

NHA News

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Congressman Jim Himes Reads to Children at NHA Literacy Center

On Friday, October 2nd, at 4:45, Congressman Jim Himes visited Norwalk housing Authority and Norwalk Reads!/King Kennedy Literacy Center where he read to students engaged in the Literacy Center's exciting After School Reading Program that is working to improve reading levels of public housing youth. Over 60 students significantly raised their reading levels by attending the program last year.



Winter coats and Jackets 2nd Annual City Sponsored Coat Drive

2nd Annual City Sponsored Coat Drive for Norwalk residents in collaboration with the Christian Community Action Coalition. Every year there are many adults and children who are in need of coats, outerwear and clothes to keep warm during the winter. Collection of items has begun and will last through Friday, November 6th. Please bring your gently worn, clean items to NHA during business hours and all items will be placed in a donation box and they will be picked-up for distribution on the afternoon of Friday, November 6th.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority Job Recruitment Career Fair

On Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Recruitment and Sourcing Roundtable Team will host a Community Pavilion-Career Fair at the Ponus Ridge Middle School located at 21 Hunters Lane Norwalk, CT. This career fair includes job-related training courses that will be conducted in various workshops. The topics include dress-for-success and interviewing skills.

This event hosted by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Recruitment and Sourcing Roundtable Team in conjunction with the Norwalk Connecticut Mayor's office, is a must attend event. For additional information please contact Norwalk City Hall at (203) 854-7704.

Call Sheron Rowe at 852-1144 for **FREE** help with resume writing and job coaching, Monday- Friday, 7-

Tiahna Spencer Receives High School Award

Congratulations go to Tiahna Spencer, who is in the 11th grade at Brien McMahon HS. She has just received the Brien McMahon High School Principal's Award for Outstanding Achievement 2009 Connecticut Academic Performance Test, Mastered All CAPT Segments.

Your VOTE Counts!

November 3, 2009 is election day! It is very important for you to cast your vote for the candidates of your choice. Call Katie Johnson at 854-7830 for details on voter locations.

Go Vote!



Quilting Class!

Come and see what's a buzz at the Senior Court Community Center! Free Quilting classes are held on Monday's and Friday's from 3:00pm-6:00pm in the Community Center at 9 Union Ave., Norwalk. Hope to see you there.



Homeownership Opportunity!

If you are interested in buying your own home; and want to find out information on how Norwalk Housing Authority can help. Please call Guillermo Bendana at 838-8471 ext 135 or Emily Hartwell ext 180.

Norwalk Housing Authority Art Center

Norwalk Housing Authority Art Center opened its doors to Norwalk youth on June 29, 2009 with the idea that giving students a creative outlet would improve self-esteem, morale and overall mental health. It is NHA's goal to further "art education" and expose students to disciplines that are no longer as accessible as they once were. NHA Art Center gives students grades K-12 the opportunity to learn about the arts in both a fun and educational manner. Students are encouraged to participate in daily critiques, introduced to art history, and work both independently and collaboratively on various projects. As it is important to work with resources within and around our community, NHA Art Center has partnered with local establishments such as the Contemporary Center for Printmaking and Silvermine Art School to provide students with hands on workshops exploring various ideas and media. Call Shabiroon Jumaralli for more details at 810-4325.



Open Section 8 Waiting List

Willimantic Housing Authority opened its Section 8 Waiting List on Monday, October 19, 2009. Applications will be available at the Housing Authority Office at 49 West Avenue, Willimantic, CT or you may request an application at hacow8@yahoo.com. 150 applications will be selected by random lottery and placed on the waiting list, in order of selection.

Associate Director for Norwalk Grassroots Tennis

Grassroots Tennis is non-profit alliance of tennis players, inner city youth, their parents and all those concerned with improving the lives of underserved youth. This is a full time position reporting to the President and Executive Director. Please mail your resume to Grassroots Tennis, 15 Eastwood Road, Norwalk, CT 06851. Job qualifications on norwalkha.org.

Do You Have Experience as a Laborer?

Possible contractor work available for laborers! Contact Guillermo Bendana at 838-8471 ext. 135 for information.

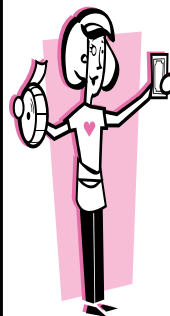


Literacy Corner

How do I get the most out of parent-teacher conferences?

Be prepared to listen as well as talk. It helps to write out questions before you leave home. Also jot down what you want to tell the teacher(s). Be prepared to take notes during the conference and ask for an explanation if you don't understand something. In conferences, the teacher should offer specific details about your child's work and progress. If your child has already received some grades, ask how your child is being evaluated. Talk about your child's talents, skills, hobbies, study habits and any special sensitivities, such as concern about reading or speech difficulties. Tell the teacher if you think your child needs special help and about any family situation or event that might affect your child's ability to learn. Mention such things as a new baby, an illness, or a recent or upcoming move. Ask about specific ways to help your child at home.

FREE Flu Vaccination Vouchers Raffle!



Norwalk Housing Authority will be conducting a raffle for **FREE** flu vaccination vouchers on November 12, 2009 at 2:00pm. In order to participate, you must show identification that you are a resident of Norwalk Housing Authority and complete the raffle ticket. Tickets must be completed by November 10, 2009 and are located at the reception desk at 24 1/2 Monroe St.

Senior Trip!

Norwalk Housing Authority's Seniors' are going to Fox Woods casino on Thursday November 5, 2009! Contact Emily Hartwell 838-8471 ext 189 for more details.

