

January 2023

Housing Choice Voucher Newsletter



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. **The kiosk cutting ribbon ceremony will be January 18th at the Suffolk Public Library (Morgan Memorial) at 11am.**

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.

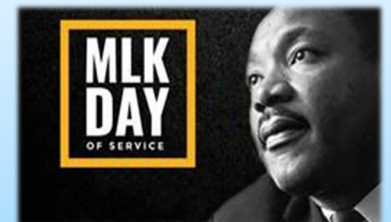


Important Dates

Our office will be **closed** the following dates:

January 2– New Years

**January 16 —Martin
Luther King Jr. Day**



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.

Preparing for the 2023 Tax Season

Prepare for the upcoming 2022 tax season with C.E.B. Financial Accounting & Tax Services

Free Tax Preparation is available for the “2023 Tax Season” Every Tuesday & Thursday
Starting – January 17, 2023 through October 13, 2023

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$56,000 or less. Services will be provided at

C.E.B. Financial Accounting & Tax Services

533 E. PINNER STREET SUFFOLK, VA 23434

They will be taking Scheduled APPOINTMENTS ONLY – Dinah Lewis for more information
- (757) 925-6550

Starting: January 3, 2023

No Walk-Ins All clients will be seen by appointments only!



FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY

The FSS Program with Mrs. Dinah Lewis

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.

To find out more on how to become successful and establish an escrow account please reach out to **Dinah Lewis FSS/RSS Resident Services Specialist (757)-925-6550 or email: dlewis@suffolkrha.org**

S.M.A.R.T. Goals

Zig Ziglar once said “A goal properly set is halfway reached”.

So how do you know if you have properly set goals that are realistic? **‘SMART’** is an acronym that will help you gain clarity on the goals you would like to accomplish and help you know what needs to be done to achieve them.

S: Specific – Determine what you want and be very precise with no room for misinterpretation.

M: Measurable – Identify what success is and make sure it is easy to track. This can be reevaluated when necessary.

A: Achievable – Make sure your goal is reasonable, not outlandish, or unrealistic

R: Relevant – Ensure your goal aligns with your overarching goals

T: Time-bound – Set a deadline and create a schedule so the goal should be finished by a certain time.



Set S.M.A.R.T. goals, write them down and make them visible. This will help you stay motivated while on the road to success!

Events for the month of January:

January 5, 2022: Thursday— Dinner in a SNAP: Healthy Eating on a Budget [IN-PERSON]

Grocery shopping is hard enough—let's try and make cooking a little easier. We will focus on seasonal, budget-friendly ingredients that work hard so that you don't have to. Sample recipes, take home a bag of groceries to use in your next creation, and learn about enrolling in SNAP and WIC benefits and how to use them to their full advantage. **Location: Suffolk Morgan Memorial Library For adults. Drop in anytime between 6:00pm and 7:30pm. No registration required.**

January
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January 10, 2023: Tuesday -Baby Steps to STEM [IN-PERSON] Multisensory experiences in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. **Registration required. For ages Children ages 2-5. Location: Suffolk Morgan Memorial Library Time: 10:30am - 11:30am**



January 17, 2023: Tuesday- Lego Masters Jr. Meetup [IN-PERSON] Love Legos? Learn new skills and practice skills through building challenges, games, and building with friends. All skill levels welcome! **For elementary ages. Location: Suffolk Morgan Memorial Library Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm**

January 21, 2023: Saturday—Suffolk Handicrafts: Meetup [IN-PERSON] Drop in and join Suffolk Handicrafts to show off your handicrafts, share your handicrafts knowledge, and craft together! All handicrafts welcome, from sewing, knitting, quilting, weaving, and more. Meetups occur every third Saturday of the month. **For teens and adults. Location: Suffolk Morgan Memorial Library Time: 10:00am - 11:30am**

January 17, 2023: Thursday— Dinner and a Story: Chinese Food [IN-PERSON] What's better than reading a book? Eating it, of course! Enjoy a food-themed Storytime where you get to have a delicious dinner based on what you read about! **Registration required. For families. Location: Suffolk Morgan Memorial Library Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm**



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