



Neighbor to Neighbor



LA CROSSE HOUSING AUTHORITY
CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN
"WE NEED A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS"

COVID-19 Update:

Recommended Actions

Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines. Get tested if you have symptoms. Wear a mask if you have symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19. You should stay home & isolate until you get results and are instructed what to do. Wear a mask on public transportation. You may choose to wear a mask as an additional precaution to protect yourself and others. If you are at high risk for severe illness, **consider wearing a mask indoors in public.**

Due to the current COVID-19 transmission in our community, upcoming spring events, and indoor gatherings, community members are reminded to use properly-fitting, high-quality masks when visiting the elderly and those at a high risk for severe illness. High-quality masks are **NOT** cloth masks, but include N95 (best), KN95, or surgical type masks. A well-fitting mask that consistently covers the nose, mouth, and chin is most important.

It is encouraged to wear a well-fitting mask when interacting indoors with vulnerable persons who are from outside your household. Car, bus, or shuttle trips, singing inside with others, and indoor visits are examples of when masking precautions are advised with these individuals.

Vaccines are available at: the La Crosse County Health Department (call 608-785-9872), many local pharmacies (call first), or through your healthcare provider.

COVID-19 testing is available at: area Walgreens stores, Mayo Clinic Health System (call 608-392-7390), Gundersen Health System (call 608-775-4465) or Scenic Bluffs Health Center (call 608-654-5100).

MAKE SURE TO CALL FIRST.

The above update is from the La Crosse County Health Department.

July – September 2022

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Monday – Friday 8:00a.m. - Noon & 12:30p.m. - 4:00p.m. (Sat. & Sun. Closed)



The Housing Authority Office will be closed Monday, July 4 & Monday, September 5, 2022 in honor of Independence Day & Labor Day.

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.

Summer Inspections

Mullen Homes: July 12th - 14th

Grover Estates: September 6th - 8th

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

The gutter replacement is beginning at Grover Estates the first week in July. More information will be posted for Mullen Homes & Huber Homes in the upcoming weeks.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Visit bgclax.org to check your local club for updates.

Registration is open online on www.bgclax.org. Members grades K-12 are eligible to attend if registered.

The Boys & Girls Clubs will be CLOSED Monday, July 4th & Monday, September 5th.

The Schuh-Mullen Boys & Girls Club is open 12:00pm - 4:00pm Monday – Friday for the summer. If you have any questions, please call Jenna Anfang @ 608-782-3923 or email jenna.anfang@bgclax.org

Huber Homes Community Center is open 12:00pm - 4:00pm Monday – Friday for the summer. If you have any questions, contact the Club during hours of operation @ 608-406-5668. Best of luck with your new adventures, Jenni!



Huber-Hintgen Collaborative Project

The sign was painted by Sarah Johnson, from The Joy Labs. She and Jenni facilitated a co-design session with the BGC kids who helped inspire and create the design for the sign.

The YMCA is providing FREE HOT LUNCH through August 12th and will be coming around in their van. They will be in the **Huber Homes Community Center** driveway from **11:00am - 12:00pm** and in front of the **Schuh/Mullen Club** from **11:00am – 12:00pm** Monday through Friday. Any kids in the community (Kids Ages 0 -18) can get meals during this time.



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.

Community Garden: The Hunger Task Force has invited residents to receive free vegetables from their garden on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:00pm - 5:00pm and Saturdays from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Residents are welcome to help harvest vegetables. You will be one of the first in line to receive some vegetables for assisting. Those residents who are not able to help assist with harvesting may come pick up vegetables that have been harvested on Mondays and Thursdays at 5:00pm and Saturdays at 12:00pm.

The garden is located on the corner of Kane and St. Cloud on the north side of La Crosse next to Goose Green Park. If you have any questions about the garden, feel free to call the **Hunger Task Force Office** at **793-1002** or **Cell Phone** at **386-3319**.

If you are willing and able, they could use help harvesting. The Hunger Task Force has opened an ADA Accessible UNITY Garden area at the Kane Street Community Garden. This is a 28x64 foot space that will be bordered by a cement walkway to give those in wheelchairs or other mobility devices access to 6 raised beds for gardening.



