



## Leadership Academy

The Norwalk Housing Authority is pleased to announce that a Leadership Academy will begin in September 2008 and continue throughout the school year. The academy will only be open to students who are entering the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades, and reside in Norwalk Public Housing. The program will provide students with math and language arts instruction, and personal development workshops. It will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm at Leroy Downs, which is located at 26 Monroe Street. Transportation will be available to all participants.

Stipends of up to \$500 will be awarded to students based on their academic performance and commitment to succeeding in the program, as well as their attendance and behavior. In addition, students will be eligible to participate in a **FREE** one week trip to Washington D.C. next summer as a part of a program sponsored by Tauck World Discoveries. Preparation for this trip will include travel related activities during the program.

Applications for the program will be available beginning July 30<sup>th</sup>, and must be returned to the main office at 24 1/2 Monroe Street no later than Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will begin during the week of August 18<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Nicole Gabriele at #838-8471 x184 for an application and details about the program, or visit with her at the main office.



## IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Don't Forget to Register to Vote! NHA has mail-in voter registration forms on the front lobby table in English and Spanish. Stop by and pick up forms for yourself and your family during office hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00

PM and then mail in the forms.

It is very important to cast your vote for the candidates of your choice.

## Farmer's Markets

As a reminder, there are two Farmers Markets in Norwalk: Every Tuesday through Oct 28<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon until 6:00pm at Veterans Park, Seaview Avenue. Parking is free while visiting the Farmers Market at Vets Park. Every Sunday through Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12 noon until 4:00pm at Fodor Farm Community Garden, Flax Hill Road. We can't wait to see you there.



## King Kennedy Literacy Program Success Story

A child with reading problems overcame them to participate in a school play. Roy (real name withheld) was a shy student and a struggling reader when he first entered the King Kennedy Literacy Center program. He had trouble reading inflectional endings, sight words, and many blends. His fluency increased through echo reading, group reading, working on placing story sentences in order, and participating in reader's theater. Roy is now a confident reader who doesn't hesitate to read from a reader's theater script. He reads with confidence and expression. We are proud that Roy was able to participate in his school play. He not only mastered his lines, but thrilled the audience with his intonation. The small group work he did in the after school program fostered his growth as a reader. Call Lucy Salis at Norwalk Reads Headquarters 899-1739 for more details.



## Just For Preschoolers

Ann Prince is the new Early Childhood Coordinator for Norwalk Housing Authority. Her duties are to provide quality programs to families and their pre-kindergarten and kindergarten children. Exciting programs have been designed and developed and we've partnered with Stepping Stones, The Little Gym and Fox Run School to get this program underway. The programs are very structured and will include play time; which develops school readiness. With these skills a child will easily learn to read, write and excel.

Please tell your Public Housing friends and families about this wonderful program or if you have further questions/concerns, please contact Ann at 203-838-8471 ext. 187.

# WELCOME

## Modernization Update

Here's what's going on in our developments:

- We are almost completed with the replacement of the boilers and hot water equipment at Colonial Village. All work may be completed as early as September.
- New windows are completed already at Leroy Downs and will be completed at 36 Fairfield by the end of July.
- We have plans to do some renovations to the King Kennedy and Washington Village Learning Centers. Our Architect has started with their investigations. Work will not begin until the winter. This work funded by Norwalk Redevelopment Agency's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).



- We also have plans to replace the windows and siding at Seaview Apartments and the windows at Elmwood Apartments. This project will not begin until Spring.

As always, if you have any questions you can always call Bob Colonnese at 838-8471 ext. 134 and inquire

about new or old projects.

## Are you looking for a Job or a better paying job?

Here are a few interviewing tips:

**Tip 1: Plan Ahead** - Do a little homework! Research the company and the position if possible, as well, the people you will meet with at the interview. Review your work experiences. Be ready to support past career accomplishments with specific information targeted toward the companies needs. Have your facts ready! **Tip 2: Role Play** - Once you have finished studying, begin role playing (rehearsing). Use the general questions provided below in the Interview Preparation Area. **Tip 3: Eye Contact** - Maintain eye contact with your interviewer. Show you want the job with your interest. **Check the September issue for more exciting tips!**

## Seeking Maintenance Laborer F/T

On-site work at housing developments incl. cleaning common areas & grounds. Salary: \$17.79 /hr. Some overtime req. Driver's license., high school diploma or equivalent. Send resume to Norwalk Housing Authority, 24 1/2 Monroe St., Norwalk, CT 06856-0508 or fax to 838-6535 by 8/15/08. Experience in electrical, carpentry and/or plumbing trades preferred. If you need help with your resume call Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator Guillermo Bendana at 838-8471 Ext. 135. EOE

## A Smart Family Investment

Parents are a child's first and most important teacher. No institution, public or private, can replace the family. Families want their children to succeed, and they rely on the information and skills acquired in child rearing to ensure that success. Parent involvement has a strong effect on both the programs and behaviors of children and youth.

- **Fact:** Children with involved parents, no matter their income or background, are more likely to attend school regularly, earn higher grades and test scores, see academic promotion, show improved behavior and social skills, graduate and go on to post-secondary education.



- **Fact:** The most important predictor of a student's achievement in school is the extent to which that student's family is able to create a home environment that encourages learning.

Get involved and become the driving source of your child's success.

***"When families are involved at home, at school, and in the community, children do better in school and the school gets better."***

## It's not SNITCHING, it's HELPING!

Don't let violence steal your voice!  
Contact NPD at 854-3005 and tell them what you know. All calls are confidential.



**G.E. employees were a hit with Senior Court residents on 7/12<sup>th</sup>.**