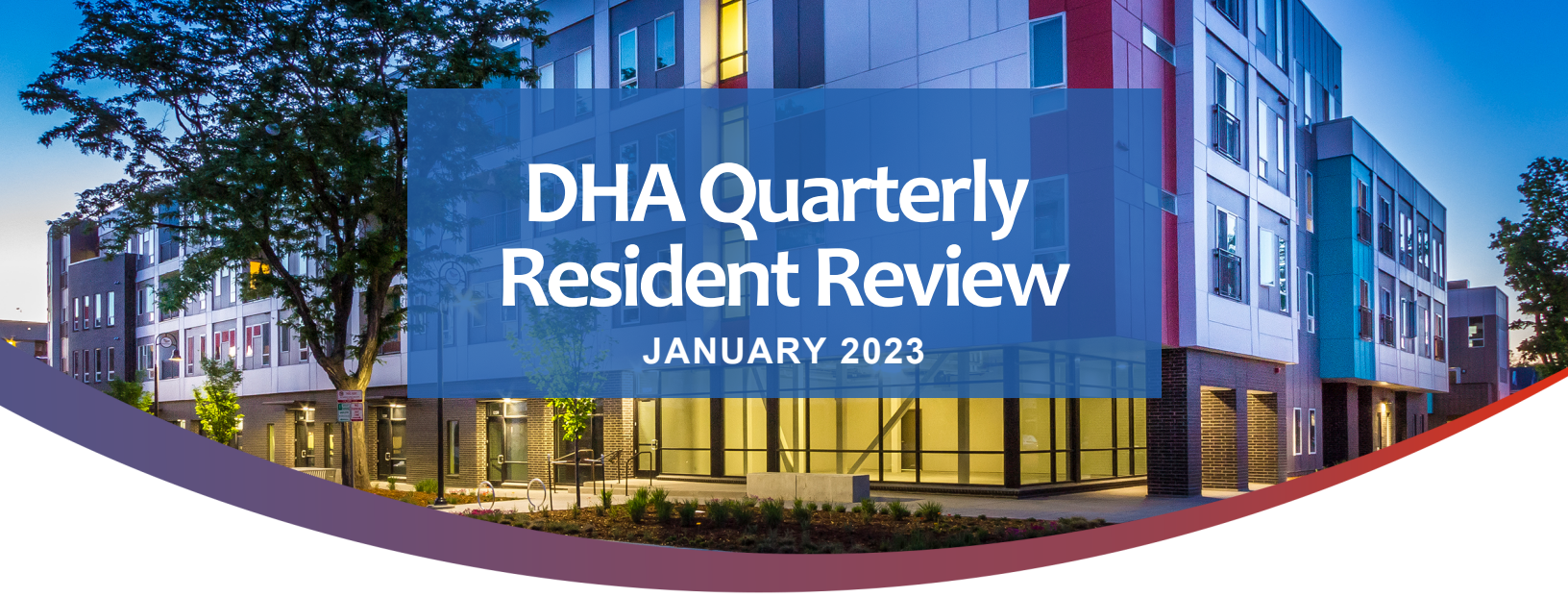

DHA Quarterly Resident Review

JANUARY 2023

FINANCIALLY FIT IN 2023!

It's a new year and with the new year, a new opportunity to work towards the future you desire. DHA strives to support residents towards economic self-sufficiency through a variety of programs that help to improve your quality of life. If you are interested in employment training opportunities, financial coaching, savings programs or even home ownership, check out one of our amazing programs:

Family Self- Sufficiency (FSS)

Put your rent to work for you and build a savings account in the FSS program. FSS helps families work towards economic self-sufficiency goals and homeownership. In 2022, FSS participants accumulated over $474,000 in escrow savings accounts, just by increasing their rent! To learn more about how you can turn your rent into savings, call 720-956-3803 or email fss@denverhousing.org.

Financial Coach

Want to feel in control of your finances? Need help making a budget? Have a question about money and don't know who to ask? If the answer was yes to any of these questions, then you should meet with DHA's financial coach to talk about all things money! For more info and to attend a session, contact Lorne Jenkins at 720-948-8552, or by email at ljenkins@denverhousing.org

Elevate U Classes

Elevate-U offers free classes to help residents improve their future. Classes cover topics like employment, life skills, finances, health, and more. For more information, email Elevate-U@denverhousing.org or call 720-956-3815.

