

Tenant Focus

Sacramento Resident Advisory Board
1725 K Street #101 Sacramento, CA 95811

Regarding Federal Sequestration

Statement to Conventional Public Housing Program Participants

The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency has been impacted by automatic federal spending cuts known as sequestration which became effective on March 1, 2013.

In the Conventional Public Housing Program, federal funding will be cut by \$1.2 million this year.

Families living in public housing are not at risk of losing their housing because the Housing Authority owns and maintains these units.

However, the cuts mean that our service delivery level will be impacted.

Our offices will be closed more often and there will be fewer staff working.

We will continue to do our best to serve families on our wait lists and those receiving assistance.

We will give you more information as it becomes available.

Any changes will be posted on our website at www.shra.org so that you can stay informed.

STATEMENT TO HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency has been impacted by automatic federal spending cuts known as sequestration which became effective on March 1, 2013.

The largest funding cut is in the Housing Choice Voucher Program which is estimated to be \$9.1 million this year in Housing Assistance Payments.

Our goal in responding to the cuts is to try to be flexible for any changes that may occur with the sequester and to preserve housing for families as long as funds are available.

We are requesting a waiver from HUD to reduce Housing Assistance Payments (HAPs) to landlords for the tenant's rent subsidy.

If HUD does not approve a waiver by July 1, we may have to consider terminating families that currently have a voucher.

In a worst case scenario, we estimate that 1,700 families would be terminated from the HCV program.

Most likely, the last family(ies) accepted into the program would be the first to be removed or "last in/first out." We have not identified who these families are yet as this is really our option of last resort. We are working with HUD to prevent this

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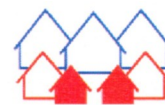
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Notice:



Sacramento Resident
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Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for **April 24, 2013** at 1:30 pm in the VIBE Community Room 1725 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95811



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Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) staff and your SacRAB (Sacramento Resident Advisory Board) were recently honored by Sacramento County for their groundbreaking leadership to put in place a 100% Smoke-free Policy at all SHRA multi-family housing communities in Sacramento City and County. The award for **Health Leadership and Community Vision** was given at a recognition breakfast hosted by the Sacramento County Tobacco Education Coalition, which is an arm of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors' Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB).

Nick Chhotu, on behalf of SHRA and Gale Morgan, on behalf of your SacRAB were recognized for their efforts to create an on-going partnership between SHRA tenants and managers who are working with public health groups such as WIN to make sure that all residents can enjoy their apartments free from drifting secondhand tobacco smoke. They are also working hard to create designated outdoor smoking areas and to provide free quit smoking services to tenants and staff.

According to Theresa Boschert of WIN (Wellness Initiatives Now), "The practical and respectful steps to

smoke-free living that are being taken by SHRA and SacRAB are improving the quality of life for tenants by protecting them from unwanted toxic secondhand tobacco smoke. This work is a model for other public housing communities to follow throughout California. Once again, Boschert said, Sacramento is leading the way and deserves a great big 'Congratulations' for carrying out the wishes of their tenants to have safe, healthy homes, and easy access to free quit smoking support."

For more information contact Theresa Boschert of WIN at (916)739-0322.



From left to right T.Boschert-WIN, Nick Chhotu-SHRA, Gale Morgan-SacRAB, Dian Kiser- Sac. County Tobacco Coalition, Twlia Laster-WIN, and Carolyn Martin - Sacramento County PHAB.

SACRAMENTO HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY HOSTS READING FAIR TO KICK OFF "3 BY 8 IS GREAT!" READING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING

Sacramento, CA | Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency hosted a Reading Fair to officially launch the Sacramento Housing Authority "3 by 8 is Great!" Reading Program on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at the Marina Vista Community Center, 240 Seavey Circle, Sacramento. More than 85 parents and children from the community attended the event.

The Housing Authority's 3 by 8 is Great! Program supports Mayor Kevin Johnson's Sacramento READS! Campaign and the national Campaign for Grade-Level Reading. The GLR Campaign is a collaborative effort by funders, nonprofit partners, states and communities across the nation to ensure that more low-income children succeed. Mayor Johnson says reading proficiency matters and there is an urgent need to make sure children are on track by third grade.

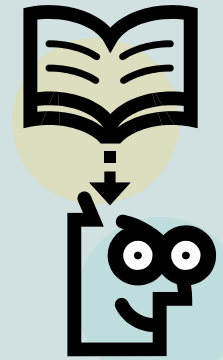
"Third grade is a pivotal point in a student's academic career; it's when they transition from learning to read to reading to learn," Johnson said. "All reports indicate that students reading below grade level at the end of third grade often fail to catch up and are more likely to drop out of high school, end up incarcerated, and have higher rates of unemployment later in life."

