



Housing Insider

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"Communication leads to community."

City of Eureka Housing Authority Repositioning Plan Approved

Our Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting on June 21st at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. During this meeting, the board approved the Repositioning Plan we've been working on for several months. This plan lays out a path for converting from Public Housing operating subsidy to the Section 8 operating subsidy. This will be done over several years, and many of our units will remain more or less the same as they are today, but with reinvestment to perform interior and exterior upgrades when and where needed or desired.

A large focus throughout the process of developing our plan was keeping our tenants protected during any changes. To that end, our board established a few policy directives to guide future decisions. In a nutshell, those policy directives are as follows:

1. Continue to serve low and very-low-income populations.
2. Protect existing residents (those still eligible for assistance will have a right to return to new or rehabilitated units and the housing authority will assist with relocation expenses where necessary).
3. The Housing Authority will maintain ownership and/or control of our properties.
4. Outreach and community input is necessary; it will be conducted early and often. *Please email repositioning@eurekahumboldtha.org to get on our email list for updates.*

If you'd like to view the Repositioning Plan, please request it via the email address noted above or find it on our website at: <https://eurekahumboldtha.org/RepositioningPlan2022.06.21>.

General Information

Lobby and Dumpster Hours: Open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10 am – 3 pm at 735 West Everding Street, Eureka, CA 95503.

Business hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:00-5:30; Fridays alternating weeks with closed days and business hours until 4:30. Please call our main line during business hours at (707) 443-4583 if you need assistance.

We have a payment drop box by our front door for easy submission of any amounts payable.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program Update

California's ERAP program has processed over 417,900 applications for rent relief assistance and paid out over \$3.7 billion state-wide. Applications submitted before March 31, 2022 are still being processed. However, please be aware that any rent relief granted will not cover charges from April 1st or later. If you are anticipating rent relief, please be aware that you are still expected to pay rent and will incur a late fee if rents are not paid timely.

For questions regarding any balance due, call Stephanie at 707.443.4583 x221.

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.*

Simple Suggestions for a Super Summer

Summer began Tuesday, June 21st. School is out for summer and the scents of backyard barbeques have begun to fill the air. With everyone spending more time outside, here are a few suggestions to keep in mind so we can all get the most enjoyment out of the long daylight hours and peaceful summer nights.

1. Porches and yard areas need to be kept tidy and free of debris. Lawns are still growing rapidly as we continue to get rain; please keep green areas clear of toys, bikes, etc. so they can be mowed easily.
2. Please clean up after your pets. The last thing anyone wants is to have to navigate a mine-field of pet waste or, worse yet, clean their bare foot after stepping in something that shouldn't be there. Be sure to clean up and dispose of pet waste in the garbage can.
3. Rodent populations have increased around town over the past couple years. Attracting rodents is easy but getting rid of them is extremely hard! For that reason, please be sure that garbage in and outside your unit is properly placed in garbage cans with lids. Do not leave food or food debris laying around inside or outside your unit. Keep your yard clear of debris that provides any harborage for rodents.
4. Garbage and recycling bins need to be brought back on property, off the street, after they are emptied on pick-up day. Keeping them handy by your unit will make it easier to clear debris!
5. If you have large items or excess garbage that will not fit in your trash bin, a dumpster is provided on site at the Housing Authority office, and is accessible Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10am to 3pm. For help outside these hours, but during office hours (8:00-5:30), call Ryan at 707.443.4583 x226.
6. We encourage you to donate unwanted items to local charities, but please do not leave "free" items at the curb for people to pick up. You may be charged for cleanup of these types of items.

Q&A

Q – Somebody is parking where I normally park. What can I do?

A – The Housing Authority does not have assigned parking at any of our sites. Parking is first come, first served. Please be respectful of those living in your immediate vicinity and that households may have visitors from time to time. However, visitors may not stay in our units longer than 3 days at a time. If you are aware of a situation where a tenant has unauthorized guests staying in their unit, please contact Community Liaison Ty to report the lease infraction and request follow-up.

Additionally, any unregistered or broken-down (nonoperational) vehicles cannot be left for extended periods of time around Housing Authority properties or in our parking lots. Such vehicles will be tagged and towed as appropriate.

Q – If I submitted a notice of change, do I have to provide backup?

A – For any type of change you report to the Housing Authority, you need to provide documentation (paperwork) that supports that change. If that change is a new job, please provide paystubs once they are available, or request that we confirm your hours and rate of pay with your new employer. If a household member has moved out, please provide evidence of a new address. Any change requires documentation that supports that the event occurred.

Volunteer opportunity: Are you a Public Housing tenant who is interested in serving on our Board of Commissioners? Please contact Heather at heatherh@eurekaumboldtha.org or 443.4583 x219 with any questions and to obtain an application for tenant commissioner.



Who to Contact

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

Sam for work orders.....x218

Neil for paperwork, certification, rent /income calculation questions.....x214

Stephanie for charges, account balance questions, and payments.....x221

Ty for questions, complaints, or concerns about the neighborhood.....x211

Nancy 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