



# Housing Insider

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*“Communication leads to community.”*

## Meet our Housing Advocate

My name is Jennifer Boone, and I am the Housing Advocate. I have been with the Housing Authority for many years now in different departments, and I am excited to work with the community in this new role. I am very happy to be working in the field with clients, landlords and various community agencies. I love working with people and, believe it or not, doing paperwork! I enjoy helping people navigate through our system and succeed. Our requirements can be overwhelming at times, but I have guided many people (through our processes) who have looked at me after and said, “That wasn’t so bad!”



Please feel free to reach out to me; I am here to help.  
(707) 443-4583 x217 office, (707) 599-0729 cell.

### General Information

Eureka Housing Authority office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:30, closed every other Friday. (**Note:** Lobby is closed due to COVID-19 until further notice; staff is still reachable by phone during business hours.) Please call our main line during business hours at (707) 443-4583 if you need assistance. Address: 735 West Everding Street, Eureka, CA 95503  
We have a payment drop box by our front door for easy submission of any amounts payable.

### Just around the corner....

#### April

- 2 – Good Friday
- 4 – Easter
- 15 – Tax Day
- 22 – Earth Day

#### May

- 5 – Cinco de Mayo
- 9 – Mother’s Day
- 28 – Sunscreen Day
- 31 – Memorial Day

#### June

- 4 – National Donut Day
- 14 – Flag Day
- 19 – Juneteenth
- 20 – Father’s Day

**EHA Mission Statement:** *The mission of the Housing Authority of the City of Eureka is to assist low-income families with safe, decent, and affordable housing opportunities as they strive to achieve self-sufficiency and improve the quality of their lives. The Housing Authority is committed to operating in an efficient, ethical, and professional manner, and treating all clients with dignity and respect. The Housing Authority will create and maintain partnerships with its clients and appropriate community agencies in order to accomplish this mission.*

# VITA Free Tax Return Preparation Provided by 211 Humboldt

## DID YOUR HOUSEHOLD EARN \$66,000 OR LESS IN 2020?

(VITA) THE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OFFERS:

- ✓ **FREE Tax Preparation by IRS Certified Preparers**
- ✓ Tax credit assistance with Earned Income Tax Credits, Child/Dependent Care Credits and Education Credits
- ✓ Consumer friendly banking options, savings incentives, health insurance and other resources and referrals

The Governor has said that you should file taxes this year even if you don't need to or if you have never filed, in order to get the \$600 Golden State Stimulus check. Also, Social Security recommends that you should file a return this year in order to ensure you receive any Federal Stimulus checks. Just dial 211 or (707) 441-1001 to get prescreened and scheduled for an appointment. 211 Humboldt is are doing tax preparation three days a week at the Faith Center church in Eureka (1032 Bay Street, off Myrtle Avenue).

## ¿GANÓ \$66,000 O MENOS EN SU HOGAR EN 2020?

(VITA) EL PROGRAMA "VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE" OFRECE:

- ✓ **Preparación gratuita de impuestos por parte de preparadores certificados por el IRS**
- ✓ Asistencia de crédito fiscal con créditos tributarios de ingresos, créditos de cuidado infantil/dependiente y créditos educativos
- ✓ Opciones bancarias amigables con el consumidor, incentivos al ahorro, seguro médico y otros recursos

El Gobernador ha dicho que debe presentar impuestos este año, incluso si no es necesario o si nunca ha presentado, con el fin de obtener el cheque de estímulo de Golden State de \$600. Además, el Seguro Social recomienda que usted debe presentar una declaración este año con el fin de asegurarse de que usted recibe cualquier cheque federal de estímulo. Simplemente marque 211 o (707) 441-1001 para obtener una preselección y programada para una cita. 211 Humboldt está haciendo preparación de impuestos tres días a la semana en la iglesia Faith Center en Eureka (1032 Bay Street, cerca Myrtle Avenue).

## Q&A

### Q - Who oversees the City of Eureka Housing Authority?

A - Besides our internal management team and executive director, the City of Eureka Housing Authority has a governing Board of Commissioners with seven members who are appointed by the mayor. The board is made up of five community members – one member from each city ward – and two tenants. These individuals volunteer their time to serve on the board and to guide staff in ensuring they continue to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing to low-income families.

***Are you interested in participating in the governance of the City of Eureka Housing Authority? We are always interested in hearing from tenants who would enjoy serving on our board, which meets about six times annually, or on our Resident Advisory Board, which meets at least once per year. Please contact Heather Briggs to inquire about these opportunities at [heatherb@eurekahumboldtha.org](mailto:heatherb@eurekahumboldtha.org) or (707) 443-4583 x219.***



## Who to Contact

Call our main line at (707) 443-4583, then:

- Natalie** for work orders.....x218
- Neil** for paperwork and certification questions.....x214
- Stephanie** for charges, account balance questions, and payments.....x221
- Ty** for questions, complaints, or concerns about the neighborhood.....x211
- Front desk** for all other questions regarding Housing Authority services.....x210
- Emergency Maintenance phone**.....444-1424

***In an emergency, please call 911 or the Eureka Police Department at (707) 441-4060***