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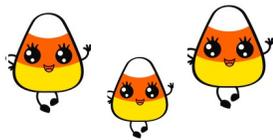
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HOLIDAYS OBSERVED DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October 31
Halloween



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How do I Register to Vote?

Voter Information

Who can register to vote?



Where can I get a registration form?

Registration Deadlines?



To be eligible to register to vote in Virginia a person must:

- Be a resident of Virginia (A person who has come to Virginia for temporary purposes and intends to return to another state is not considered a resident for voting purposes);
- Be a U. S. Citizen;
- Be 18 years old (Any person who is 17 years old and will be eighteen years of age at the next election shall be permitted to register in advance and also vote in any intervening primary or special election;
- Does not claim the right to vote in any other State;
- Not currently declared mentally incompetent by a court of law;
- If convicted of a felony, your right to vote must have been restored.

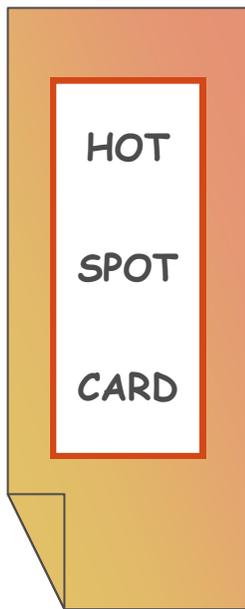
Persons eligible to register can obtain a registration application at any of the following locations:

- Local voter registration office: **Newport News City Hall-2400 Washington Avenue 6th Floor-Newport News, Virginia 23607.** Telephone number: **757.926.8683**
- Online: **www.nngov.com/voter-registrar.**
- State or local government offices when applying or recertifying for Aid to Dependent Children, Food Stamps, WIC, Medicaid, or Rehabilitation Services;
- Government offices in the State that provide State-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to person with disabilities;
- Armed forces recruitment offices;
- Public Libraries: **Pearl Bailey-2510 Wickham Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607**
Grissom-366 DeShazor Drive, Newport News, VA 23608
West Avenue-2907 West Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607
Main Street-110 Main Street, Newport News, VA 23601
- State Board of Elections office;
- Department of Motor Vehicles offices;
- Voter Registration Drives.

Registration Deadline: **October 11, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. (in person)**
If registering online, must be submitted by **11:59 p.m.**



From the Executive Director...



You can resolve to make your neighborhood a safer place. A Hot Spot Card with a pre-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed in each newsletter this month. If you know about any past criminal, any potential violence or any activity you suspect is illegal anywhere in our City, please use this card. It is completely anonymous. It can be dropped off at your rental office or mailed.

If you would like to talk to someone about any concerns you have, you can call NNRHA Safety and Security Officer at (757) 928-2660.

Family Investment Center

FREE TRAINING PROGRAMS

The Family Investment Center offers free training in the following courses:

- CNA;
- Self-Paced Typing;
- Employability Skills Workshops;
- Resume and Interviewing Prep;
- Job Lead Assistance;
- Homeownership.

The Family Investment Center

Monday thru Friday

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
757.928.3680

PROGRAMA LIBRE DE INSTRUCCION

Centro de Trabajo Para la Familia ofrece los Cursos que sigue:

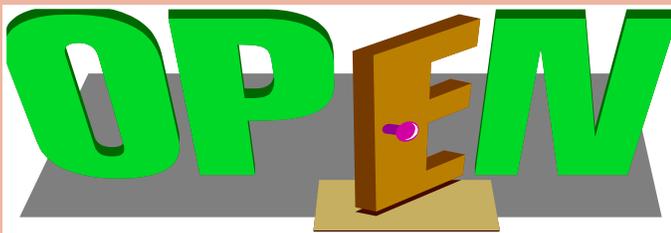
- Mecanografía;
- Habilidades de obrero;
- Ayuda con su resumen y su entrevista;
- Como se encuentra trabajo;
- Como encontrar y poseer una casa.

