who provide tax counseling are often retired individuals associated with non-profit organizations that receive grants from the IRS.

VITA/TCE services are not only free, they are also a reliable and trusted source for preparing tax returns. All VITA/TCE volunteers who prepare returns must take and pass tax law training that meets or exceeds IRS standards. This training includes maintaining the privacy and confidentiality of all taxpayer information. Find a VITA or TCE site near you: [click here](#)

Please check out the "[What to Bring](#)" checklist and [this informational PDF](#) of services provided.



## TAX RESOURCES THROUGH THE LIBRARY

Both the Everett Public Library and Sno-Isle Libraries offer free tax forms and AARP tax aide appointments. Learn more and receive tax assistance by clicking on library:

[Everett Public Library](#)

[Sno-Isle Libraries](#)

## GREAT INSPECT-ATIONS: WHAT TO EXPECT AT YOUR HOME INSPECTION

Inspectors must follow the Housing Quality Standards (HQS) set by HUD. There are three different varieties of inspections:

- **Initial Inspections** occur when a voucher holder indicates to their PHA that they desire to lease a specific housing unit. The unit must pass the initial inspection before the execution of the assisted lease and housing assistance payments (HAP) contract and the initiation of payments.
- **Biannual inspections** occur once every two years on housing units that are currently under lease by an HCV participant family. Biannual inspections ensure that HCV housing units continue to meet HQS throughout the tenancy of the HCV participant family.
- **Special inspections** may be complaint inspections or quality control inspections. Complaint inspections occur when a tenant, owner, or member of the public complains about the condition of an HCV housing unit. **Quality control inspections** examine a sample of housing units within a given PHA's jurisdiction each year to verify the work of the inspectors and occur throughout the year.

### ***Inspections with EHA:***

Inspections at EHA resident households are completed by our contract inspector, AHC, and EHA staff.

**Contact your EHA Inspector:**  
**Adam Middleton**

**Email** - AdamM@evha.org

**Phone** - 425-258-9222

*Press 3 for HCV, then 6 for Inspections, and 2 for initial and special inspections*

### ***Inspections with AHC:***

**Phone** - 510-372-1777

*Press 4 for the Inspections Department*

General things inspectors will look at include:

- **Walls and ceilings** – no large cracks or holes, no paint peeling or chipping, no sagging
- **Floors** – no curling, loose edges or floorboards, or holes
- **Windows** – can open and close, not broken or cracked, no missing panes, must have locks
- **Smoke Detectors** – All smoke detectors must be in working condition and located outside of each sleeping area and on each floor of the unit. Make sure you have extra batteries on hand to replace dead batteries in the detector!
- **Carbon Monoxide Detectors** – Every unit must be equipped with a functioning, properly installed carbon monoxide detector to Washington State building code standards. Again, make sure you have batteries on hand for if/when batteries need to be replaced in the detector!



## RESOURCE: WASHINGTON STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY - PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM

Eligibility: Anyone, but particularly for those who do not have prescription drug coverage

Cost: No cost to enroll and get a discount card – Prescription drug costs vary. Savings are in the 20%-60% range

The discount can't be combined with other insurance, including Medicaid or Medicare. It can be used for prescription drugs not covered by your insurance plan, or by Medicare beneficiaries who do not have Part D coverage.

- Discounts are given at the sales counter.
- You may need to enroll in the specific pharmacy's loyalty program to get the best discount.
- Look up prescription drug prices here.

Learn more on [their website here!](#)



## EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL: LANDLORDS & TENANTS SURVEY FOR AP RESEARCH STUDY

An AP Research student at Everett High School is conducting a survey and has asked us to share in our resident newsletter. About the survey: *The purpose of this survey is to discover more about landlords and tenants in Snohomish County in order to provide better mediating opportunities and learn about the issues that make landlords and tenants clash. Even if you have never experienced an issue with your landlord or tenant, please continue to take this survey, as your data will still be useful. All data collected will be anonymous, and your landlord or tenant(s) will not see the results or know that you have responded to this survey.*

Take the anonymous survey by [clicking here](#).



**WE'RE  
HIRING**

## WORK AT EHA!

We're hiring at EHA. We have job openings in Housing Management, Housing Choice Voucher, Resident Services, Maintenance, Finance and Customer Service. Check out our new Careers page and learn more about each position on Careers page: [evha.org/careers](https://evha.org/careers)



## FCC AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) was created by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) to help connect families and households struggling to afford internet service. HUD-assisted families **automatically** qualify for ACP and the subsidy is **not considered income for the purpose of determining program eligibility or household rent**.

The benefit provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for internet service
- Up to \$75/month discount for household on qualifying Tribal lands
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider



### **HOW TO ENROLL:**

1. Go to [AffordableConnectivity.gov](https://AffordableConnectivity.gov) to submit an application or print a mail-in application
2. Contact your preferred participating provider to select an eligible plan and have the discount applied to your bill. Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete.

Eligible household must **both** apply for the program **and** contact a participating provider to select a service plan.

**LEARN MORE:**



**877-384-2575**



**[fcc.gov/acp](https://fcc.gov/acp)**

# MARCH

Events around  
Everett this  
month!

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## **GRANDfamilies at Imagine Children's Museum**

**March 5 | 9-11AM | 1502 Wall St., Everett | FREE, Registration required**

This FREE program is for families in which children are raised full-time by grandparents or other extended family members. Learn more and [register here](#).

## **Dream Big at Imagine Children's Museum**

**March 12 | 9-11AM | 1502 Wall St., Everett | FREE, Registration required**

FREE dedicated Museum playtime and workshop for children and families affected by a close family member who is currently or recently incarcerated. For questions contact [Reservations@ImagineCM.org](mailto:Reservations@ImagineCM.org).

Learn more and [register here](#).

## **Sensory Time at Imagine Children's Museum**

**March 19 | 9-11AM | 1502 Wall St., Everett | FREE, Registration Required**

Exclusive Museum time for children on the autism spectrum and their families. Play at Imagine Children's Museum during a quieter, less crowded time. Enjoy a safe and understanding environment. Social stories, sound-reducing earmuffs, sunglasses and sensory balls are available. For questions contact [Reservations@ImagineCM.org](mailto:Reservations@ImagineCM.org).

Learn more and [register here](#).



## **Everett Virtual Job Fair**

**March 27 | 11AM-2PM | Online | FREE, Registration Required**

This event is FREE for all job seekers! Connect with 40+ local employers in just 3-hours. Interview and get hired on the spot.

Learn more and [register here](#).

## **Multiple Storytime Events - Sno-Isle Libraries**

**March 1-31 | Edmonds, Lake Stevens, Lynnwood, Mill Creek, Mountlake Terrace, Snohomish**

From family and preschool storytime to Play & Learns and Little Science Lab, the library has something for all ages! [Click here](#) to view the March events at the following Sno-Isle branches: Edmonds, Lake Stevens, Lynnwood, Mill Creek, Mountlake Terrace, and Snohomish.