

# Tenant Focus

Sacramento Resident Advisory Board  
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## Agency Closure Dates

Sequestration is an unfamiliar word for most of us that has recently found its way into our daily conversation. The literary definition of the word means, among other things, 'to remove or set apart'. Sequester or Sequestration seems to be the government process of removing funding from established and previously funded programs. This government action has impacted lives in many different ways. For SHRA, the cuts to funding have prompted changes to the way we conduct business. One impact that affects our staff and housing residents is that we have put in place a reduced work schedule which means that our housing offices will be closed for nine days

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## Monthly Rent Statements

Each month, you receive a statement that details the charges and credits to your rental account. The agency uses an outside vendor to create and mail those statements and they have historically been sent in a timely manner. There have, however, been some instances where those statements have been late, and the absence of the statement proves difficult when it is time to prepare your rent payment.

The agency wishes to remind all residents that statements are a courtesy document to inform you of how your rental charges and payments transpired over the past month. Rent is always due on the first day of the month and

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## Breathing Free: Making It a Reality!

By now, most tenants have signed leases that include the new no smoking policy. The next step is to make the clean air rules a reality at all SHRA communities. Most folks are doing really great and smoking outside at designated smoking areas or at least 25 feet away from any windows or doors. A Great Big THANKS to everyone who is making that effort to respect their neighbors' right to breathe.

But, the rule is only as good as we make it. So, if you still find yourself breathing someone else's cigarette smoke that is drifting in from another unit or is coming in through doors

and widows, now is the time to speak up! Call Theresa at project WIN at 916-739-0322 to let her know. She and members of your SacRAB have been responding to complaints and calls for help to setup outdoor smoking areas.

And don't forget -- if you are a smoker who wants to quit and you are a Medi-Cal Member, get a FREE \$20 gift card when you call the California Smoker's Helpline at 1-800-NO-BUTTS (1-800-662-8887). You'll get to talk to a friendly person who will help you make a "stop smoking" plan. And they speak 7 different languages!

## Closures

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this year. Those days fall on the first Friday of each month. The closure not only takes away additional time when we would normally be servicing our properties but also closes our offices during the time when rent is due. Those residents who send rent through the mail will see no difference. This only impacts those of you who pay your rent in your 'Community Office'. As you know, rent is due the 1st of each month and late if paid after the 5th of the month. If the 5th of the month falls on a weekend or holiday then it is not counted late until the end of the next workday. So, in the case where the 5th falls on one of the days that our office is closed, it will be counted the same as if the 5th had fallen on a weekend or holiday. In this case rent will not be considered late until the end of the next business day. It is always better to pay rent sooner rather than later but you will not be penalized for the office being closed on the 5th of the month. The Agency closure dates for this year are Friday: May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1 and December 6. Please make a note of these dates. Thanks for any adjustment you have to make due to our schedule.

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## Rent Statements

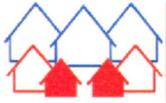
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is considered late if paid after the fifth day of the month (unless the fifth falls on a weekend or holiday, then rent is due the next business day). We also wish to extend every courtesy to assist our residents to remember what amount is due, if the statement should arrive late. In the future, if the rent statement is not in your mailbox in time for you to pay your rent on or before the fifth day of the month, do not hesitate to contact the housing technician at your site office to ask for the amount due on your account so that you can make your payment on time. Late fees will not be waived for late payments due to the absence of rent statements.

There are several ways in which you can set reminders for rent payment due date and how much is owed. If you have a mobile phone, you can set a monthly reminder for the 1st (due date) or the 3rd (payday) or the 5th (last day to pay before late fee), and in the memo part of the reminder you can enter your rent amount. If you have a wall calendar or a pocket calendar, you can enter your rent amount on the 1st or 3rd or the 5th day of every month. Another means of remembering what rent amount is due is to write it on a piece of paper and stick it to your refrigerator. Then, when you get paid, you can just look at your refrigerator and know how much rent is due. As a final option, you can call your housing technician and he/she will look it up for you. If any of these suggestions help you, or you have any other techniques you use to remind yourself when rent is due and how much you owe, let us know so that we can pass them along to others. Hope all is well and have a great day.

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## Employment Opportunity

Employment opportunities will begin soon for construction related positions at the new Cannery Place Apartments. The new construction project is underway, and is located in the Township Nine development located on the North side of Richards Blvd, between 5th and 7th streets. Anyone interested in a position can attend a quick orientation and fill out an application at the project site office trailer for Brown Construction, Inc. The orientations will be held every Wednesday at 3:45 pm, and you can access the office trailer off of 5th avenue. This is an operating construction site with specific rules, so jeans/boots/sleeved shirts must be

worn to enter. Bruce Davis the Project Manager for Brown who will be providing the orientations said "this is a great opportunity for any individual with experience to apply for a position". He added "that anyone can apply regardless of experience, as there is a smaller need for unqualified workers as well". Bruce stressed that anyone interested must wait until the orientations to apply, and must be on time.

Bruce Davis, Project Manager  
**Brown Construction, Inc.**  
 1465 Enterprise Blvd,  
 West Sacramento, CA 95691  
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## Advocacy

Here is an opportunity for your voice to be heard! Send the following letter to your congressperson's and senators local and Washington office.

Dear Congressperson or Senator,

As a public housing resident, I am disappointed and alarmed by the effect that the Sequester is having on public housing and vouchers. While the effects of the Sequester may be only an idea to your colleagues, it radically affects my life and the lives of countless others like me. It's easy for a congressperson to vote for a 5% cut for HUD, but this will have a major impact for countless people like myself. Do

you realize that Sacramento housing is scheduled to lose up to 1700 vouchers in the next few months? What are we to do? PLEASE VOTE TO END THE SEQUESTER!

Alternatively, pass a budget that remediates the 5% HUD budget cut by July 1, 2013.

Finally, if the government owns public housing, the government must take care of it. If the government is unable or unwilling to take care of public housing, it should sell it to a viable nonprofit organization that will.

Thank you for your consideration,



**Rep. Doris Matsui**

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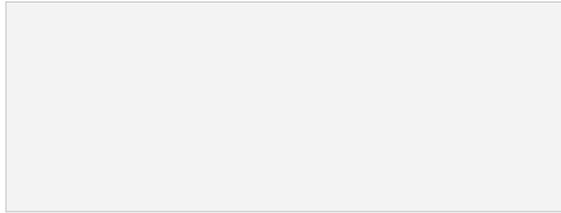
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## Grocery Bus

The WalMart bus will begin picking up at 8:45am at the Gibson Oaks stop. After 75 minutes, the bus will return shoppers to their homes.

Then at 1:00 the bus will begin picking up for the Winco trip at 6th & I.

These trips are scheduled:

- June 5, 2013
- July 3, 2013
- August 7, 2013
- September 4, 2013

## Do you have Medicare and Medi-Cal?

If you do, you may qualify for a health plan that can help you get:



Glasses

Dental



work



Transportation to the doctor

**Ask me for details!**

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