

Los Olivos News

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For the Residents of Los Olivos

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Xeriscape/Landscape Project

The Housing Authority has spent a great deal of time and money on the new landscaping at Los Olivos, and while we are happy to say that it is almost finished, we need your help.

One of our biggest problems has been replacing dead or damaged plants because someone steps on them, or walks, runs, or rides their bike through the planters. As the Housing Authority cannot continue to pay for dead or damaged plants caused by residents or their guests, it has become necessary to begin charging for the cost of replacement. Fencing has also been installed in some areas that have been damaged the most.

You may be assessed a fee of \$20.00 per plant that is destroyed and/or damaged around your unit, or for each plant that you or your guest damages around the complex.



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT UHA

Date	Event
April 1, 2010	Rent Due (rent is late after 3:30 PM April 5)
April 12, 2010	UHA Board Meeting 5:30 PM at City Hall
April 21, 2010	Neighborhood Watch TBA
May 1, 2010	Rent Due (rent is late after 3:30 PM May 5)
May 10, 2010	UHA Board Meeting 5:30 PM at City Hall
May 31, 2010	Memorial Day Holiday -Office Closed
June 1, 2010	Rent Due (rent is late after 2:30 PM June 5)
June 8, 2010	Summer Bash Planning Time and Place TBA
June 16, 2010	Resident Meeting 5:00 PM Auditorium

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Important Phone Numbers

Upland Police Department:

(909) 946-7624

Upland Fire Department:

(909) 931-4180

Upland City Hall:

(909) 931-4100

Upland Library:

(909) 931-4200

Graffiti Hotline:

(909) 931-4127

Burrtec Waste Disposal:

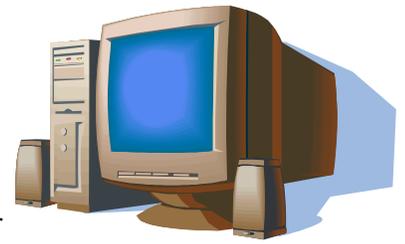
(909) 949-0500

We-Tip Hotline:

(800) 78-CRIME

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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UHA HAS A NEW TOOL FOR TRACKING DEBTS OWED AND TERMINATIONS BY PARTICIPANTS TO PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES



The information below was prepared by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for applicants and participants of the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs. Text in *italics* has been added by UHA.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development maintains a national repository of debts owed to [Public Housing Authorities] PHAs and adverse termination of former participants of the above-listed HUD rental assistance programs. This information is maintained within HUD's Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) system, which is used by Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) to verify employment and income information of program participants, as well as to reduce administrative and rental assistance payment errors. The EIV system is designed to assist PHAs and HUD in ensuring that families are eligible to participate in HUD rental assistance program and determining the correct amount of rental assistance a family is eligible for. All PHAs are required to use this system.

HUD requires PHAs, which administer the above-listed rental housing programs, to report certain information at the conclusion of your participation in a HUD rental assistance program. This notice provides you with information on what information the PHA is required to provide HUD, who will have access to this information, how this information is used and your rights. PHAs are required to provide this notice to all applicants and program participants.

What information about you and your tenancy does HUD collect from the PHA?

The following information is collected about each member of your household (family composition): 1) Full Name; and 2) Date of Birth; and 3) Social Security Number.

The following information is collected once your participation in the housing program has ended or you move out of an assisted unit: 1) Amount of any balance you owe the PHA (up to \$500,000); and 2) Whether or not you have entered into a repayment agreement for the amount that you owe the PHA; and 3) Whether or not you have filed for bankruptcy; and 4) The negative reason for your end of participation in the housing program (for example: abandoned unit, fraud, criminal activity, failure to comply with lease, etc.)

Who will have access to the information collected?

This information will be available to HUD employees, PHA employees, and contractors of HUD and PHAs.

How will this information be used?

PHAs will have access to this information during the time of application for rental assistance. PHAs will be able to access this information to determine a family's suitability for rental assistance, and avoid providing limited Federal housing assistance to families who have previously been unable to comply with HUD program requirements. If the reported information is accurate, your future request for HUD rental assistance may be denied for a period of up to ten years from the date you moved out of an assisted unit or were terminated from a housing program.

What are my rights?

In accordance with the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 USC 552a) and HUD regulations pertaining to its implementation of the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 (24 CFR Part 16), you have the following rights: 1) To have access to your records maintained by HUD. 2) To have an administrative review of HUD's initial denial of your request to have access to your records maintained by HUD. 3) To have incorrect information in your record corrected upon written request. 4) To file an appeal request of an initial adverse determination on correction or amendment of record request within 30 calendar days after the issuance of the written denial. 5) To have your record disclosed to a third party upon receipt of your written and signed request.

What do I do if I dispute the debt or termination information reported about me?

If you are denied assistance due to information obtained from the database, the PHA that obtained the information will provide you with a copy of the report. The report will include the name of the PHA that reported the debt owed and/or termination information. If you dispute the information, you should contact the PHA in writing. Inform the PHA why you dispute the information and provide any documentation that supports your dispute. Your filing of bankruptcy will not result in the removal of debt owed or termination information from HUD's EIV system. However, if you have included this debt in your bankruptcy filing and/or this debt has been discharged by the bankruptcy court, your record will be updated to include the bankruptcy indicator. The PHA will notify you of its action regarding your dispute. If the PHA determines that the disputed information is incorrect, the PHA will update or delete the record. If the PHA determines that the disputed information is correct, the PHA will provide a written explanation as to why the information is correct.

