

JUNE RESIDENT UPDATE



Resident art in our new building

Homes for Good Updates:

Homes for Good **stands in solidarity with the Black community** within our County, State and across America. Diversity, equity and inclusion are core values of Homes for Good and addressing systematic racism, white supremacy and other forms of discrimination of underrepresented groups is a fundamental function in our efforts to fulfill our mission and serve our community. We encourage all residents to engage and communicate with each other respectfully, and to speak out if you experience or witness someone being mistreated. We will not tolerate hate or discrimination in our housing communities and we are drafting a policy to elevate the importance of this. Let us stand as one community against hate!

We hope that everyone has officially updated our address to our **new location at 100 W. 13th Ave.** Our offices continue to be closed to the public at this point in Phase II, but paperwork and rent should be dropped or mailed to this new location moving forward. We are excited to welcome you to the space soon!

Homes for Good is working to make **laundry free** at all shared laundry sites for a period of 60 days starting within the next month. Notice will be sent to sites impacted by this change with details. We understand how challenging these times are for folks and we hope this provides some temporary relief.

We recently received notice from Food for Lane County that our **Extra Helpings program will be starting again soon.** Keep your eyes out for updates for your site. Resident Services is still working to make sure residents have access to needed resources including food, hygiene supplies, masks, and more. If you need help connecting to community resources, feel free to call Resident Services at (541) 682-2580.

We want to remind residents that Stay at Home orders do not require anyone to stay in a violent or unhealthy situation, and that police officers can still visit any facility to respond to 911 calls. Homes for Good can still process requests for **protections under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).** If you experiencing domestic violence, seek safety and call 911. You can also access help by calling National DV Hotline 1-800-799-7233 or WomenSpace at (541) 485-6513.

The Eviction Moratorium implemented by the CARES act comes to an end July 27th, meaning residents will need to make sure they have a plan to pay off any past due amounts. See attached flyer for more information. Homes for Good is providing a six month period to pay off outstanding balances that are in an approved payment arrangement. To **set up a payment plan**, contact Amber at (541) 682-2534.

Lane County approved for Phase II opening effective June 5, 2020. This allows additional businesses to open or extend their hours as well as allow for the reopening of county and city parks, including playgrounds. Gatherings of up to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors are now allowed, however social distancing and wearing of face coverings is still strongly encouraged, if not required in some cases.

Homes for Good Team

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RESOURCES FOR YOU



FOOD FOR LANE COUNTY

DRIVE-UP FOOD DISTRIBUTION

All distributions run from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Free food for low-income households.

Please stay in your vehicle.

People arriving on foot will be served.

Keep 6' of space between others at all times.

FOOD for Lane County is an equal opportunity provider.

updated June 9, 2020.



EUGENE
Tuesdays - **LAST DAY IS JUNE 16**
The Campbell Center
155 High Street

COTTAGE GROVE
Wednesdays - **LAST DAY IS JUNE 17**
Bohemia Elementary School
721 South R St., Cottage Grove

SPRINGFIELD
Thursdays - **LAST DAY IS JUNE 11**
Willamalane Bob Keefer Sports Complex
250 S. 32nd St., Springfield

OAKRIDGE
Fridays - **STILL ACTIVE**
Oakridge High School
47997 W. 1st St., Oakridge

If you
need assistance
accessing resources,
please contact
Resident Services
at **(541) 682-2580**



**Lane County Non-Emergency
COVID-19 Call Center**

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday - Saturday

CALL US: 541-682-1380
Se habla Español

**ENERGY ASSISTANCE
FUNDS AVAILABLE**

www.lanecounty.org/LIHEAPCares

Phase 2 Update: What's open?

Park visitors are still required to maintain **6 feet of physical distance.**



Parks, Paths and Trails



Skateparks



**Tennis and Pickleball
Courts**

Singles play only, doubles with
members of household.



Day-use Shelters



Dog Parks



Restrooms

Most reopened on Monday, June 8 but
others will remain closed until soap
dispensers arrive.



Basketball Courts

Limit contact among players as
much as possible. Disinfect shared
equipment regularly.



Playgrounds

Reopening on June 12. Equipment will
not be sanitized by Parks staff.



Eugene Parks & Open Space

The additional funding for Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) can be accessed through Lane County LIHEAP CARES website or by calling 2-1-1 or one of the following agencies: Catholic Community Services, Community Sharing, Lane County Energy, Siuslaw Outreach Services. If you are 60 or older, you can contact Campbell Community Center, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, or Senior Connections in Junction City, Cottage Grove, Veneta or Florence.

**FONDOS PARA LA
ASISTENCIA DE
ENERGÍA DISPONIBLES**

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Addressing Tenant Concerns Regarding Rent and the Temporary Suspension of Evictions for Nonpayment of Rent

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) developed this flyer to provide Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), Public Housing, and Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation (Mod Rehab) participants with important information and resources about paying rent during the national emergency concerning the coronavirus pandemic.

What is the suspension of evictions about?

Evictions for nonpayment of rent, and charges/fees for nonpayment of rent, have been temporarily suspended. This applies to all HUD-assisted participants from March 27, 2020 to July 24, 2020¹. Although your Public Housing Authority's (PHA) Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policies (ACOP) and/or Administrative Plan may not be updated, please be aware that the suspension of evictions for nonpayment of rent is in place.

Having trouble making rent?

- Voucher and public housing participants: If you lost your job or had a significant loss of income, **request an interim reexamination** with the housing authority as soon as possible. Your rent can be adjusted to reflect the change in income or you may be eligible for a financial hardship exemption. Your housing authority may also know about other local resources.
- Voucher participants only: **Contact your landlord right away**. Reach out early to discuss potential payment plans or accommodations. Due to loss in income and the resulting interim reexamination, your rent adjustment may be retroactive. Confirm with the PHA and your landlord whether you will receive a credit for the previous month.

What else should you know?

- **Rent is still due** during this time period and will accumulate if unpaid.
- Your landlord and the PHA cannot initiate a new eviction action for nonpayment of rent and you should not receive a notice to vacate for nonpayment of rent from March 27, 2020 – July 24, 2020.
- Your landlord and the PHA cannot charge any late fees, or accrue charges/fees, and your assistance cannot be terminated for past due rent in April, May, June and July 2020.
- If you are behind on rent after the suspension of evictions expire: **Voucher participants** need to negotiate directly with your landlord to determine requirements to repay unpaid rent. Otherwise, your landlord could file an eviction. **Public housing participants** need to work with the PHA to pay unpaid rent in a lump sum or set up a repayment agreement. Otherwise, your assistance could be terminated and/or the PHA could file an eviction.
- Evictions for nonpayment of rent filed with the court before March 27, 2020 can proceed if there is no conflict with state or local laws.
- The PHA or your landlord can still terminate assistance and evict for drug abuse, criminal activity, lease violations, fraud, repeated minor violations, other good cause, etc.
- HUD does not intervene or participate in eviction proceedings. If you feel you are being wrongfully evicted, contact your local legal aid organization or social service agencies. If you are a Voucher participant, you may also contact your local PHA.



¹ Enacted in Section 4024 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 2020 "CARES Act" (Public Law 116-136).