Centro de Trabajo
Para La Familia

Lunes—Viernes

8 de la mañana-
4:30 de la tarde

757.928.3680 ingles
757.928.6146 espanol



The waiting list for housing assistance at the Warwick SRO is open for single room occupancy only.

Please call (757) 928-6060, Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to schedule an appointment.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Marshall | 928-6181 |
| Ashe Manor | 928-6187 |
| Aqueduct | 833-5700 |
| Pincroft | 269-4300 |
| Orcutt Townhomes | 928-6187 |
| Community Resources | 928-6063 |
| Family Investment Center | 928-3680 |



**NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY
SECTION 504 REQUEST FOR A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION**



PUBLIC HOUSING

**RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR
MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

Tenant's Name: _____

Complex Name: _____

Address/Apt. #: _____ Zip _____

Telephone #: _____

The Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) is required by law to provide special services, transfers or modifications to apartments, buildings or grounds to meet the needs of tenants with disabilities. These are called reasonable accommodations. NNRHA may require documentation to support a claim for a reasonable accommodation. The information supplied will be kept confidential pursuant to law.

NNRHA will work with you to determine how to fulfill your request.

Tenant's Signature _____ Date _____

_____ No one in my household has a disability.
(I do not need to complete the rest of this form)

_____ I am not requesting NNRHA to provide an accommodation at this time.

The following person (s) in my household has/have a disability and need one or more of the reasonable accommodations below:

_____ Uses a wheelchair

_____ Uses a walker

_____ Vision impaired

_____ Hearing impaired

_____ Grab bars

_____ Audio visual smoke
Alarm

_____ Door bell light signaler

_____ Other accommodations, please explain:

What You Need To Know About Section 3

Section 3 Act

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u)(as amended), requires that economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance for housing (including Public and Indian Housing) and community development programs shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be given to low and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to businesses that provide economic opportunities for these persons.

Who Are Section 3 Residents?

Other HUD programs covered by Section 3 (to distinguish between HUD Public and Indian housing programs) are those that provide housing or community development assistance for housing rehabilitation, housing construction, or other public construction project.

Public housing residents including persons with disabilities.

Low and very low income persons who live in the area where a HUD assisted project is located.

What is a Section 3 Business?

A section 3 business is one:

That is owned by Section 3 residents
Employs Section 3 residents or;
Subcontracts with businesses that provide opportunities to low and very low income persons.

► What types of Economic Opportunities are available under Section 3?

- Jobs and Employment opportunities
- Training and Educational opportunities
- Contracts and Business opportunities

► Who will provide the Economic Opportunities?

• Recipients of HUD financial assistance and their contractors and subcontractors are expected to develop a Section 3 Plan to assure that economic opportunities to the greatest extent feasible, are provided to low and very low-income persons and to qualified Section 3 businesses. One element of that Plan is the use of a Section 3 clause which indicates that all work performed under the contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3.

► Who receives Economic Opportunities under Section 3?

For training and employment:

- persons in public and assisted housing;
- persons in the affected project neighborhood;
- participants in HUD Youth-build programs;
- homeless persons.

For contracting:

- businesses which fit the definition of a Section 3 business.

► How can individuals and businesses find out more about Section 3?

For contracting opportunities contact:

The Office of Human Affairs
Representative: Emmagene Slade
392 Maple Avenue, P.O. Box 37
Newport News, VA 23607
Phone: 757-247-6747 Fax: 757-380-1269

For training and employment opportunities contact:

Representative: LaSandra Wingate
Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority
P. O. Box 797
Newport News, VA 23607-0797
Phone: 757-928-2628



Struggling to pay your rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

The Virginia Rent Relief Program may be able to help

Virginia is administering relief for renters experiencing a negative financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic through the Virginia Rent Relief Program (RRP). Through this state program, you can apply (or your landlord may apply on your behalf) to receive funds to pay delinquent rent arrear payments back to April 1, 2020, and up to three months of payments into the future to maintain housing stability. The total payments may not exceed a total of 15 months of rental assistance per household.



