

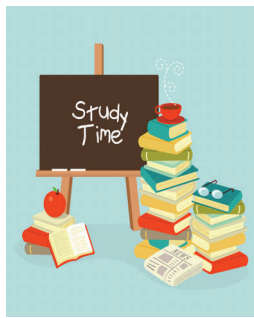


Tutoring & Travel for 6th & 7th Graders!

The Norwalk Housing Authority is pleased to announce that the Leadership Academy will begin in September. The Academy is open to all entering 6th & 7th graders who reside in Norwalk Public Housing and/or Section 8 participants. The Leadership Academy focuses on Math and Language Arts instruction and Personal Development. The Academy's first session began on September 23rd and will end on December 18th. The Academy resumes for the second session on January 6th 2009 and ends on May 21st. **It is not to late to join the Academy!** The program is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4:30-6:30 at both the 20 West Avenue Learning Center and the Leroy Downs Community Room. Transportation is available for all participants and the program is free of charge. Stipends will be awarded based on Academy attendance, behavior, and academic commitment. **As an added bonus all Leadership Academy students are eligible to participate in an exciting and extensive free week long trip sponsored by Tauck World Discoveries during summer 2009.** Please contact Nicole Gabriele at 838-8471 x184 for Academy details or stop by the NHA office to fill out an application.

Expert reading professionals strengthen reading abilities and boost confidence in a fun and exciting atmosphere!

NHA wants to introduce Danielle Truini as the new reading program coordinator! Danielle is already an important part of our reading staff which provides reading instruction & activities to students. She will now help make the reading program an even greater offering for NHA residents. The reading program takes place daily at the King Kennedy Literacy Center (KKLC) on 15 Merritt Street. Certified teachers develop, foster, & strengthen students' reading skills through varied learning activities & strategies using state of the art resources. Students can also participate in reading & writing centers. Quarterly assessments will be conducted using the Informal Reading Inventory. We count on parents & guardians to motivate & encourage their children to make a commitment to and actively participate in the KKLC. You are urged to drop by KKLC or call Danielle at 899-1739 regarding your child's participation & success in this program or any other questions you may have.



Seniors: State Senator Bob Duff Visiting

Seniors, come join State Senator Bob Duff for dinner and office hours in the Irving Freese Community Center, 57 Ward Street, Norwalk, CT on Monday, September 29, 2008 at 4:00pm. All residents of Irving Freese, John Shostak and Senior Court are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call 24 hours in advance for dinner reservations at (203) 241-2422. \$2.00 donation suggested, but not required.

REGISTER YOUR CAR!

In order to keep the parking lots clear for residents to park, NHA has a vigorous towing program going at eleven public housing complexes. The complexes in the program include: 20 West Avenue; Chapel Street; Fairfield Avenue; Irving Freese; King Kennedy; Leroy Downs; Ludlow Village; Meadow Gardens; Roodner Court and Washington Village. To register your car you must bring your current driver's license, vehicle registration and insurance to the NHA main office at 24½ Monroe Street. Only one car in each household will be issued a permanent sticker. A second member of a family may apply for a renewable 6-month temporary pass. The temporary pass is renewed every 6 months as long as there are enough parking spaces for everyone to have one sticker for one car who needs one.



SPECIAL AIDES/HOME HEALTH CAREGIVERS CAR REGISTRATION

Aides from established care agencies who help senior citizens or handicapped residents on a regular basis may receive daytime only parking passes that are renewable every six months by coming down to NHA's main office with a letter from the resident or agency and their current driver's license, registration and insurance.

HANDICAPPED & SENIOR RESIDENTS HAVE SPECIAL PHONE IN VISITORS SHEET FOR NON-PROFESSIONAL HELPERS

Many handicapped and senior citizen residents have family and friends who volunteer to help them who are not professional health care aides. These residents may call the NHA front desk when their non-professional helpers are visiting and report in the make, model, color and license plate of the helper's car. This information will be written down on a daily "Do Not Tow" sheet. And these cars will not be towed.

NHA Earns Top Scores From HUD For Management Assessment

Norwalk Housing Authority was congratulated in August by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for achieving performance scores that rank NHA in the *High Performer* category in its Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP). NHA has also had perfect scores from HUD for fiscal management of its federal public housing properties for the last five years.

\$3,500.00 John J. Kelly Memorial Scholarship Award

Norwalk Housing Authority congratulates Ms. Pamela Martinez, who has received a John J. Kelly Memorial Scholarship award from the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (Conn-NAHRO) for \$3,500. NHA nominated Ms. Martinez, a Section 8 recipient, because of her consistent high grades at Johnson & Wales University and her commitment to her community. Ms. Martinez is studying hospitality service and management and hopes to have her own hotel eventually. At the Awards Ceremony, attended by her parents and a staff member from Norwalk Housing Authority, Ms. Martinez thanked her family for their support, NHA for her nomination and Conn-NAHRO for selecting her to receive the award. Norwalk Housing Authority also received special praise from Ms. Jane Rosendahl, Chairman of the Conn-NAHRO Scholarship Committee, for its excellent scholarship program. For more information on the NHA Scholarship Program and upcoming scholarships, contact Carla Conway, NHA Scholarship and Family Outreach Coordinator, at 838-8471, ext.176.



New FSS HOMEOWNER

Nicole Williams, sits with Grandson Jaden on the steps of their new home. With the help and guidance of the FSS Program Nicole, a Public housing resident, was able to graduate the FSS Program and purchase her new home in Norwalk, CT. Contact Guillermo Bendana for information on FSS Program at 838-8471 ext. 135.

Washington Village Learning Center Welcomes...

Fairfield University graduate Michael Crafter who has joined us as an Education Coordinator! Michael grew up in Roodner Court and was the recipient of Norwalk Housing Authority college scholarships along with many others. He plans to get a master's degree next. We believe in the potential of all NHA youth to achieve great things! Do you know middle and high school students who can benefit from speaking to Learning Center staff about their hopes and dreams? Would you like to learn about how NHA programs can benefit youth in your family? Call Ken Greene or Nicole Gabriele of the Learning Centers at 838-8471 ext. 184.

Putting school and academic success first to make a brighter future!

Consistent school attendance is an essential part of getting an education & preparing for future success in academic & professional arenas such as college & careers. Since students are of the utmost importance to NHA, we have now partnered with the Norwalk Public School System & will be receiving student attendance data on a monthly basis. Parents are informed that student attendance will be monitored. Students grade K-8 who move into the housing, regardless of when this should occur, will be governed by the entire ten (10) step progressive discipline process for the remainder of the school year. Contact Ken Greene at 838-8471 for details.



New Evening Workshops at 20 West Avenue Learning Center! Come see what we are offering!

Students: Need assistance with your course at night? Young Adults: Want to learn a new skill or improve the skills you already have? Why don't you come and participate in the **Night Owl Workshops** offered at the 20 West Avenue Learning Center! These exciting programs will be offered **Monday through Thursday during the evening hours of 7:00pm-9:30pm**. Programs include **Job Skills Workshops, Finance & Money Management Workshops, & Computer Technology Workshops** with classes for either high schoolers and college students or young adults. All programs are free of charge & transportation is available for all participants. Classes begin in October! Please call Nicole Gabriele at 838-8471x184 for more info. & to register.

Are you looking for a job with excellent pay?

The United States Census Center is looking for a few good men and women. Visit them online at <http://www.census.gov/robos/www/employ.html> or call Guillermo Bendana, Family Self Sufficiency Coordinator at 838-8471 ext. 135 for more details.

