

News for the KCHA Community



Resources and Information

This month's newsletter includes:

- KCHA holiday closures
- Tips for saving money during the holidays
- Tacoma Housing Authority wait list opening
- Foster Youth to Independence Vouchers
- Gun violence survey
- Enrollment for public choice schools
- Information about preventing the flu and covid
- Even more info from Resource Wire.

KCHA has a new logo and colors! You can see the new logo at the top of this email. We are using the new logo on digital communications, but are not replacing physical signs.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for more updates on events, resources, and other information.



KCHA Holiday Closures

November 28-29: KCHA will be closed for Thanksgiving.

December 25, 2024 - January 1, 2025: KCHA's Housing Choice Voucher Lobby in Tukwila and local property management offices across King County will be closed to the public.

During the Dec. 25 - Jan. 1 closure to the public, KCHA staff will still be available by phone or email, and paperwork can be submitted at office drop boxes.

Holiday Food and Gifts



Many non-profit organizations have **holiday assistance programs**, supported by donations from the community.

These programs may have toys, gifts, and food for families that are struggling to make ends meet. Click the button below to learn more.

[Holiday Assistance Programs](#)

Money Smart for the Holidays

- If you plan on buying gifts, first **set a limit** on how much you can spend.

- **Compare prices.** Start shopping early so you have time to check prices at other stores.
- **Resist impulse buys.** Don't look at the amount you're "saving" on a sale, instead focus on the amount you're spending.
- Holiday **activities can be low cost or no cost.** Think about visiting light displays, tree lighting ceremonies, and parades, or at-home activities like baking together, crafts, and board games.

Free Holiday Events

Low Cost Computers

Interconnection, a nonprofit based in Seattle, provides low-cost refurbished computers and laptops. Customers can order online and the device will be shipped to them. Prices vary, but customers can buy a basic laptop package for \$49. Stock is updated regularly, so check back if they are out of stock.

PCs for People is a national nonprofit offering low-cost refurbished computers and laptops. Customers can order online and the device will be shipped to them. Prices vary, but customers can buy a full desktop set for \$100.

Tacoma Wait List Opens



The Tacoma Housing Authority is opening up its waiting lists.

You can now apply for affordable public housing or for a Housing Choice Voucher to be used in the City of Tacoma.

Foster Youth to Independence Vouchers

If you are between the ages of 18-24, are homeless or at risk of being homeless, and you were a dependent in foster care between your 16th and 18th birthday, you may qualify for a Foster Youth to Independence housing voucher.

If you meet all 3 of these requirements, [submit this form](#), or email eploch@seattleymca.org to learn more.

Gun Violence Survey

The King County Regional Office of **Gun Violence Prevention** wants to hear your thoughts on violence involving firearms.

You can share your confidential, anonymous responses in a short survey [HERE](#). The **survey closes on Friday, November 22**.

Your response is important to help the Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention improve community safety across King County.

For questions, please contact the King County Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention at rgv@kingcounty.gov.

Take the Survey

Enrollment for Choice Schools

Most school districts have specialized choice schools that any student in the district can apply for. These choice schools may have a different

style of teaching and learning, or focus more deeply on a specific subject.

Choice schools and charter schools are public schools and do not charge tuition.

Check your school district's website for information about what choice schools are available. **Applications for choice schools are usually due by the end of January.**

Flu and Covid Vaccines

Updated vaccines to protect you from the flu and COVID are now available. Public Health of Seattle-King County is offering vaccine clinics for adults and children in locations around King County during the month of November.

- [Information about vaccines for older adults](#)
- [Find a vaccine clinic](#)

If you have an acute or chronic illness, limited mobility, injury, developmental disability, or mental health condition that makes it difficult to leave the home, you can request an in-home COVID vaccination appointment from Public Health.

- [How to request in-home COVID vaccination](#)

[Find a Vaccine Clinic](#)

Find More Resources



[Solid Ground](#) has a weekly email and website with job and training opportunities, and resources on health care, child care, food and more.

It's a great place to check for resources and opportunities.

Reasonable Accommodations



KCHA provides reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities to address disability-related housing needs.

You can request reasonable accommodations using the [forms on our website](#).

You can also email ras@kcha.org, or make a request in any way that works for you.



King County Housing Authority

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You've received this email because you live in a KCHA community or have a KCHA Housing Choice (Section 8) Voucher.

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