Eligibility

The Virginia RRP will provide financial help on behalf of renters who meet the following criteria:

- Have a valid lease agreement in their name or other documents confirming the landlord-tenant relationship, and live in the unit at time of application
- Have a rent amount that is at or below **150% Fair Market Rent**
- Have a gross household income at or below **80% of the area median income**
- Have experienced a financial hardship directly or indirectly due to the coronavirus pandemic including but not limited to:
 - Being laid off
 - Place of employment has closed
 - Reduction in hours of work
 - Loss of spousal/child support
 - Inability to find work due to COVID-19
 - Having to stay home with children due to distance learning / closure of day care or school
 - Increase in expenses due to COVID-19, such as child care, medical bills, etc.
 - Unwilling or unable to participate in previous employment due to the workplace's high risk of severe illness from COVID-19



Required documents

You'll need the following as proof of eligibility:

- Proof of income (for example: pay stubs, bank statements, letter from employer, Social Security documents, pension)
- Valid lease or other documentation of landlord-tenant relationship
- Rent ledger (landlord provides)
- Completed application and agreements
- Virginia W-9

Learn More & Apply:

Contact your landlord today to apply on your behalf. This is the quickest way to access rent relief.

Or apply for yourself. Get started on DHCD's website: **dhcd.virginia.gov/eligibility**



The Virginia Rent Relief Program is administered through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Virginia Housing is the grantee for landlord-initiated applicants. For more information, visit **dhcd.virginia.gov/rrp**.



¿Luchando para Poder Pagar su Alquiler debido a la pandemia de COVID-19?

Usted podría ser elegible para recibir asistencia financiera a través del Programa de Alivio de Alquiler de Virginia.

Virginia está administrando fondos de alivio para inquilinos que estén experimentando un impacto financiero negativo debido a la pandemia de COVID-19 a través del Programa de Alivio de Alquiler de Virginia (RRP). A través de este programa, usted puede aplicar (o su arrendador puede aplicar a su nombre) para recibir fondos para cubrir los pagos atrasados de su alquiler a partir del 1 de abril de 2020 y hasta tres meses de pagos en el futuro para mantener la estabilidad de la vivienda. Los pagos totales no pueden exceder un total de 15 meses de asistencia para el alquiler por hogar.



Elegibilidad

El RRP de Virginia brindará ayuda financiera a nombre de los inquilinos que cumplan con los siguientes requisitos:

- Tener un contrato de arrendamiento válido a su nombre u otra documentación que confirme la relación entre el propietario y el inquilino y ocupar la unidad en el momento de la aplicación
- El pago total del alquiler del hogar es igual o menor al **150% del alquiler justo del mercado**
- Tener un ingreso familiar bruto igual o menor al **80% del ingreso medio del área**
- Haber experimentado dificultades financieras (directa o indirectamente) debido a la pandemia de coronavirus, incluyendo, entre otros:
 - Haber sido despedido
 - Su lugar de trabajo ha cerrado
 - Reducción de horas de trabajo
 - Pérdida de la manutención del cónyuge / hijos
 - Incapacidad para encontrar trabajo debido a COVID-19
 - Tener que quedarse en casa con sus niños debido al cierre de la guardería / escuela
 - Aumento en gastos debido a COVID-19, como cuidado de niños, facturas médicas, etc.
 - No estar dispuesto o no poder participar en su empleo anterior debido a que su enfermedad lo hace ser considerado de alto riesgo al contagio de COVID-19



Documentos requeridos

Necesitará lo siguiente como prueba de elegibilidad:

- Comprobante de ingresos (por ejemplo: recibos de pago, estados de cuenta bancarios, carta del empleador, documentos del seguro social, pensión)
- Contrato de arrendamiento válido u otra documentación que compruebe la relación propietario-inquilino
- Libro de contabilidad de alquiler
- Solicitud y acuerdos completados
- W-9 de Virginia

Aprenda Más y Aplique:

Comuníquese con su arrendador hoy para que presente una solicitud a su nombre. Esta es la forma más rápida de acceder al alivio del alquiler.

