

Changing Housing, Changing Minds, Changing Lives

## **December 2021**

Housing Choice Voucher Newsletter

Greetings everyone,

We hope you have a safe and happy holiday. The HCV Division would like to invite all program participants and applicants to register on our website (www.suffolkrha.org) for the online portal. Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions, this is an awesome way to update your information for annual reexamination, interim changes, and upload documents.

We strongly encourage all to register at our website www.suffolkrha.org./pay-online to register for an account. Once, registered you will be able to upload document to your caseworker as well as make changes to your application. Please keep in mind you must first register with a valid email address to be granted access. You will need to remember your user ID and password.

There are so many advantages of being able to update your information online. It is safe and secure; In addition, you can communicate directly with your caseworker and there is a record of any documents you upload. This will eliminate the need to visit the office.

We are streamlining things making the process contactless and safe. This is a reliable method of doing business considering Covid-19 restrictions.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday,

The HCV Division



Important Dates
Our office will be
closed the following
dates:

Christmas Holiday Observed

- 12/23/2021
- 12/24/2021 New Years Holiday Observed
- 12/31/2021





### Rent Relief is still 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.

For more information to get started here is the contact information: 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.



Events for the month of December:

# Creative Corner: Holiday Gift Wrapping

Saturday, December 4, 2021
All Day Event

Suffolk Public Library is offering a gift wrapping and card decorating station at our Morgan Memorial and North Suffolk Libraries to help ease some of the stress off your shoulders and give you a chance to unwind. We'll provide the wrapping paper (for Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza, and general winter decoration), washi tape, tape, bows, and cardstock. Come and drop in and wrap your gifts.

#### **Board Game Night**

# Wednesday, December 8, 2021 5:00 PM-7:30 PM

Come out to the Morgan Memorial library to join them for a game night! We will have a selection of table top games to choose from and we welcome participants to bring their favorite games along, as well. Games will be geared towards adults and new players welcome. Adult. Event.

#### **Suffolk Grand Illumination**

### Friday, December 19, 2021 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

The 2021 Holiday Season officially begins in Suffolk with the Suffolk Grand Illumination Ceremony at Market Park in Downtown Suffolk.

