NHA News!

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Spotlight on Literacy!
Great news from the King Kennedy Reading Program! Sixty (60) of our students’ reading scores IMPROVED during the winter reading assessments! Way to go NHA kids! The King Kennedy teachers are very proud of you all! Keep up the great work!

Attention Head of Households
Be advised the Norwalk Police Dept. will be issuing trespassing or loitering tickets to persons found in the hallways! Please inform all members of your household and guests that the hallways are not a place to gather or to hang out! Persons who maybe your guests or members of your household and are issued tickets will be forwarded to NHA to begin legal action to terminate your lease.

Ludlow Commons is Now Accepting Applications
Beginning March 1, 2009 ending April 30, 2009 at 3:00pm
Owner: Norwalk Housing Authority
Located at: Ludlow Commons
11 Roger Square
Managed by: Elderly Housing Mgmt. All applicants must be 62 years and over to qualify and have a need for the congregate services offered at the facility. NHA residents get preference points.
Open House: Fri., March 20 & April 17 3:00pm to 6:00pm
Contact Caroline Robinson:
Phone: (203)899-8534;
Fax: (203) 899-8535
TRS: (800) 842-9710

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Amendment Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan
The Norwalk Housing Authority will be conducting a Public Hearing regarding its Amendment to the PHA Plan; Amendment Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan. The Public Hearing will be held on 3/25/2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the community room at the Leroy Downs Apt. complex, 26 Monroe St., Norwalk. Copies of Amendments to Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan will be available business days for review at the NHA Central Office and on our website, norwalkha.org. EHO

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS
NHA residents should Contact Carla Conway for 2009 NHF College Scholarship Applications at 838-8471, ext. 176. For help with essays contact Danielle Trifuni at 899-1739. For Free SAT Prep Classes call Richard Nemchek between 9:00 AM & 2:00 PM at 322-8407. NCC has scholarships for second-year NCC students with GPA’s over a 2.7. Contact NCC guidance office.

Six (6) Teens Successfully Complete Babysitting Basics Training
The American Red Cross recently held a course on Babysitting Basics training course which taught the responsibilities and qualities of being a good babysitter and what to expect from the parent who hires you. The students learned how to: supervise children; adjust actions based on the age of the child; keep children safe in the house and outside; handle an emergency or illness; perform first aid, including responding to life-threatening emergencies; and basic care routines. The students were Zayna Fulton, Kahdijah Scott, Pauldine Joseph, Berdine Joseph, Geornell Rodriguez and Hazel Paulk. Congratulations!

Food Stamp Workshop
March 3, 2009 at 5:30pm at Leroy Downs Apartment, 26 Monroe St., Norwalk, CT 06856. Find out if you qualify for food stamp assistance. Call Emily Hartwell for more details, 838-8471 ext. 180.

Courageous Parenting 101
The Courage to Speak Foundation, Inc. helps parents understand substance abuse and its impact on children and youth. The course, held at West Rocks Middle School, 81 West Rocks Rd., Norwalk CT, begins Wednesday, February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25, 2009 from 6:30-8:30pm. The February 25th session will include the Courage to Speak Presentation and introduction. You will also develop improved listening and communication skills, which have been shown to be a critical factor in the prevention of substance abuse by young people. For more details and registration, please visit www.couragetospeak.org or 1-877-431-3295.

How To Help Your Child With Special Learning Needs!
My Child Has Some Learning Needs. What Should I do? Three (3) sessions from 10:30am-12:00pm. Limited to 10 participants
Tuesday, 3/10/2009 Know Your Child: What do the tests say about your child?
Tuesday, 3/24/2009 Know the Law: What do Federal and State Laws mandate?
Tuesday, 3/31/2009 Know the School: How can I be sure the school is meeting my child’s needs?
Facilitator: Rena Schine, Ph. D., School Psychologist/Advocate
Place: CACLD, 25 Van Zant St., Suite 15-5, E. Norwalk, CT
This is a free program, but you must call 203-838-5010 to register.