O aplique usted mismo. Comience visitando el sitio web de DHCD: dhcd.virginia.gov/eligibility



El programa de alivio de alquiler de Virginia es administrado a través del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de Virginia. Virginia Housing es el administrador para las solicitudes iniciadas por el propietario. Para obtener más información, visite dhcd.virginia.gov/rrp.

The Apprentice School of Newport News Shipbuilding



The Apprentice School of Newport News Shipbuilding offers four, five, and eight year, tuition-free apprenticeships in 28 occupations to qualified men and women. Apprentices work a regular 40-hour week and are paid for all work, including time spent in academic classes.

An apprenticeship is a formal training program which allows a worker to receive thorough instruction and experience-both theoretical and practical-in the various aspects of a skilled trade. Today's apprentices are fully trained, well paid men and women acquiring skills and knowledge that will serve them well throughout their careers.

Please visit the website or call for additional information:
www.as.edu or (757) 380-3809.

The Apprentice School-Newport News Shipbuilding -
A Division of Huntington Ingalls Industries

October is...

An Early Breast Cancer Detection Plan should include:

Beginning at age 20: Performing breast self-exams and looking for any signs of change.

Ages 20 to 39: Scheduling clinical breast exams every three years.

Ages 40 to 49: Having a mammogram every year or two years depending on previous findings.

Ages 50 and older: Having a mammogram every year.

Recording personal exams, mammograms and doctors appointments on a calendar or in a detailed file.

Maintaining a healthy weight, followed by a low-fat diet, getting regular exercise, quitting



BREAST CANCER
OCTOBER
AWARENESS MONTH

Feeling Scared?

Confused?

Helpless?

Angry?

Transitions can help.

No one deserves to be Abused.

Transitions 24 hour hotline

757-723-7774

OCTOBER is
Domestic Violence
AWARENESS
MONTH





2021 Advance Child Tax Credit

Payments start July 15, 2021

- Eligible families can receive advance payments of **up to \$300 per month** for each child under age 6 and **up to \$250 per month** for each child age 6 and above.
- Payments begin July 15 and will be sent monthly through December 15 without any further action required.
- You can benefit from the credit even if you don't have earned income or don't owe any income taxes.
- The credit includes children who turn age 17 in 2021.
- The tax credit is expanded to include advance payments for 2021 only.

Filed already?

You don't need to take any action now if you've filed a 2020 tax return.

Haven't filed yet?

File your tax return as soon as possible. For people not required to file a tax return and who didn't file in 2019 or 2020, visit the special **IRS Non-filer Sign-up Tool** for more details and quickly register. You may qualify for the Child Tax Credit and Economic Impact Payments.



Eligible taxpayers who don't want to receive advance payment of the 2021 Child Tax Credit will have the opportunity to unenroll from receiving the payments.

There is another reason to file your 2020 tax return

Recent changes to the Child Tax Credit

The American Rescue Plan Act provides for an ADVANCE CHILD TAX CREDIT.
The Child Tax Credit will now be available through advance payments during 2021.

Here's what you need to know about the Advanced Child Tax Credit:

- **You should file a 2020 tax return.** Your eligibility for the credit will likely be based upon the information you report on your 2020 tax return.
- **The credit amount increased.** The credit amount has been increased from \$2,000 to \$3,600 for children under 6, and to \$3,000 for other children under 18.
- **Get payments ASAP.** Individuals eligible for a 2021 Child Tax Credit can receive a portion of the credit in advance, via payments starting July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- **Online Portal to update information.** The law requires the IRS to create a new online portal through which families can update their information for the credit. More specific information about the portal is not yet available.
- **The credit was expanded to include children aged 17 years old.** Children 17 years old and younger will now be covered by the Child Tax Credit.

