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EFAA NEWSLETTER

- From Participants For Participants -

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It's Tax season!

Free Tax Preparation Services

Do you need help filing your taxes? You can access FREE tax preparation services for households with an income of less than \$64,000 in 2023. You can save up to \$200 in filing fees and receive thousands of dollars in credits by filing your taxes with IRS-certified preparers!

File In Person: Starting January 30, 2024, IRS-certified tax preparers will be at Boulder Public Library's Main Room Boulder Creek (1001 Arapahoe Ave, Boulder, CO 80302) on Saturdays from 10am–3pm and Tuesdays from 2pm–5pm.

There are limited walk-in openings, so appointments are highly recommended! To make an appointment visit: taxhelpcolorado.as.me/BPL

File Online: You can file your taxes from the comfort of your home with a team of local IRS-certified volunteers who are available to help you work through any tricky or confusing situations that may arise. If you made less than \$79,000 in 2023, file your taxes for free, online, at myfreetaxes.com

Take advantage of these FREE, trustworthy tax filing services from an IRS-certified preparer!

City of Boulder Food Tax Rebate

Each year, the City of Boulder provides rebates to help compensate residents with lower incomes for the city sales tax they pay on food. Rebates for 2024 will be \$104 for individuals and \$318 for families.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:



- Social Security Card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) letter for each family member on your return
- Photo ID
- W-2s, 1099s, and all other tax-related documents for 2023
- Self-employed/contractors: 1099-NEC/1099-MISC/1099-K and record of all income and expenses
- Education expenses: Account statement and 1098-T
- Childcare expenses: Total paid to a childcare provider, name, address, phone number, and Tax ID Number
- Charitable donations
- Form 1095-A if insurance was purchased through the healthcare marketplace
- Checking and savings account numbers and bank routing number if using direct deposit for your refund
- A copy of your 2022 tax return, if available

For joint returns, **both spouses must be present** to sign the required forms.

The 2024 application period is from **March 1 to June 30, 2024**. For more information on how to apply go to: bouldercolorado.gov/services/food-tax-rebate-program



EFAA's Calendar Corner

EFAA Board of Directors & Committee Open House

Wednesday, March 20th from 5 to 6:30 pm

Are you interested in learning more about volunteering on EFAA's Board of Directors or one of our committees? Please join us at EFAA for an informative meet-and-greet Open House. Or you may request an Interest Form at lillian@efaa.org



Sunday, April 28th from 3 to 6pm

Save the date for Friend Fest 2024 at the Junkyard Social Club! Join new and old friends of EFAA for food trucks, music and entertainment. This is a family-friendly ticketed event to support EFAA!

New EFAA courses starting soon!

Financial Health Courses

Join us for this 10-week course to learn how to create a habit of savings, better navigate financial systems, improve your credit and more!

- Ages 18+
- Food and childcare provided
- Location: TBD in Boulder
- Cost: Free

English course: March 11 to May 20, Mondays 6 to 7:45pm. Register via email: bhola@efaa.org

Spanish course: March 6 to May 15, Wednesdays 6 to 7:45pm. Register via email: jordan@philanthropiece.org

Sign up before March 4!



Basic computer skills course:

Learn how to use a Chromebook

Trainers from Bridging Digital Divides are presenting this 8-week, hands-on computer course. You will learn how to email, set your calendar, create documents, protect against online fraud, navigate and create presentations. You will be provided with a Chromebook computer that you will keep when you complete the course!

- Ages 18+
- Food and childcare provided
- Location: EFAA, 1575 Yarmouth Ave, Boulder
- Cost: \$60/person Upon completion of course, you keep your Chromebook computer

English course: March 7- April 25, Thursdays 5 to 7 pm (spaces are limited)

Register via call or text: **720-425-4170**

*Spanish computer course will be offered later in the year

Food Bank Update

IMPORTANT!

More people are using EFAA's Food Bank than ever before. Food supplies are low. Because of this, EFAA will be making changes to the Food Bank.

Starting April 1st, 2024, households can shop in the food bank twice per month. More food items will be limited, based on our supplies and household size.

Starting May 1st, 2024, all households (new and returning) will need to show a picture ID and proof of residency in the City of Boulder or the mountain communities of Boulder Valley School District (BVSD). Everyone will also need to update their income and household information every year.

Proof of residency is either a current lease or a utility bill within the last 3 months. Talk to Food Bank staff if you do not have these documents.

You do not need to wait until May 1st to prove your residency and update your information. Please ask Food Bank staff if you would like to do it earlier.

Other food resources in our area are:

- **Community Food Share:** Open Wednesday & Friday – 9 am – 3 pm & Thursday 12 pm – 6 pm
650 S Taylor Ave, Louisville, CO 80027
(303) 652-3663
- **Harvest of Hope:** Open Weekdays: 9 am – 2 pm & Tuesdays & Thursdays: 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
4830 Pearl St Boulder, CO 80301 (720) 382-1971
- **SNAP Application Assistance:** Hunger Free Colorado Hotline 855-855-4626