SHRA's reading program will initially serve children that live in the Marina Vista public housing community. More than half of the 326 children in grades K-3 attend the Leataata Floyd Elementary School across the street. The reading program will focus on parent involvement to address school readiness, school attendance and summer learning loss which are identified as the three key levers to grade-level reading.

"We have a unique relationship with the parents because our Housing Authority staff work with them everyday," said SHRA Executive Director La Shelle Dozier. "So we're in an excellent position to engage them, find out what they need from us to help their child do better at reading, and work with the school to help children accomplish grade level reading by the end of third grade which is typically 8 years old."

According to statistics compiled by the Sacramento READS! Campaign, only 37% of third grade students in the City of Sacramento are reading at grade level, compared to 44% in the state. Studies show that 74% of students who are behind at the end of third grade never catch up.

The Reading Fair offered information for parents about reading and tutoring programs, reading resources and educational tools that are available to them. Every child was able to choose several books to take home and read. Over 500 books were donated by SHRA employees, Scholastic, The Bookworm and Sacramento READS! The Sacramento Public Library, River City Roadrunners, and Scholastic Book Club participated in the event which also included reading assessments, free books, activities for children, and refreshments.



SRAB Leaders Begin Teaching *Eating Smart Being Active! Class*



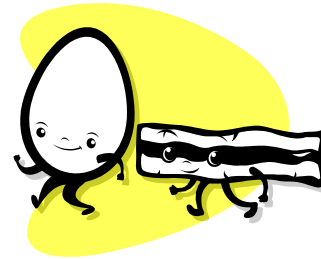
The Sacramento Nutrition, Family & Consumer Sciences (NFCS) Program links research-based education with life experiences to help individuals with limited resources improve their lives, their families, and their communities. The NFCS Programs develop and implement community-based educational outreach that addresses critical needs of the county's diverse

multicultural communities.

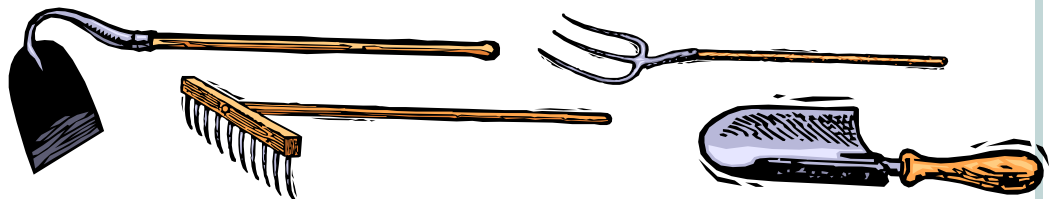
Eating Smart * Being Active a 6 series nutrition series, in collaboration with UC Davis and facilitated by trained residents. Barbara Stanton and Debby Surret will conduct trainings on Fridays, March 8-22 from 1-2:30pm at The Mills' Community Room and March 22 thru

April 5th at The Vibe from 1-2:30 pm.

If your community is interested and you can get a group together they will be happy to conduct the classes for your group too!



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ROSS Program News

ROSS is collaborating with Feeding Crane Farms in order to develop an Urban Farm Stand at Marina Vista where residents will be able to buy reduced priced produce monthly with EBT or WIC.

This program is scheduled to start

May 6th on Monday from 4-6 pm and continue the first Monday of each month, through the farmer's market season. A grant of \$2000 through Fund Inc. was awarded to the ROSS program and will be used to support the Urban

Farm Stand event, supplying scholarship money for families to try the farms CSA boxes of seasonal produce, Community Supported Agriculture, for cooking demonstrations, and necessary supplies for the farm stand.

Introducing FREE federal Lifeline Assistance for California residents.

Assurance Wireless, a federal Lifeline Assistance program, now offers eligible households great calling plans.

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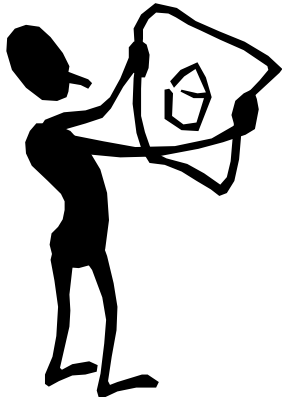
option.

If you are a voucher holder, the best thing you can do right now is to remain where you are and continue to follow the program rules.

If you are an owner with tenants receiving HCV and are concerned about a reduction in HAP, the best thing you can do is to continue to maintain your property and communicate with SHRA.

Additionally, the cost of administering this program has been cut by \$2.6 million. This means that the office will be closed more often and there will be fewer staff working. We will continue to do our best to serve families on our wait lists and those receiving assistance.

We will give you more information as it becomes available. Any changes will be posted on our website at www.shra.org so that you can stay informed.



PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE FOR SHRA AND SACRAB TO DEVELOP CAPITAL FUND PLAN

Each year HUD requires SHRA to complete a Capital Needs Assessment for all rental units in their Conventional Housing program. SHRA is starting to prepare to file the fifth year revision to their 2009 five year. Regulations require the input of the tenants to be considered in the development of the plan. The Sacramento Resident Advisory Board

(RAB) is your representative and advocate to SHRA.

The RAB will be conducting 19 public meetings with SHRA to gather tenant input. The RAB will then compile the data and formally submit written documentation to SHRA for inclusion into their five year plan.

Your voice is important in this process. All tenants are welcome and

encouraged to attend any of these very important meetings. You may alternately mail your comments, using the form on page seven, directly to the RAB at Sacramento Resident Advisory Board, 1725 K St. #101 Sacramento, CA 95811.

If you prefer, you may send your comments by email to plan@sacrab.com

Please include your location.

ARDEN, BELL, EVELYN, BELL	TUE, MARCH 26, 2PM – 3:30PM	3241 ALTA ARDEN, 95825
BIG TREES RESIDENT COMMITTEE	WED, MARCH 27, 2PM – 3:30PM	2516 H STREET, 95816
ALDER GROVE COMMUNITY	THU, MAR. 28, 10:30AM – 11:30AM	816 REVERE ST., 95818
PARADISE MANOR & PT. LAGOON	THU, MARCH 28, 1:30PM – 3PM	4930 EL PARAISO, 95824
MARINA VISTA	FRI, MAR. 29, 10:30AM – 11:30AM	240 SEAVEY CR., 95818
SUN RIVER	TUE, APRIL 2, 11AM – NOON	6250 MAIPOSA AVE, 95610
EDGE WATER	TUE, APRIL 2, 3PM – 4:30PM	626 I ST (600 I STREET, 95814)
SHERMAN OAKS, LINCOLN PLAZA & RIO LN	MON, APRIL 8, 3:30PM – 5:00PM	3543 1ST AVE., 95817
PINE KNOLL	TUE, APRIL 9, 2:00PM – 3:30PM	917 38TH ST., 95816
MEADOW GATE/MANDY - CORAL GABLES	WED, APRIL 10, 10:30AM – NOON	SAM PANNELL COMMUNITY CENTER 2450 MEADOW VIEW ROAD 95823
WILLIAM LAND VILLA & 24TH	WED, APRIL 10, 2:00PM – 3:30PM	1043 43RD AVE., 95822
RIO LINDA PROPERTIES	THU, APRIL 11, 10AM – 11:30AM	6045 DRY CREEK RD, 95673
GRAN CASA LINDA	THU, APRIL 11, 1:30PM – 3:00PM	3725 CYPRESS ST., 95838
GOLD RIDGE	FRI, APRIL 12, 11:00AM – NOON	10730 COLOMA RD, 95673
COLONIAL HEIGHTS	MON, APRIL 15, 10:30AM – NOON	1 CLAUSS CT., 95820
COMSTOCK	MON, APRIL 15, 1:30PM – 3:00PM	1725 K STREET, 95811
CAPITOL TERRACE	TUE, APRIL 16, 10:10AM – 11:45AM	1820 CAPITOL AVENUE, 95811
GIBSON OAKS	TUE, APRIL 16, 2:00PM – 3:30PM	480 REDWOOD AVE., 95815
TWIN RIVERS COMMUNITY	THU, APRIL 18, 10:30AM – NOON	321 ELIZA ST., 95814

2014 CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM 5 YEAR PLAN

Resident Survey

Name: _____ t code: _____

Community Name: _____ Complex: _____

Your Home Address: _____ Sacramento, CA zip: _____

Category	Description of Requested Work (print legibly)
Grounds/Site Examples: (Parking Lots, Sidewalks, Playgrounds, Fencing	
Common Areas Examples: (Hallways, Community Rooms, Laundry Rooms)	
Building Exteriors Examples: (Roofs, Windows, Siding, Entry Doors)	
Building Interiors (Units)	
Security Related Examples: (Site Lighting, Fencing, Gates)	
Other	



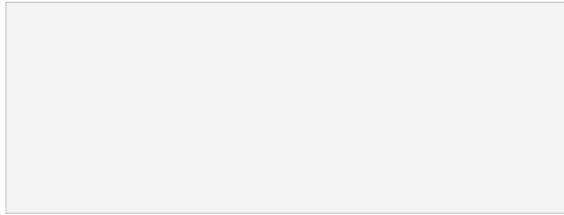
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Grocery Bus

The Wal*Mart bus will begin picking up at 8:45am at the Gibson Oaks stop. After 75 minutes, the bus will return shoppers to their homes.

Then at 1:00 the bus will begin picking up for the Winco trip at 6th & I.

These trips are scheduled:

- April 3, 2013
- May 4, 2013 Saturday
- June 5, 2013

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