



Housing Insider

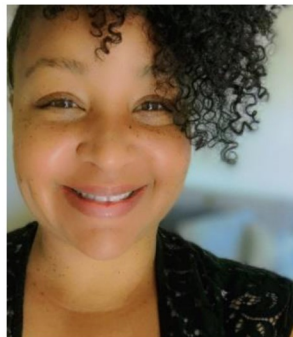
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"Communication leads to community."

Meet our Community Liaison

Liaison: *noun* 1. communication or cooperation which facilitates a close working relationship between people or organizations 2. A **person** who acts to arrange and assist interaction between parties

My name is Tykeshia Leschke, otherwise known as "Ty". I started as the Community Liaison with the Housing Authority in October 2020. I'm excited about making this position one where I can utilize my experience in case management skills to support our residents in maintaining their housing, including finding and utilizing resources that may be of support to them. Hopefully during the process, tenants will feel supported by



the Housing Authority and by their community. It's my responsibility to enforce our leases, but I do so by discussing the problems and seeking solutions with the tenants. My overall goal is to encourage self-sufficiency and promote positive outcomes by keeping people housed.

Reach Ty at 707.443.4583 x211

City of Eureka COVID-19 Relief May be Available for Utilities

A limited amount of grants up to \$500 for each qualifying family are available to households of all sizes for those within the city of Eureka who income qualify and had an income loss caused by COVID-19.

For more information, Call the City of Eureka at 441-4209 or email

utilityassistance@ci.eureka.ca.gov.

General Information

Eureka Housing Authority office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:30, closed every other Friday. Please call our main line during business hours at (707) 443-4583 if you need assistance.

Our lobby is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10 am – 3 pm, starting July 1st at 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....

July

- 4 – Independence Day
- 10 – Teddy Bear Picnic Day
- 18 – Ice Cream Day
- 24 – Full moon

August

- 3 – Watermelon Day
- 9 – Book Lovers Day
- 16 – Tell a Joke Day
- 31 – Eat Outside Day

September

- 6 – Labor Day
- 9 – California Admission Day
- 12 – Grandparents Day
- 18 – National Clean-Up 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.*

Did You Know: Housing Unauthorized Boarders is FRAUD!

The Housing Authority has always had a policy requiring that we approve all members of a household before lease-up or move-in, including any persons who are added to a household after initial lease signing. Unfortunately, tenants often allow others to stay with them as guests longer than what is allowed for in your lease. Sometimes, this can result in the household facing eviction for noncompliance of the lease agreement.

The Public Housing standard lease states that the “Tenant may seek prior written approval from the PHA to house a guest in the unit for a period in excess of three days and/or nights (but in no event greater than 14 days and/or nights) provided that the Tenant submits a written request to the PHA for such approval, the written request provides the name of the proposed guest and the duration of the expected stay, and the PHA approves the request. Any person whose stay in the unit exceeds the permitted length of stay for guests shall be considered an unauthorized occupant, whose past or continuing presence in the unit constitutes a material violation of the Lease by the Tenant.”

This means that if a friend or family member who doesn’t normally reside in your unit stays longer than three consecutive days or 14 cumulative days in your unit with PHA approval, they are putting your tenancy at risk for termination. Typically, a tenant will be given a notice to correct. This means the head of household and other adults have a certain amount of time (between three to thirty days) to remedy the lease infraction and show that they are complying with the lease. However, if a household does not comply within the period of time specified after receiving a notice to correct (to remove the unauthorized person), or if the household repeatedly is noticed for having unauthorized lodgers, this may be good cause for termination of assistance.

While we work to house people and keep them housed, we will pursue corrective actions, followed by legal actions as necessary, for tenants who are not in compliance with our lease and HUD regulations.

Q&A

Q – Why can’t we have a kid pool or trampoline in our yard?

A – California landlords have a general duty to keep their properties in a reasonably safe condition. This includes keeping things like pools, trampolines, or other potential dangers off the property. Additionally, placing large items like these in yards creates complications for doing yardwork. Please keep your yards (front and back, if you have both) clear of large items, trash, or other potential hazards.

Q – Can I let a friend use my address for mailing?

A – You should not allow a friend or family member who isn’t part of your household use your address for mailing purposes. If it is discovered that your address is being used by someone not on the lease, that may be considered proof of their residency there, and they would need to be added (including their income) to your household. For example, if a friend has bills, paystubs, or their driver’s license or car registration linked to your address, they may be regarded as being part of your household. Changing household composition (and income) may alter your monthly rent.

Volunteer opportunity: Are you a senior tenant (62 years of age or older) residing in a Public Housing unit, and are interested in serving on our Board of Commissioners? Please contact Heather at heatherh@eurekaumboldtha.org or 443.4583 x219 to obtain an application for tenant commissioner.



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