Are you eligible for the Child Tax Credit (CTC)?

A child generally qualifies you for the CTC if the child meets all of the following conditions:

1. The child is your son, daughter, stepchild, eligible foster child, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, half sister, or a descendant of any of them.
2. The child was under age 17 at the end of 2020.
3. The child did not provide over half of his or her own support for 2020.
4. The child lived with you for more than half of 2020 (some exceptions may apply).
5. The child is claimed as a dependent on your tax return.
6. The child does not file a joint tax return for the year.
7. The child was a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or U.S. resident alien.

The Community Tax Law Project

Telephone: 804-358-5855 • E-mail: Info@ctlp.org

*This information is correct as of 3/25/2021. We are waiting for the IRS to release further guidance on certain topics such as what to do for the advanced CTC when children are moving between parents or households or in shared custody situations.

This information is not legal advice. We are providing this information as a public service. We have tried to make it accurate as of the date below, but keep in mind that tax laws change frequently. CTLP is a nonprofit organization that provides free legal help to low-income taxpayers who have tax problems. CTLP receives funding from the IRS but is not part of the IRS or the Virginia Department of Taxation. Your decision to use CTLP will not affect your rights before the IRS.

Coronavirus: Keeping you informed

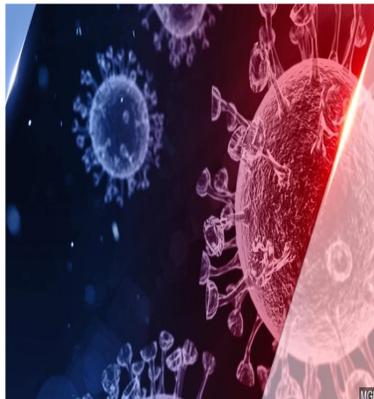
Coronavirus Update from the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank

During times of crisis, the Foodbank plays an important role in meeting community needs. In response to the coronavirus, the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank has been working to provide food to people who might otherwise go hungry.

The Foodbank's Mobile Food Pantry Program is distributing food in high-traffic spots across the peninsula and they are working with partner agencies to ensure people receive the food they desperately need. The team from the Foodbank's Culinary Training Program is preparing breakfast and lunch grab-and-go bags for children throughout our local area. The Foodbank has also hosted several large-scale public food distribution events to help individuals and families struggling to locate healthy meals. During a distribution event in Newport News last week, they provided food to support 500 households.

If you are struggling to get the food you and your family need, please visit the Get Help page on the Foodbank's website to locate a mobile food pantry or partner agency that can help. Please call prior to visiting to confirm hours of operation, as distribution plans change quickly and without much notice.

Due to the increased demand for food in grocery stores, the Foodbank has seen a significant decrease in food pick-ups and store donations, which means personal donations are even more important. You can still drop food donations off at their Hampton headquarters at 2401 Aluminum Avenue. All donations are quarantined for 72 hours before they are available to be distributed. You can make a monetary donation to help purchase truckloads of supplies, donate through YouGiveGoods or purchase through online retailers to ship items directly to the Foodbank's doors. For additional information on any of these options, you can contact Tracy Hansbrough at thansbrough@hrfoodbank.org.



NEWPORT NEWS HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Call center is open 8 AM - 6 PM

Please call 757-594-7069

If you have questions about where to
get tested if you are experiencing
COVID-19 symptoms.



We encourage you to self-report illness or quarantine if you are not feeling well. This will prevent spreading the COVID 19 to your loved ones and friends.

HURRICANE SEASON: June - November 2021

PREPARE NOW:

- Review your emergency plan
- Check your supplies
- Set up an out-of-town contact
- Secure important documents
- Figure out your evacuation route
- Be aware of your vehicle's surroundings
- Follow official instructions

PLAN

PREPARE

EVACUATE



More information in upcoming weeks...



EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT

WHAT IS IT?

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic.

The benefit provides:

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband services;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A household is eligible if one member of the household:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guide lines or participates in certain government assistance programs;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch or breakfast program;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

THREE WAYS TO APPLY

1

Contact your preferred participating provider directly to learn about their application process.

2

Go to [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.getemergencybroadband.org) to submit an application and to find participating providers near you.

3

Complete a mail in application and send it along with proof of eligibility to:

Emergency Broadband Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742

LEARN MORE

 Call 833-511-0311, or

 Visit [fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit)

General Overtime Guidelines

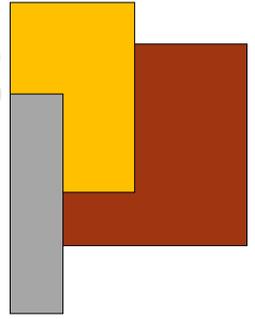
Maintenance staff will respond to the following calls:

1. Gas Leaks;
2. Electrical Problems;
3. Smoke Detector;
4. Power Outages (only at Pinecroft, Ashe Manor, Spratley House and Marshall);
5. No Heat between 5:00 p.m. on Friday and 8:00 am on Sunday or holidays if the next day is a working day. If the next day is not a working day, accepts calls until 6:00 p.m.
6. Floods and Sewer Problems;
7. Broken Windows;
8. Collapsed ceiling or damaged roofs;
9. Commode stopped up (if two in apartment hold to next day if that is a normal business day);
10. Lock Out/Lock Change;
11. Damaged Exterior Doors;
12. Fire.

Note to Residents: If you believe the situation can wait until the next day, call first thing in the morning.



Manager's Corner



After Hours Guidelines

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Marshall | 928-6154 |
| Spratley House | 928-6187 |
| Ashe Manor | 928-6187 |
| Aqueduct | 833-5700 |
| Pinecroft | 269-4300 |
| Orcutt Townhomes | 928-6187 |



Please use this number ONLY after 5:00 p.m.
(757) 247-0484

Marshall 928-6181

All Tenants should contact their rental office about proper installation of cable and satellite tv before being installed by the company.



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) is to create affordable housing, viable neighborhoods, and opportunities for self-sufficiency that enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Newport News.

REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE



We all know the heartache and devastation that drugs can bring to our families.

If you or anyone you know and love is affected by substance abuse help is available.

| Program Name | Services | Payment |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Tidewater Area Hot Line 459-8467 | Narcotics Anonymous | No fees |
| Narcotics Anonymous VA Regional Hot Line 1-800-777-1515 | Support group for recovering substance abusers. | No fees |
| Hampton Roads Clinic Reflections 827-8430 | Outpatient Counseling I.V. Methadone Maintenance 30-45 day Residential Facility | Sliding fee Scale Medicaid |
| Project Link 245-0217 | Case management and coordination services for prenatal abuser | Sliding fee Scale Medicaid |
| AI Anon/Alateen 1-888-425-2666 | Support group Alcoholism-friends/relatives and teens. | No fees |
| AA Hotline 595-1212 | 12 Step Program | No fees |
| Peninsula Area Help Line 875-9314 | Narcotics Anonymous | No fees |
| Advanced Recovery Systems | Alcohol, Eating Disorders and Substance Abuse | Private Insurance |

FILING A COMPLAINT...

Here is the Customer Service Hotline Number:

757-928-6063 or 757-928-3680

A TENANT HOTLINE IS A FREE SERVICE FOR TENANTS LIVING IN PROPERTIES OWNED AND MANAGED BY THE NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY. WHEN FILING A COMPLAINT, YOU MUST STATE YOUR FULL NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER AND SPEAK AS SLOWLY AND CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE.

WE WILL CALL YOU BACK WITHIN 48 HOURS REGARDING YOUR CONCERNS.

THANK YOU



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