

NHA News

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Triad Yellow Dot Program

Yellow Dot is an information tool to notify Emergency Responders, Police, Fire, and EMS, which will find very crucial medical information in the glove compartment of a car that has been involved in an accident. The necessary information card can be picked up now in the Norwalk Senior Umbrella Center. The Triad Yellow Dot Program is sponsored by People's United Bank, and in cooperation with Norwalk Senior Umbrella and Norwalk Police Dept. For further information, and to pick up the information card, call Norwalk Senior Umbrella at 847-2830.

NCC Summer Programs College Pathway

High school students who dream of being the first in their families to complete college are getting support from two scholarship programs at Norwalk Community College this summer. NCC offers the College Pathway Initiative (CPI) for high school juniors, seniors and recent grads; and the Connecticut Collegiate Awareness and Preparation (ConnCAP) program for high school freshmen and sophomores. Together, these programs challenge, inspire and support students through all four years of high school. These programs guide students to: Take college prep courses; Strive for high grades; Explore careers; Learn from community involvement (service learning); and Earn college credit in high school. For more information on dates and times of upcoming sessions, contact a high school counselor or Lisa Morgan, ConnCAP Coordinator (All Freshmen & Sophomores) 203-857-6821 or lmorgan@ncc.commnet.edu; Carol Ball, CPI Coordinator for AITE (Juniors & Seniors) at 203-857-3308 or cball@ncc.commnet.edu; Gail Stevens, CPI Coordinator (Juniors & Seniors) for Wright Tech, Norwalk and McMahon 203-857-7186 or gstevens@ncc.commnet.edu

Scholarship News!



2009 Norwalk Housing Foundation College Scholarship Applications Available

Norwalk Housing Authority residents should contact Carla Conway, Scholarship Coordinator, at 838-8471, ext. 176 for applications. NHA residents in good standing may apply for the NHF Scholarship. Last year \$105,000 was awarded to 32 students. **NHA Literacy Center offers help with College Scholarship Essays. Contact Danielle Triuni, Literacy Center Coordinator at: 899-1739.**

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR \$2,500 HAIG SCHOLARSHIPS FOR

NHA & SECTION 8 RESIDENTS

\$2,500 HAIG (Housing Authority Insurance Group) Scholarship Applications are available at NHA's main office, 24½ Monroe Street, for NHA or Section-8 residents of all ages. A GPA of 2.5 or better is required. Required reference letter from NHA will be written for completed applications only that are requested by April 20th. Contact Carla Conway at 838-8471, ext. 176 with letter requests, etc.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

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 the Norwalk Housing Authority. A person with a disability may require special accommodations in order to have equal access to the program. The types of reasonable accommodations the PHA can provide include changes, exceptions, or adjustments to a rule, policy, practice, or service.

Federal regulations stipulate that requests for accommodations will be considered reasonable if they do not create an "undue financial and administrative burden" for the PHA, or result in a "fundamental alteration" in the nature of the program or service offered. A fundamental alteration is a modification that alters the essential nature of a provider's operations.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries or to obtain a copy of the policy regarding the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Rehabilitation Act, Section 504: Neal Brodsky, 504 Compliance Coordinator, Norwalk Housing Authority, 24 ½ Monroe St., Norwalk, CT 06856 or 203-838-8471 ext. 137.

Living Paycheck to Paycheck?

The Financial Planning Association (FPA) CT Chapters in partnership with the Office of the State Treasurer established a pro bono network of financial planners that will provide assistance to individuals and families struggling to make sense of their finances. What is offered:

- Free 30-minute professional consultation on basic financial planning, tax planning, saving for college, coping with job loss or a life crisis and more
- Free follow up personal financial planning toolkit with self help checklists, articles, and brochures
- Online resources

Contact the FPA Pro Bono Network at 860-721-PLAN (7526) or 1-800-490-4237 to find out if you are eligible.

FREE CHILDRENS BOOKS AT NHA

MAIN OFFICE

If you are visiting NHA's Main Office, remember to pick up free children's books and free adult books for your children and yourself. They are located in the lobby. New books for children to explore with parents or, when older, on their own, are very important for children. Keeping a home library for your child may be critical to your child's success in school.



Hallway Smoking is a Lease

Violation!

Do not smoke or let your guests smoke cigarettes, cigars or any other substances in NHA hallways! Call the Norwalk Police Department at 854-3000 and let them know what's going on! Or if you see someone using the hallways as their **PERSONAL TRASH CAN** call Nicole at 838-8471 ext. 140 and let her know!



NHA Parents/Caregivers with Children Ages 18 months to-5 years

Free Gymnastics & Karate Classes at The Little Gym
87 Water Street

The new session will begin April 1, and run until June 09
Gymnastics: 5:00-6:00 PM
Karate: 6:00-7:00 PM

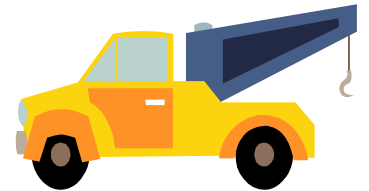
*Little Beasts Gymnastics for children 18 months-2 1/2 yrs Begins Tuesdays April 7-June 09**

Watch as your child along with other children, run, jump, and play while developing self-esteem, self-control, listening skills and concentration. These skills are needed to help children establish a foundation for success.

Space is Limited! Don't let your child be left out.
Call Today to Register: Ann Prince, Early Childhood Coordinator 838-8471, ext. 187. Give your child the gift of movement!

REGISTER YOUR CAR!

In order to keep the parking lots clear for residents to park, NHA has a vigorous towing program at eleven 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, bring to the NHA main office at 24½ Monroe Street your current driver's license, vehicle registration and insurance. 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 where there are enough parking spaces. Licensed home health care 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 to NHA's main office with a letter from the resident or agency and their current driver's license, registration and insurance. See Carla Conway for stickers at 838-8471 ext. 176.



FREE Pizza and Raffle at Stepping Stones Museum for Children

Free Event: Fun Parenting Workshop with Cindy Bess plus Pizza Dinner, Raffle & Free Child Care and Museum Exploration for ages 2 and up. 6:00pm- 8:00pm, April 2. Call 203-899-0606, ext. 299 to register. Registration Deadline: Tuesday, March 31. This will be an exciting evening offering lots of great ideas and tips. NHA Residents and their children who need a ride, can call Dawn Drew at 515-0345 by Tuesday, March 31.