# November 2021 Housing Choice Voucher Newsletter



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### **Important Dates**

Our office will be closed the following dates:

- 11/2: Election Day
- 11/11: Veteran's

  Day
- November 24: Pre-Thanksgiving (Our office will close at 12 Noon)
- November 25-26:
   Thanksgiving Holiday



#### RENT RELIEF IS AVAILABLE!

Virginia is administering relief for renters experiencing a negative financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic through the Virginia Rent Relief Program (RRP). Through this state program, you can apply (or your landlord may apply on your behalf) to receive funds to pay delinquent rent arrear payments back to April 1, 2020 and up to three months of payments into the future to maintain housing stability. The total payments may not exceed a total of 15 months of rental assistance per household.

## **ASSISTANCE APPLYING**

You can apply for rent relief if you haven't missed a payment yet.

All renters are encouraged to apply. There are some eligibility requirements and the application is online.

Feel free to call the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia RRP Support line at

(757)648-1299 for assistance applying or their website https://www.laseva.org/ for more information.

# FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY

The FSS Program with Ms. Tammy McClinton

Family Self-Sufficiency is a program which offers housing assistance as part of a coordinated linkage to other programs and services to include child care, transportation, personal and ca-

reer counseling, adult basic or college education, job training and job placement assistance.



The goal of the FSS Program is to assist highly motivated persons to become economically self-sufficient (i.e., self-supporting by obtaining employment and/or education without receiving city, state and federal assistance). Any SRHA Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) client and/or Public Housing residents. The FSS Program Staff will help you access your needs and direct you to those resources that will enable you to move

forward in becoming self-sufficient.



To find out more on how to become successful and establish an escrow account please reach out to Ms.

Tammy McClinton at 757-925-6550 or tmcclinton@suffolkrha.org to find out more about the program and



# PHADA Scholarship Program

**HCV** Families are encouraged to apply

The Public Housing Authorities Directors Association is accepting applications for three scholarships: Stephen J. Bollinger Memorial, Freedom & Civil Rights and Nan McKay Pathway to Achievement Scholarship. PHADA has implemented a scholarship program for graduating seniors who are preparing to enter college. Therefore, if you are a student whose parent is on our Housing Choice

Voucher Program this is a great opportunity for you. Also, if you have been an outstanding scholar and your objective is to pursue a higher education, please go to their website at: https://www.phada.org, to download the application and required documents for completion.

Stephen J. Bollinger Memorial Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$7,000)

Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$5,000) Additional Essay Required

Nan McKay Pathway to Achievement Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$5,000)

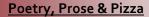


The deadline for returning the application back to Suffolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority at 530 East Pinner Street, Suffolk, Virginia 23434 is December 21, 2021. Please submit the application and all required documents to the attention of Tammy McClinton. This will give the Executive Director, Ms. Tracey Snipe's time to review your application, complete the certification, and provide the non-refundable \$25.00 application fee on behalf of the student. Also, this will allow SRHA plenty of time to meet the deadline for submission of the application on January 28, 2022.

Keep in mind that all documents must be typewritten in English and you must follow the requirement and eligibility checklist. Please do not submit the information to us for submission, unless it is typewritten. If you should need additional information or have questions regarding this Scholarship process, please contact Tammy McClinton at 757-925-6550. We look forward in assisting you with this excellent venture.



## **Events around the city for the month of November**





Join the Suffolk Art Gallery, the Suffolk Art League, and host Nathan Richardson for this spoken word event. Poets, writers, musicians, spoken word, and more are welcome. Present your own original works or favorites by others. Not a writer or musician? Come listen to others, enjoy a slice of pizza, and visit the Gallery in a relaxed, open, and comfortable environment. Space restrictions and registration requirements will be determined based on COVID-19 guidelines at the time of the event. Sponsored by the Suffolk Parks and Rec.

#### **Get Creative: Regency Inspired Watercolor Painting**

#### Monday, November 15, 2021

For this Get Creative, we will create a landscape watercolor painting of the Stourhead Estate, which was featured in the 2005 "Pride & Prejudice" movie adaptation. All supplies provided; registration required (online at SuffolkPublicLibrary.com). Free. Ages 18+. Presented by Suffolk Public Library.

#### **Grand Illumination**

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#### Friday, November 19, 2021, 6 PM-8PM

The Suffolk Holiday Season begins with a hometown kickoff. The Grand Illumination Ceremony at Market Park in downtown Suffolk will ring in the holidays for families in our community with the park opening at 6 p.m.

#### 2021 Holiday Food Drive

#### Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 11:00 am to 01:00 pm

The Suffolk Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is making a difference in the Suffolk community. Please consider partnering with them for their upcoming 2021

Holiday Food Drive. That will be at the Salvation Army (Parking Lot) collecting canned food and non-perishable items for those in need of them. Sponsored by The Suffolk Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

#### Teen Take and Make: DIY Board Game [KIT]

#### Tuesday, November 23, 2021 7:30PM-8:00PM

Teens, let's get crafty! November's Take and Make will be creating your own board game! Register now to get a kit with everything you need to get started! Registration required. Teen. Register for this event to receive all the supplies you need to complete a totally free and fun craft just for teens! There will be a different craft featured each month. Presented by Suffolk Public Library.