Important Information:

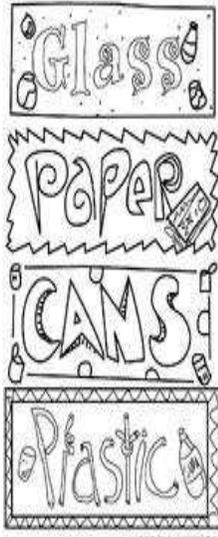
- Upon your request, the PHA must give you the information that pertains to you and maintained in HUD's EIV system.
- All PHAs that administer the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) programs have access to debts owed and termination information of all former program participants.
- If you tell the PHA that your record contains inaccurate information, the PHA must promptly investigate the matter and inform you in writing the outcome of their investigation.
- The PHA must correct or, as the case may be, delete inaccurate debt owed or termination information contained in the EIV system.
- Debt owed and/or termination information will be maintained in EIV for a period of ten (10) years from the end of participation date.

What is Earth Day?

Earth Day is a Birthday!! Just like a birthday is a special day to celebrate a person, Earth Day is a special day that celebrates the Earth. Earth Day was born on April 22, 1970, in San Francisco, California. Every year, America and over 100 different countries join together in the celebration of Earth Day on April 22nd. Earth Day is the largest, most celebrated environmental event worldwide. On Earth Day, we remember to appreciate nature and learn ways to protect our environment. Find ways that you can help keep the planet clean and help protect our environment!



Re-use, Recycle, and Buy Recycled!



We all know about putting plastic bottles and aluminum cans in the recycling bin, to go eventually to the recycling center (and from there get shredded up or melted down to be used again). But there are other ways to recycle too. Packing peanuts can be used over and over again, or even turned into something new - like part of an art collage. Donating things we're not using anymore (clothes, toys, furniture and etc.) to those who will use them is also a kind of recycling. Or taking something that's worn out and fixing it up so we can still use it. Recycling and re-using means we will need less raw resources (like timber, petroleum, metals, etc.) and will need to use less energy to harvest and process them. It also helps other people and can even save us a lot of money. Plus it cuts down on the amount of stuff piling up in landfills.



Daylight Saving Time Saves Energy

One of the biggest reasons we change our clocks to Daylight Saving Time (DST) is that it reportedly saves electricity. Newer studies are being done to see if that long-held reason is true.

In general, energy use and the demand for electricity for lighting our homes is directly connected to when we go to bed and when we get up. Bedtime for most of us is late evening through the year. When we go to bed, we turn off the lights and TV.

In the average home, 25 percent of all the electricity we use is for lighting and small appliances, such as TVs, VCRs and stereos. A good percentage of energy consumed by lighting and appliances occurs in the evening when families are home. By moving the clock ahead one hour, we can cut the amount of electricity we consume each day.

Studies done in the 1970s by the U.S. Department of Transportation show that we trim the entire country's electricity usage by about one percent EACH DAY with Daylight Saving Time.

Daylight Saving Time "makes" the sun "set" one hour later and therefore reduces the period between sunset and bedtime by one hour. This means that less electricity would be used for lighting and appliances late in the day. We may use a bit more electricity in the morning because it is darker when we rise, but that is usually offset by the energy savings in the evening.

We also use less electricity because we are home fewer hours during the "longer" days of spring and summer. Most people plan outdoor activities in the extra daylight hours. When we are not at home, we don't turn on the appliances and lights. A poll done by the U.S. Department of Transportation indicated that Americans liked Daylight Saving Time because "there is more light in the evenings / can do more in the evenings."



Resident Initiatives Services News



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Please join us in welcoming Brittany Frizell



Brittany Frizell, a 3-year resident of Los Olivos, is the new Resident Services Assistant at the Homework Reading Club. Brittany is currently a junior at Upland High School. She is an outstanding student and is very involved in the dance program at Upland. She enjoys many sports and everything about art. Brittany is very energized about what contributions she can make to the Homework Reading Club and being able to be a part of an organization that helps people. She hopes that the residents are excited for her to be their new assistant.

Spring 2010 Schedule of Services

Class/Program	Times
Homework/Reading Club: Homework assistance and computer use available to youth and adult residents.	5:30 pm-7:30 pm Monday-Thursday
Computer Software: MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, 3 #D Architecture, internet services, games for youth.	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Monday-Thursday
Drug Elimination & Education Program: Drug elimination/prevention education program, materials and services, ongoing and formal discussions organized one time per month.	Monthly to be announced
Outdoor Physical Activities: Tetherball, soccer, flag football, and basketball, depending on weather and participation votes.	5:30 pm-7:30 pm Monday- Thursday
Cinema Club: Second and fourth Thursday of the month. Disney movies, pre-teen movies, and sport movies.	Every other Thursday
Jingo & Bingo: Bingo, Jingo and other games available in activity room.	5:30 pm-7:30 pm Thursday
Fun Zone: Scavenger hunts, talent show, and holiday activities.	To be announced