Local Farmers Market Locations

Wednesday – La Crosse – Bridgeview Plaza:(2500 Rose Street):

8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Thursday – La Crosse – Hmong Cultural Community Center (1815 Ward Ave):

8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Friday – La Crosse – Cameron Park (400 King Street between 4th & 5th Street):

4:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Saturday - La Crosse – Cameron Park (400 King Street between 4th & 5th Street):

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

LA CROSSE MTU (Municipal Transit Utility)

MASKS are **OPTIONAL** for all on public transportation.

Normal schedule and boarding through the front door of the bus.



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.



Swimming Pools

Any pool deeper than 18 inches or any pool that remains filled when not in use is hereby prohibited. The safety and well-being of our residents is a high priority at the La Crosse Housing Authority. It is our hope that all of our residents work towards that goal.



Outside Faucets

Please don't leave water faucets running. These faucets left unattended or overused can cause damage to the lawns and even building foundation. They also cause a mess and even to the point it may be dangerous. Please explain to your children that if this happens, the faucet will be disconnected.

WAFER Mobile Pantry Vehicle



Huber Homes every **2nd Wednesday** of the month from 3:00 – 4:00pm.

Wednesday, July 13th

Wednesday, August 10th

Wednesday, September 14th

Schuh/Mullen every **4th Thursday** of the month from 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Thursday, July 28th

Thursday, August 25th

Thursday, September 22nd

The Mobile Food Pantry will be parked on Wall Street.

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 Tony Meyers at 608-782-6003 wafermobile@waferlacrosse.org. Feel free to check their website for the most current information and building updates. Projected opening of the new location is Spring 2023.

Food Fair:

The Food Pantry will be open the last Saturday of the month @ 403 Causeway Blvd. from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Refuse & Recycling Collection Dates:

Schuh

Tuesday, July 5th & Monday 18th

Monday, August 1st, 15th & 29th

Monday, September 12th & 26th



Huber Homes

Friday, July 9th & 23rd

Friday, August 6th & 20th

Friday, September 3rd & 17th

Grover Estates

Monday, July 11th & 25th

Monday, August 8th & 22nd

Tuesday, September 6th & Monday, Sept. 19th

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.

Kindergarten Students for 2022-2023 School Year!

Do you have a child who will be 5 years of age by September 1st and is not currently enrolled in school? If you need to enroll a child for school next year, please look at the district website www.lacrosseschools.org, go to Hogan Administration Center, 807 East Ave S, Registrar Office, or call North Woods International School office at 608-789-6401 for information regarding the 2022-2023 enrollment. Also, preschool registration for the School District of La Crosse has begun! Enroll your preschooler now to secure a spot for the 2022-2023 school year.

Community Service

If you receive a letter from the Housing Authority regarding Community Service and have not contacted Kim Crocker to discuss your status, you need to call immediately. Performing Community Service IS your responsibility and if NOT performed, is considered a lease violation. Call the office at 782-2264, ext. 233, for Kim Crocker.



Hard to believe we are already talking about Back2School! Our 2021-2022 school year is not even over, but we are already planning for the Summer Students and the 2022-2023 area school year. Even with COVID the last couple of years, we have continued to grow and improve our services to families needing assistance with Back 2 School supplies.

APPLY TODAY!

All needing help are welcome to participate in the Back2School Program. Begin by filling out an online application - visit us at www.cclse.org. If you need assistance with filling out the application, please call Catholic Charities at 608-782-0710, M – TH, between 9 am and 4 pm. The front desk volunteers will be available to assist you.

There will be 4 Back2School Events where community families can pick up supplies. After you have filled out an application, you will be emailed to confirm your pick-up time.

Back2School Pick Up Locations, Dates, & Times
Erickson – North Side BGC (*Year-round students only) - July 7 - 5 – 7:30 pm
La Crosse Center - August 9 - 1 – 6 pm
La Crosse Center - August 10 - 7 am – 1 pm
Mathy BGC - August 18 - 5 – 7:30 pm

*Please note – the event held on July 7th at the Erickson – Boys and Girls Club will only be for students who attend school year-round. It will also be capped at serving 200 students. If you are not eligible for this event or are not one of the first 200 students to sign up, please join us for one of the two remaining event days.

Fall begins Thursday, September 22nd