



LA CROSSE HOUSING AUTHORITY

CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN

"WE NEED A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS"



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January-March 2021

For Emergency Maintenance – Call 780-5727

LOCKED OUT? If you are locked out of your home, please be aware that staff is required to confirm you are the resident of the unit prior to unlocking the door. A photo I.D. is the best means of proof. Please understand this is for everyone's safety.



No one will be working at the Housing Authority office, Thursday, December 31st, 2020 or Friday, January 1st, 2021.

Re-Evaluation Process for Mullen Homes & Schuh Homes

The Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) requires that we review your income and household composition every year to determine if you are still eligible to receive assistance paying your rent.

Due to COVID-19, the procedures for completing your annual reexamination will be conducted differently. Recertification packets will be delivered to your door. Resident Services will knock, on your door. If no one is home the packet will be left between your doors.

****Mullen Homes will be delivered the first week in January and all information must be returned by Friday, January 22nd.**

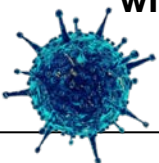
****Schuh Homes will be delivered the first week of February (with rent certificate) and all information must be returned by Friday, February 19th.**

Complete, sign and attach all information needed and place in our mail slot by the front door of the office. You are now required to provide verification of your income(s)/ asset(s)/ expense(s). ****If you fail to do this, this is notification that your rent will increase to \$673.00 (1BD); \$874.00 (2BD); \$1,216.00 (3BD); \$1,513.00 (4BD); \$1,740.00 (5BD) per month.** Please provide verification which will enable us to calculate your correct level of assistance! **FLAT RENT:** If you have chosen the Flat Rent Method, you are still required to complete the recertification process. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Peters at (608) 782-2264, ext.232. If you are 62 years of age or older or a person with disabilities and require special assistance to complete your annual reexamination, please contact the housing specialist and arrangements will be made to accommodate your needs. Please be advised that if you fail to recertify, your housing may be terminated.

Due to COVID-19, the office will not open until it is safe. The Housing Authority will continue to follow the lead from the La Crosse County Government.

ANNUAL HOUSING INSPECTIONS WILL RESUME IN 2021.

Watch for further updates when they become available.



Pet License

To license online, go to www.PetData.com, enter your zip code and click "online" under License Now, you can register multiple pets at the same time, and easily upload required documents. All major credit cards are accepted, and a small convenience fee will apply per transaction.

To license by mail, simply mail a copy of your pet's current rabies certificate and any other applicable documentation, along with your check payable to "City of La Crosse Treasurer" to "City of La Crosse Animal Licensing, C/O PetData, PO Box 141929, Irving, TX 75014".

You can also use the drive-up red drop box in front of city hall (400 La Crosse Street) to drop a copy of the Rabies Certificate and payment to: City of La Crosse Treasurer



Cat/Dog (Spayed/Neutered): \$12.00
Cat/Dog (Not-Spayed/Not-Neutered): \$23.00



The Treasurer's office accepts cash & check. If you have any questions, please call 608-789-7528.



New Horizons
Shelter and Outreach Centers

Are you feeling isolated and controlled by a loved one?

Do you feel like no one will understand?
Help is available - Free and Confidential

(608)-791-2600

Any time, any day. Someone is here to listen.

WAFER Mobile Pantry

Huber Homes every **2nd Wednesday** of the month from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Wednesday, January 13th
Wednesday, February 10th
Wednesday, March 10th

Schuh/Mullen every **4th Thursday** of the month from 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Thursday, January 28th
Thursday, February 25th
Thursday, March 25th

The Mobile Food Pantry will be parked on Wall Street by the playground (Margaret Annett Head Start).

Things you will need:

Photo ID with **every** visit

Mail verification (Mail within the last 30 days i.e. cable bill, bank statement, lease, utility bill, etc.) once a year or when you change place of residence.

You will need to wait in line, and **please remember social distancing**. No one will be entering the WAFER Mobile at this time. You will be receiving food packages. These packages will include a box of dry goods and a bag of dairy, produce, bread and meats. Delivery will be from the lift on the back end of the Mobile Pantry. **PLEASE** be patient, kind and respectful to others while waiting your turn. If you have any questions, please contact WAFER at 782-6003 or email Sanya Frescura at wafermobile@waferlacrosse.org



Food Fair

The food fair is usually held the last **Saturday** of the month @ **403 Causeway Blvd.** from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Please note FLAT RENT changes for 2021

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| 0 Bedroom | \$577 |
| 1 Bedroom | \$673 |
| 2 Bedroom | \$874 |
| 3 Bedroom | \$1,216 |
| 4 Bedroom | \$1,513 |
| 5 Bedroom | \$1,740 |

Snow Removal

Just a reminder to shovel your walk from your doorway to the sidewalks, & also your driveways. Please remove your cars if you live in the Mullen Homes, so we may plow the parking lots.



