



NHA News

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D-Day News

One of our own, Derek Couturas, Housing Inspector was featured recently in the Norwalk Hour newspaper telling about the events leading up to and witnessed on D-Day.

Derek was 10 years old at the time when American soldiers came to his hometown of Nursling, Southampton in route to Normandy.

Derek's childhood memories are as vivid today as they were many years ago as he and his fellow classmates were brought to bunkers for their safety because of air raids.

Norwalk Housing Authority would like to thank Derek for sharing his life experience.

Do You Know Any College Students Looking to Earn Money?

Year Up is a one-year, intensive training program that provides urban young adults 18-24, with a unique combination of technical and professional skills, college credits, an educational stipend and corporate apprenticeship. If you know someone between 18-24 who could benefit from an internship program:

Visit <http://www.yearup.org/> for information about this Paid Internship/Training Program for Youth.

Modernization News

The NHA is involved in quite a few projects right now that will benefit many people. Here's what's going on:

- The design of a new community center at Colonial Village is in the schematic design stage, and is moving along quite well.
- A design consultant has been selected for the sidewalk replacements at Irving Freese and John Shostak apartments, and for renovations to the King Kennedy and Washington Village Learning Centers.
 - Installations of new heating and hot water heating equipment at Colonial Village has passed the ½ way mark and is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.
 - Colonial Village porch roofs replacements will begin late September.



National Homeownership Month, 2008

For many, owning a home represents freedom, independence, and the American dream. During National Homeownership Month, we'd like to highlight the benefits of owning a home and encourage residents to explore the path to homeownership.

President Bush and his Administration are working to ensure that the mortgage industry is more transparent, reliable, and fair, and in order to sustain homeownership, they have launched homeownership initiatives.

During National Homeownership Month and throughout the year, we'd like to encourage all Americans to take advantage of financial education opportunities to explore homeownership.

The Advisory Council on Financial Literacy is finding ways to help educate people from all walks of life about matters pertaining to their finances and their futures.

Emily Hartwell, Family Services Coordinator has an abundance of information to assist you in having a piece of the American Dream; she can be reached at 838-8471 ext. 180.



100 VOLUNTEERS TO BEAUTIFY SENIOR COURT

GE Capital will be bringing 100 volunteers to Senior Court on July 12, 2008 from 9:00am-12:00pm rain or shine. If residents have requests additional for assistance in their apartments, contact Soraya at Senior Umbrella, 847-2830. Weather permitting, outside work will include power washing, painting, staining and yard work. Thanks to David Shockley, Norwalk's Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator, who brought the GE Capital volunteers to Norwalk Housing Authority.



New NCC Degree Approved!

An Associate of Science Degree in Insurance and Financial Services will be offered this Fall at Norwalk Community College making it one of the first in the country. The goal was to develop not only a pipeline of skilled workers in high-growth occupations in the insurance and financial services industry, but also a career education path originating in the community college system with options for students to transfer easily to various four-year state colleges and universities. For more information on this exciting educational opportunity, call Norwalk Community College at 857-7000 and speak with a representative.

Do You Need A Reasonable Accommodation?

How is disability defined? An individual with a disability is any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. The term "physical or mental impairment" may include, but is not limited to, conditions such as visual or hearing impairment, mobility impairment, HIV infection, mental retardation, drug addiction (except current illegal use of or addiction to drugs), or mental illness. The term "major life activity" may include seeing, hearing, walking, breathing, performing manual tasks, caring for one's self, learning, speaking, or working.

Section 504 also protects persons who have a record of such impairment, or are regarded as having such impairment. If you need to request an accommodation, please contact your Occupancy Specialist for further details during normal business hours.



FREE Summer Camp Has Arrived!!

Camp will be held at Colonial Village, Washington Village, Meadow Gardens (which will also serve Roodner Court residents), and 20 West Avenue beginning June 30th. The centers will be open daily from 9am – 4pm. There will be a host of activities, including interesting and exciting trips, and reading based activities that will be fun and keep our students on the path to developing good reading skills! To enroll, please visit one of our centers or call 838-8471 x184.



South Norwalk Library FREE Summer 2008 Programs



"Choose Your Own Adventure in Greek Mythology"

is the theme of our Summer 2008 Reading program where children

through grade 5 earn prizes as they read.

Pajama Story Time will take place on 7/8/2008, from 6:30 - 7:00 pm for children birth to one-year-old (0 - 23 months) children and at 7:15 - 8:00 p.m. for children ages 5 - 8. Children, accompanied by parents, come dressed in their pajamas with their favorite teddy bear for an evening of songs and stories. Space is limited to 12.

Mostly Mother Goose for 2-year-old children 9:30 am - 10:00 am. This interactive Story Time will be held on Wednesday's, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30 and 8/6 and 8/13 from 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. Space is limited to 12.

Timeless Tales and Tons of Fun for 3 - 5-year-old children @ 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 am will be held on Thursday's, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, and 8/7 and 8/14 Space is limited to 12.

Arts & Crafts for Grades 1-2 Monday, 7/16/2008 @2:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Children entering first and second grades are invited to make a pop-up greeting card Space is limited to 12.

Arts & Crafts for Grades 3 - 5 Children entering third, fourth and fifth grades are invited to make a mosaic on Wednesday, 7/18/2008 from 2:30pm - 3:30 pm. Space is limited to 12.

Parents please call 899-2790 x3 to register children for the programs beginning Monday, June 23. The summer program runs July 2nd -August 15th.

Exciting Employment Opportunity

Security Services of CT is currently hiring for a position at NCC. The ideal candidate requires good verbal skills, good written skills, professional appearance, flexibility depending on situations, (multi tasking) and a good image. Answering phones, greeting guests, providing information, directions etc is also required. The position can pay up to \$13.00 an hour.

Cooling Centers for Seniors!

The dog days of summer are here and when it becomes really hot, NHA would like to invite you to come to one of our cooling centers to get away from the excessive heat. NHA has air conditioned community rooms at 20 West Avenue and Leroy Downs that will be made available to senior residents when the heat index levels are high. So, stop by and cool yourself off for a while.