HOUSING MANAGEMENT UPDATES

Rent and Rental Assistance

Rent is due on the 1st of each month. If rent is not paid, residents will be required to appear in court and may jeopardize their housing.

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) is no longer accepting applications for rental assistance. For help finding rental assistance please contact your property manager or service coordinator.

Outstanding Fees

Tenants must pay their outstanding fees, such as, late fees, maintenance charges and excess utility charges. Management will start issuing notices to tenants that have outstanding balances for these charges. To pay any outstanding tenant balances, please contact your management office.

REAC Inspections

The U.S. Department of HUD will continue to schedule REAC Inspections through 2023. Properties not inspected in 2022 will receive notifications when REAC Inspections are happening. Please contact your management office if you need repairs done in your unit.

Community Service

Community Service Requirements for Public Housing residents will start back as of January 1, 2023. Community Service requirements pertain to household members 18 years of age or older who are not working. Household members required to perform community service must complete a minimum of eight (8) hours each month. You are exempt if you are 62 years of age or older, disabled, caring for a household member, working, a full time student, or receiving TANF or SNAP benefits. Please contact your management office to turn in hours or to verify who in your home is required to perform Community Service. Community Service hours will be on your monthly rent statement.

DHA is Hiring!

DHA is hiring for several open positions, including positions within the Housing Management Department. Available positions are listed on our web site at www.denverhousing.org/careers/.

If you're ready for a career with a high-performing, mission-driven organization, with excellent benefits and the potential for growth, look at what DHA has to offer!

ACADEMIES TO WORK

The mission of Academies to Work is to provide low- to moderate-income individuals over the age of 18 years old in the City and County of Denver with training, support, and community resources in demand-driven industries, to facilitate the achievement of a self-sufficient wage. All Academies offer an Industry recognized certification and clients will receive one on one job search assistance when they complete the academy.

Upcoming Academy Schedule

Internet and Computer Core Certification Academy

- January 10 - February 16, 9:00am-12:30pm
- When: Monday through Thursday
- Where: 4440 Navajo St. (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in person and Thursday online via zoom)

Medical Billing and Coding Academy

- March 7 - May 4, 9:00am-1:30pm
- When: Monday through Thursday
- Where: 4440 Navajo St. (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in person and Thursday online via zoom)

Employment Partnerships

Are you currently job searching? Flagship is hiring for janitorial positions at DIA. The position offers health insurance, dental, vision, vacation, and employee pension.

- 1st Shift- $19.53
- 2nd Shift- $20.03
- 3rd Shift- $20.53

If interested in registering in the above courses or applying for a at Flagship position contact Yusura at 720-956-3841.

FAMILY SELF- SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM ORIENTATIONS

It's time to put rent to work for your family by joining the FSS Program! For over 30 years the Family Self-sufficiency Program (FSS) has been helping families work towards economic self-sufficiency and homeownership.

Are you ready to put your rent to work for your family and build a sizable savings account? Then scan the qr code below and sign up for an FSS orientation.

All orientations will be on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. We are offering one virtual and one in-person orientation each month. To register, scan the qr code, call, 720-956-3803, or email fss@denverhousing.org.

2023 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

The 2023 Municipal General Election ballot consists of races for various local offices, including Denver Mayor, City Council, Clerk and Recorder, and Auditor. Voters will also decide on local ballot measures.

- Ballots get mailed out starting March 13, 2023.
- Last day to vote (in person or drop off ballot in ballot box) on April 4, 2023.

AFFORDABLE INTERNET FOR PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS

The ACP (Affordable Connectivity Program) is a Federal program that helps households afford internet service. This benefit provides free internet up to $30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to $100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating internet providers.

As a resident living in public housing, your household is eligible for the ACP program. Contact your internet provider today to change your internet cost to the ACP free benefit plan!

If you need internet, be sure to contact any internet provider in your area to apply! You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting www.fcc.gov/ACP, or by calling 877-384-2575.

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