

NHA News

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Come out and play!

FREE Evening of fun at the Stepping Stones Museum for Children on December 18, 2008 from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Children will learn special tooth brushing techniques from All About Kids Dentistry. Call and register today for a free program or for more information at 203-899-0606 ext. 247. Transportation will



be provided to this event, call Dawn Drew at 838-8471 ext. 186 for a ride.

Heat Problems?

Using your oven at anytime to heat your apartment will create dangerous health conditions. If you are having problems with your heat call 838-8471 ext. 120 during business hours and after hours, call 853-9091; we will see that the problem is addressed. If you smell gas please call Yankee Gas immediately at 1-800-989-0900.



SILENT NIGHTS!

During the holidays, remember to be respectful of your neighbor's right to peaceful enjoyment of his/her home.

NHA SCHOLARS:

Updates on NHA's college scholarship students

Graduating: Jesse Cuevas (Meadow Gardens) will graduate from Norwalk Community College with his Associates Degree in January. Mr. Cuevas, who has been on Dean's List at NCC, will begin work on his B.A. at Long Island University in the Spring Semester.

Student Updates:

Gustavo Cardozo (Colonial Village) enjoys being a Freshman at Norwalk Community College. Mr. Cardozo recently was invited to be the guest speaker about his experiences at college and how important he believes college is for moving forward in life at a United Way benefit.

Tammara Clark (King Kennedy) is studying hard in pre-med at Ohio's Central State University.

Suria Ceja (King Kennedy) says UCONN is an amazing school to study at.

Jalisa Cuevas (Chapel Street), who has started college studying business in London, England, through a program at the University of New Haven, is enjoying school, learning about international perspectives and spent a weekend in Paris.

Kwamia Dorleans (Roodner Court) is enjoying her first semester at Virginia State University.

Nadege Francois (Colonial Village) loves attending Central Connecticut State University but misses her mother's cooking.

Jeffrey Sierra (Roodner Court) is a junior learning psychology at Philadelphia University.

Antoine Yee (Chapel Street) is exploring how to apply business principles to the entertainment industry at Morehouse College.

Daniel Zapata (Meadow Gardens) is applying computer science to engineering at Central Connecticut State University.

Welcome

Norwalk Housing Authority would like to welcome Barbara Antzoulis as the new Technical Secretary for the Maintenance Department. Barbara has extensive customer service experience and will be able to assist you with your maintenance needs. Barbara can be reached at 838-8471 ext. 139.

Holiday Reminder

At this very special time of year the Norwalk Housing Authority family pauses to reflect on how we have served you during the past year, and what we can do to make things better for you the resident. As you know our relationship with you, our service to you and your satisfaction with your apartment is very important to us.

In our effort to help you avoid an unpleasant situation, please accept this gentle reminder that your rent payment is due as usual by the 10th of the month.

As always, the staff of Norwalk Housing Authority wishes you and your entire family a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. May the upcoming holidays be filled with Good Health, Peace, Love, & Joy.



Congrats from HUD for SUPERIOR Reporting Rates

NHA recently received high reporting scores for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program of 101.85%, Moderate Rehab, 100.63% and Public Housing, 98.63%!

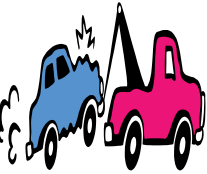
Youth Programs Committee

A Youth Programs Committee has been created in order to give students the ability to have input into selecting programs for NHA's Learning Centers! Each of our centers has two representatives on this committee who will serve as the voice for all of the students in their center. The committee's input will be important for helping all of us achieve the goal of providing the best possible programs in our centers!! Please visit one of our centers, meet a representative, and learn about our existing programs and ideas for new and exciting programs in the future!

FREE Family Pass & Family Membership Available at the Stepping Stones Museum for Children!

To experience a night of FREE FAMILY fun and/or a FREE family membership for residents that would like to visit the museum on a regular basis, call Carla Conway at 838-8471 ext. 176 or Ken Green at 838-8471 ext. 184 for further details. Stepping Stones Museum for Children is located in Mathews Park, 303 West Ave, Norwalk.

Don't Get Towed or Ticketed!



An active ticketing and towing program is under way at Norwalk Housing developments where vehicle registration is required. Abandoned cars have been found at the following developments as of October 2008:

1 car, 25 Chapel St, Ludlow Village, Ludlow Village, 356 Main Ave., Roodner Court, 16 School St., Seaview and Washington Village. 2 cars, Colonial Village and King Kennedy

Contact Carla at 838-8471, ext. 176 for further details on parking registration.

REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NORWALK HOUSING AUTHORITY AGENCY PLAN

The Norwalk Housing Authority will be conducting a Public Hearing regarding its Agency Plan. The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 5:30pm at Leroy Downs Apartment complex, 26 Monroe St., Norwalk, Connecticut. Copies of the Norwalk Housing Authority Agency Plan and supporting documentation will be available from 9:00am to 5:00pm business days for review at the Norwalk Housing Authority Central Office, 24½ Monroe Street, Norwalk.

Listening to Your Preteens & Teens

- Be a good listener when your teen talks to you.
- Listen to books on tape or compact disc with your teen. Libraries offer many different audio books from which to choose.
- Put learning to use. Ask your teen what he/she thinks about a current event. Have him/her support positions with facts.
- Share your family history stories and encourage your teen to interview other family members about their lives.
- Let your teen teach you something.
- Watch and discuss television shows, movies, and videos with your adolescent. Check your teen's understanding and encourage him/her to ask questions and relate the show to real-life experiences.



NHA's Americans with Disabilities Act & Reasonable Accommodations Policy Is Available For Review

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, no qualified person will be denied access to, participation in, or the benefits of, any program or activity operated by Norwalk Housing Authority because of disability. The Reasonable Accommodation policy from the Admissions and Occupancy Plan is available your review. Should you have any questions/concerns, please contact Neal Brodsky, 504 Coordinator for Norwalk Housing Authority at 838-8471 ext. 137.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

PHADA Scholarship Applications Now Available for \$7,000 and \$5,000

PHADA (Public Housing Authorities Directors Association) college scholarship applications are now available. The scholarships are for public housing and Section 8 high school seniors who plan to attend college full time next year and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (B average) for all high school years. Scholarships are for \$7,000 and \$5,000. Call Carla Conway, Scholarship Coordinator at 838-8471, ext. 176 for more information and applications.

2009 Norwalk Housing Foundation College Scholarship Applications Available in December

Norwalk Housing Authority residents planning to attend college next fall on a full-time basis should contact Carla Conway, Scholarship Coordinator, at 838-8471, ext. 176 to put their names on the application list. Only NHA residents in good standing may apply. Last year \$105,000 was awarded to 32 students.

Is the recent recession affecting you and your family?

Have you seen a reduction in your hours at work? Have you been laid off from work? If so, please call your Occupancy Specialist, Aurora Holley, ext. 123 or Lillian Ortiz, ext. 122 and advise them of these changes. Rent adjustments can be made after verification.