Fraud: EIV Income Verification

The department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has determined that there is a significant amount of fraudulent income reporting in subsidized housing and Section 8 Programs. It has therefore created a new electronic way for agencies to uncover fraud—the “Enterprise Income Verification” (EIV) system. All programs require that tenants report their income on the Affidavit of Income, and all adult family members 18 years of age and older must sign the release forms. These release forms give the La Crosse Housing Authority the right to verify the income that you report. Now the new computer matching program called EIV has the capability to verify what you report through Federal Agency information sharing. We urge you to make sure that the income you report is accurate. **WARNING:** If you are not truthful when you report income, you will get caught, and you will be evicted.

Homestead Credit
Rent Certificates

Rent Certificates will be completed the first week in February. Grover Estates, Huber Homes & Mullen Homes will receive theirs through the mail. Schuh Homes will receive theirs in the recertification packets.

Housing Protection for Victims of Domestic Violence:

What you should know.....

On average, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men will experience some form of violence committed by an intimate or domestic partner in their lifetime. One reason many victims do not disclose their experiences is because they worry that doing so will jeopardize their housing. There are protections in place for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, provided through Wisconsin state laws and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). As a victim, you cannot be evicted because of incidents of abuse, or due to the abuser’s criminal activity directly related to the abuse. The owners of your property, or the Housing Authority, have the ability to evict an abusive household member to allow you and your family to remain in your housing. If you are experiencing violence in your home, please know that you are not alone. Contact the Housing Authority to invoke your VAWA or state protections, or call New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Centers’ Advocates for assistance, information and supportive services. You can reach an Advocate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 608-791-2600 or 1-888-231-0066, and all of the services provided are free and confidential.





**Daylight Savings
Time Begins
Sunday, March 14th
(Turn clocks forward)**

Refuse & Recycling Collection Dates:

Schuh

Monday, January 4th & 18th
Monday, February 1st & 15th
Monday, March 1st, 15th & 29th

Huber Homes

Friday, January 8th & 22nd
Friday, February 5th & 19th
Friday, March 5th & 19th

Grover Estates

Monday, January 11th & 25th
Monday, February 8th & 22nd
Monday, March 8th & 22nd

Mullen

Please dispose of your recycling & refuse properly in the dumpster areas. (Look for visual aids on each dumpster) **Recycling dumpster areas:**



1300 St. James St., 802 Winneshiek Rd., 854 Winneshiek Rd.

LA CROSSE MTU (Municipal Transit Utility)

Ride Free

FACE MASKS are REQUIRED.

We will continue to ask passengers, that are physically able, to board through the rear door of the bus. MTU Passengers will not need a bus pass or fare at this time. Please contact the MTU office at 608-789-7350 with any questions.

Reminders if you're taking public transit

1. Practice social distancing
2. Wash your hands
3. Use hand sanitizer
4. Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow
5. Avoid high touch areas



We apologize for any inconvenience these changes may cause and appreciate everyone's patience during this difficult time. Please know this information is subject to change as we learn more information and receive updates from Federal and State governments.



Tuesday, February 2nd – Groundhog's Day

Sunday, February 14th – Valentine's Day

Monday, February 15th – President's Day

Wednesday, March 17th – St. Patrick's Day

Saturday, March 20th – Spring Begins



UTILITY ALLOWANCES for 2020/2021

SCHUH/MULLEN AND HUBER HOMES

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| 1 Bedroom | \$94 |
| 2 Bedroom | \$100 |
| 3 Bedroom | \$132 |
| 4 Bedroom | \$151 |
| 5 Bedroom | \$170 |

GROVER ESTATES

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| 2 Bedroom | \$133 |
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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

The programs have a different look: limited capacity and children must be signed up to attend club; safety precautions related to COVID are being completed daily; children aged K-12 should see your BGC coordinator (or contact via phone). If you have questions, or are interested in signing up, please visit bgclax.org. As of right now, the clubs will be closed all non-school days. Check your local club for updates.

The **Schuh-Mullen Boys & Girls Club** is open 3:30pm - 5:30pm M - F. If you have any questions, please call Brent Bearwald @ 782-3923.

Huber Homes Community Center is open 3:00pm- 5:00pm M-F. If you have any questions contact Delane Swanson @ 784-6065. Jenni Moris is still working remotely, but can be reached @ (608) 386-4420 or email jmoris@lacrossecounty.org.