

Changing Housing, Changing Minds, Changing Lives

#### **May 2022**

### **Housing Choice Voucher Newsletter**

May is an exciting month for our team at SRHA. We have partnered with Suffolk Public Library to provide services to our clients. To streamline the annual and interim reexamination process we have a kiosk available to all soon at the library. The kiosk is located at the library on Main Street in Suffolk.

This will be a one stop self service kiosk. The partnership with the library will afford many program participants flexibility as their hours of operation are longer than SRHA's. There are many other benefits as well. Please see below:

- Complete online annual and interim reexaminations.
- Minimize the handling of paperwork as you will have a direct link to your Eligibility Specialist.
- Reduces the need for face-to-face interaction
- Promotes social distancing.
- Access to services, payments (public housing only), appointments and provides secure contactless document collection.

More information will follow next month on the kiosk and how soon you can begin to use it at the library located at Morgan Memorial Library located at 443 W. Washington Street, Suffolk VA 23434.



SRHA Offices will be closed in Observance of the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, May 30, 2022





## Annual Reexaminations Briefing

There will be a mini workshop to assist you with the annual reexamination process. We hope you can join us.

We will discuss the process as well as show you how to navigate the online portal.

Thursday, May 12, 2022 At 9:30 AM



Zoom ID: 825 2661 1972 Password: Voucher22!

## The Portal on SRHA Website

All program participants and applicants are to if not have already 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 you 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. Please remember your user ID and password. 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.

# FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY

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 career 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.

If you want to know more about FSS there will be an FSS Orientation scheduled on zoom (virtual online). Please see details below:

## Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 11:00 AM



Zoom ID: 853 9510 1319

Password: FSS2022

To find out more on how to become successful and establish an escrow account please reach out to the Resident Service Line at 757-925-6550 or knewsome@suffolkrha.org to find out more about the program and sign up.

#### Events for the month of May :

**May 3, 2022:-** Encore: Flower Fle Coasters (IN-PERSON) Brighten your table for the Sprint season with DIY flower felt coasters. Make and take as many as you want! All supplies included. Registration required. Encore is a series of classes and events intended for older adults, but all adults are welcome. The full schedule of Encore classes and events a below. All events are 2:00 pm with registration required. Site: **North Suffolk Library Adult Room.** 

#### May 5, 2022: LARP at the Library (In Person)

Ready to outrun a T-Rex, defeat a supervillain, or help take over the world? You can Live Action Role Play (LARP) at Suffolk Public Library this summer! Make new friends, solve puzzles, and try not to get caught by the villain! For tweens and teens. Parents are required to attend with participants under 12.

#### \* May 5th Morgan Memorial-Marvel: Help your superhero team solve the mystery of Dr. Strange's multiverse clues while fleeing from Loki!

May 7, 2022: Bike In Movie: ET - Bennett's Creek Park will transform into a Movie Theater with a 30 foot screen. Bring your bike or bikes to the park to enjoy a showing of "ET". A concessions area will be available with food and treats. Pets are welcomed on a leash. This event is free and open the public. Food and vendor items will be available for purchase in the park. Bennett's Creek Park is located at 3000 Bennett's Creek Park Road



#### May 20, 2022: Bike to Work Day

Join the City of Suffolk on Friday for lunch bike ride through downtown Suffolk. The Bike Ride will begin at Wellons Park and be guided by Suffolk Police Department. Afterward, join them for a food truck lunch. The food truck will be parked at City Hall 11:30AM to 1:30 PM.

#### May 25, 2022 : Bob's Burgers Bash (In-Person)

Celebrate the Bob's Burgers Movie with an evening of Bob's Burgers and burger themed games, crafts and goodies. Come dressed as you favorite Belcher or Bob's Burgers character (or even a burger!) For all ages.





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