

Quechan Housing Authority Newsletter



MARCH 2025



Welcome March!



Spring is here! As we welcome the month of March, we want to keep our residents informed about important compliance updates, maintenance tips, and community news. Your cooperation ensures a safe and well-maintained housing environment for everyone.

Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most. Thank you for your continued support!

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

QHA team x



Compliance Corner:

Firearms Policy Reminder

To ensure the safety of all residents, please remember the following guidelines regarding firearms in QHA-managed units:

- **Registration of Firearms:** All firearms must be registered with QHA prior to occupying a unit. If you already possess firearms, please register them with QHA within five days of receiving this notice. New firearms must also be registered within five days of acquisition.
- **Storage & Security:** Firearms must always be stored securely in a locked container within the unit. They should be unloaded unless being transported to or from the unit.
- **Firearm Inspections:** QHA reserves the right to inspect firearms during scheduled inspections to ensure they are being stored securely.
- **Carrying Concealed Firearms:** If you have a valid California Carry Concealed Weapon (CCW) license, you may carry a concealed firearm within the unit, but it must remain unloaded and secured at all times. You must provide a copy of your CCW license and firearms safety certificate to QHA.
- **Firearm Violations:** Possessing an unregistered or unsecured firearm can result in a written warning and possible termination of occupancy. Violations of this policy, including discharging a firearm or threatening others with a firearm, may lead to termination of occupancy.
- **Reloading Ammunition:** The reloading of ammunition is prohibited in QHA-managed units.

We take these policies seriously to ensure a safe and secure community for everyone. If you have any questions or need assistance with firearm registration, please contact the office.

In this newsletter you can expect:

Tenant Policy
Reminders

Spring Fun Tips

Community
Workshops

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Corner

Spring Cleaning Tips

A fresh start for spring! Here's how you can make your home shine:

Declutter: Donate unused clothing and household items.

Deep clean carpets and floors: Get rid of winter dirt buildup.

Organize your kitchen: Check expiration dates and wipe down cabinets.

Wash windows and screens: Let the fresh air in!

Freshen up your outdoor space: Sweep patios, balconies, and remove any trash.

A clean home is a happy home! 😊



Maintenance Tips



As we transition into warmer weather, here are some spring maintenance tips:

Check your AC unit: Change air filters and schedule a maintenance check before summer heat kicks in.

Test smoke detectors: Change the batteries and ensure all detectors are working properly.

Inspect plumbing: Check for leaks under sinks and around toilets to prevent costly repairs.

Pest control: Warmer weather brings more pests—seal any cracks and consider preventative treatments.

QHA Service Reminders:
Daily Work Orders
Pest Control Appointments
Thursday Curbside trash pick-up
A/C Unit Inspections



Spring Gardening Tips



Spring is the perfect time to start or refresh your garden!

Here are some tips for a thriving outdoor space:

Choose Native Plants: They require less water and are well-adapted to the climate.

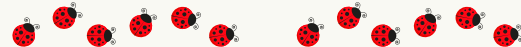
Start Small: Container gardening is a great option for limited space.

Water Wisely: Water early in the morning or late in the evening to prevent evaporation.

Remove Weeds Regularly: Keep your yards clear for healthier plants.

Consider Pollinator-Friendly Flowers: Attract bees and butterflies to help with natural pollination.

Happy gardening! 🌱🌸



Upcoming Workshop:

Join us on:

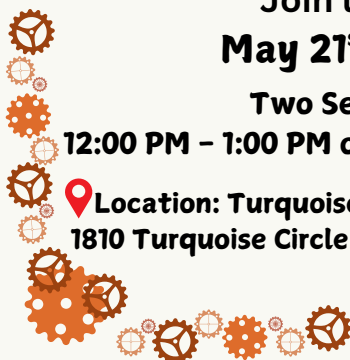
May 21st, 2025

Two Sessions:

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM or 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

**Location: Turquoise Community Building
1810 Turquoise Circle Winterhaven, CA 92283**

We are excited to host a workshop on **The Section 184 Loan Program** to help inform our community members on homeownership opportunities



Quick Overview: Section 184 Loan for Tribal Members



The **Section 184 Loan Program** is designed to help Native American families become homeowners.

This program offers:

Low down payments (as low as 2.25%).

Competitive interest rates and no private mortgage insurance (PMI).
Financing for **new home purchases, construction, and refinancing**.

Available for homes **on and off tribal lands**.

For more information on eligibility and how to apply, visit **HUD Website or 1st Tribal Lending website**.

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Lemon Berry Muffins



These bright and fluffy muffins are a simple, tasty treat that's perfect for spring!

Ingredients:

1 ½ cups all-purpose flour

½ cup sugar

2 tsp baking powder

½ tsp salt

1 egg

½ cup milk

¼ cup vegetable oil

1 tsp vanilla extract

1 tbsp lemon zest

1 cup fresh or frozen mixed berries (blueberries, raspberries, etc.)



Instructions:

Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C). Line or grease a muffin tin.

In a large bowl, mix flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt.

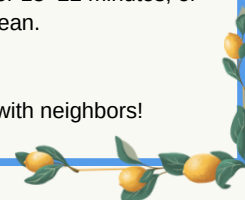
In a separate bowl, whisk together egg, milk, oil, vanilla, and lemon zest.

Combine wet and dry ingredients, then gently fold in berries.

Spoon batter into muffin cups and bake for 18–22 minutes, or until golden and a toothpick comes out clean.

Cool and enjoy!

Perfect for breakfast, snacks, or sharing with neighbors!



Occupancy Corner



Recertification Reminder: The second recertification notice has been issued. This is a final opportunity to complete the process before the final notice, which may result in termination of your lease agreement. Please act promptly to stay in good standing.

For questions regarding your lease contact Lizz Johnson, Occupancy Specialist.