

NHA News



Instructor Silas Finch teaches a "Sculpture" Workshop at the Silvermine Guild, while NHA Learning Center students Malik, Paola and others watch. The students were introduced to making jewelry out of old Silverware.

Documentary Photo Class



NHA started a new Documentary Photography Program! In this class students learn how to use a digital camera and also recognize elements of a good photograph such as composition, lighting and focus. Each assignment gives students the opportunity to explore a theme and develop a personal style, learn about other photographers and discover how photography can be used as a tool for telling stories. After each class, they discuss each student's work, which encourages group critiques. This is a great class for students who want to enrich their creativity while having fun. Class meets at NHA's Creative Arts Center, 89 Suncrest Rd., Tuesdays from 4:30pm-6:00pm. Open to Norwalk Housing Authority middle school students.

Washington Village Elections

Elections were held on December 2, 2009 at the Washington Village Community Center for the Washington Village Resident Council. Election results are:



President: Ella Ward-Dunlap

Vice President: Elaine Lawrence

Secretary: Eliza Brown

Corresponding Secretary: Deborah Winters

Treasurer: Rose Marie Sellers

Karen Jalkut, of the American Arbitration Association oversaw the elections was assisted by Carla Conway, Family Outreach Coordinator.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Norwalk Housing Authority will be conducting a Public Hearing regarding the following:

- Public Housing Authority 5 Year and Annual Plan
- Establishment of flat rent at Ludlow Village
- Utility allowances for Ludlow Village

The Public Hearing will be held on January 5, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the community room at the Leroy Downs Apartment complex, 26 Monroe St., Norwalk, Connecticut. Copies of the Plan and supporting documentation will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. business days for review at the Norwalk Housing Authority Central Office, 24½ Monroe Street, Norwalk and on our website, norwalkha.org.

Kids Get Your Book Published!

If you're a student in kindergarten through grade 8, and you have a book in you, here's a great way to get it published!

Scholastic Book Fairs has announced its 2010 "Kids Are Authors" competition. Deadline for entries is March 15, 2010. The grand prizes are contracts for one fiction and one non fiction book, along with 25 honorable mentions and cash prizes. For more info. go to www.scholastic.com/kidsareauthors or talk to Danielle Truini at King Kennedy at 203-899-1739.



Norwalk Housing Foundation Scholarships

\$1,000 to \$7,000 Awards

Norwalk Housing Foundation scholarship is now available. Come to the NHA office to pick up a copy. Contact Carla Conway NHF Scholarship Coordinator for further information at 838-8471, ext. 176. Scholarship applications will be emailed upon request. Remember: Norwalk Housing Foundation Scholarships are only for public housing residents.



Would you like to have professional pictures of your family?

Alfonsina Betancourt is a photographer who is working to document the impact that the programs at the NHA Learning and Art Centers are having on students. We are looking for families who participate in these programs for interviews and pictures to be featured in this documentary. In exchange for your help and time you will get pictures of your family taken by a professional photographer. If you are interested you can call Alfonsina at (203) 229-0192 or e-mail her at alfonsina@alfon-art.com.

Norwalk Public Schools On the Move!

Did you know you are now able to register your email address with Norwalk Public Schools to view your child's record and receive school district communications. "NPSconnect" is the district's portal to access the enrollment process. Go to the URL www.tinyurl.com/npsconnect. You will need your child's student ID number to register.

THE STUDENT ID IS A SIX DIGIT ID NUMBER ALL STUDENTS USE TO LOG-ON TO SCHOOL COMPUTERS. THIS NUMBER IS ALSO PRINTED ON YOUR CHILD'S REPORT CARD (6 DIGITS). IF YOU CANNOT FIND THE NUMBER, PLEASE GO IN PERSON TO YOUR SCHOOL'S MAIN OFFICE AND ASK FOR YOUR CHILD'S ID NUMBER.

Registering your email address will enable the Norwalk Schools to provide you with important information via email. This information can now be sent to you instantly while saving time, paper and printing costs. By adding your email address, you are giving your approval for school administrators to send you emails.

If you have more than one child attending Norwalk Public Schools, you must fill out a separate form for each child. Remember to "hit" submit for each form you complete. **NPSconnect connecting the Norwalk Schools with you!**

Open Enrollment for FREE 2010 Pre-k Children's Programs

Now taking enrollments for January 2010, fun high quality programs for:

- Stepping Stones Museum, West Ave., Norwalk
- Art Classes held at 89 Sunset Rd, Colonial Village
- Dance/Gymnastic classes @ My Gym-Norwalk

Hurry, register today or call: Ann Prince, NHA Early Childhood Coordinator at 203-852-1144. Transportation is provided to these events.

Preschool Parents Group

Parents as Teachers social group, topics include everything from child rearing to daycare! This program is held by Parent Educators from Fox Run School on Thursday's from 10:30am-12:30 pm. Call Ann Prince, NHA Early Childhood Coordinator at 203-852-1144. Transportation is provided.



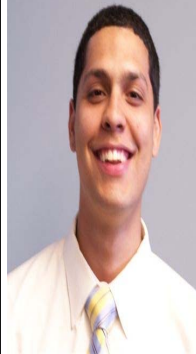
COLLEGE CORNER

FAFSA HELP + CHANCE FOR STATE SCHOLARSHIPS COMING JANUARY 31!

Attention High School Seniors & Parents/Guardians: FAFSA HELP DAY at Norwalk Community College (NCC) is January 31st. You do not need to be applying to NCC to go there to get help that day. Bring a list of the colleges you want to apply to.

Norwalk Community College will host College Bowl FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) help **1:30 – 4:30PM on January 31st (Snow date February 14th)**. This is part of a Statewide program with many sites. You must register before-hand and pick a site to go to. Registration is online only at: www.collegegoalsundayct.org/. This site will give you more information on the day and what to bring. You will need to have your 2008 & 2009 tax returns completed. There will also be chances to win free scholarships from the state. If you need help, you can go to any NHA Learning Centers (call 203-852-1144, ext. 123 for hours) or your nearest library. Bring a list of the colleges you want to apply to.

Congratulations to Daniel Zapata of Meadow Gardens!



Daniel Zapata, a multiple-year Norwalk Housing Foundation College Scholarship recipient in computer engineering will start work at Sikorsky in January. Against stiff competition, he was selected. Our congratulations go out to him for his achievements in college and his new job. Daniel will graduate in June from Central Connecticut State University.

MaturityWORKS!

If you are 55 or older, you can earn more money through MaturityWorks! Maturity-Works is a Senior Community Employment Program which can help you earn money while receiving job skills and can help with finding a job! To qualify you must be 55 and over; unemployed; live in Fairfield County and family income restrictions apply. Call 203-953-3246 for details.

