

School FREE Lunch Program

Applications are available for the FREE Lunch Program offered through Board of Education. The applications will be located at the receptionist. Application are available in both English and Spanish.

Smoke Free Housing Opportunity

Are you interested in living in a smoke free building in Roodner Court? If so, watch your mail for further details on a smoke free home!

FREE 8 Week Gymnastic Program for Pre-school Age Children

Classes begin Monday March 1st, 2010 from 5:00 pm - 6:00pm at My Gym, Main Ave., Norwalk. Call: E. Ann Prince, NHA Early Childhood Coordinator, 838-8471 ext. 187 to register.

Community Service

HUD requires that if you are not working 20 hours or more, you must provide 8 hours a month of Community Service. Failure to comply will lead to eviction. Where can you do community Service? Get a brochure with all the details from Emily Hartwell at 203-838-8471 x180 or Guillermo Bendana at 203-838-8471 x135.

NHF Scholarship Application



NORWALK HOUSING FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP application is now available. Contact Carla Conway NHF Scholarship Coordinator at 838-8471, ext. 176. Scholarship applications will be emailed upon request. Remember: NHF Scholarships are only for public housing residents whose names appear on the lease. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$7,000 per student, each year.

Section 8/Public Housing Applicants!

If you reside in Public Housing and move and have applied for Section 8 or Public Housing, please be sure that you update your information by completing a change of address form. The form is located at the reception desk in the Central Office.



Students from the 20 West Avenue Learning Center record the song "My Community," written by Edwin Rivera, in tribute to the victims of the Haiti earthquake. All proceeds from the song will be donated to Haitian relief efforts. Maya Angelou once said, "A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song."

Join Us Saturday, March 13th!

The CT Public Housing Resident Network invites you to a statewide resident leaders' meeting on **Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 10:30am - 2:00pm** at the AFSCME Council 4, 444 East Main Street, New Britain, CT *Lunch will be provided and daycare service is available. ***You must call the toll free number, 888-415-2564, to reserve lunch and/or daycare.** **FREE** Transportation is available, call Evelyn Soberal at 203-852-1144 ext. 124 to reserve your seat on the van.

NHA Seeks Laborer!

On-site work includes cleaning common areas & grounds. \$17.79/hr. Some overtime required. Driver's license, high school diploma or equivalent. Send resume or complete an application at Norwalk Housing Authority, 24 ½ Monroe Street, Norwalk, CT 06856-0508 or fax to 203-838-6535 by March 30, 2010.

Congressman Himes is coming to NHA!

Please join Congressman Jim Himes on Saturday, March 6 from 2:30 to 4:30 at the Irving Freese Community Center. Each resident will have a few minutes of one-on-one time with the Congressman to discuss any policy or issue of concern. Come as you please; no appointment necessary.

Irving Freese Community Center, 57 Ward Street, Norwalk, Saturday, March 6, 2010 2:30-4:30pm

\$2,500 HAI Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications are now open for the \$2,500 Housing Authority Insurance Group (HAIG) College Scholarship program. In order to qualify, you must be a public housing resident or Section-8 resident for at least 6 months and be either a senior in high school, a college student, a high school graduate or have your GED. You must also have an overall GPA of 2.5. You can go online at www.housingcenter.com for more information and application forms or contact Lori Luponio at 800-873-0242, ext. 639. You may also pick up applications at NHA's main office. Please note, you are required to have a letter of recommendation from a housing authority employee. Carla Conway, is coordinating the recommendation letter requests. Contact her at 203-838-8471, ext. 176 after you have completed your application. You are responsible for sending in your applications by April 30, 2010. Requests for letters of recommendation must be received by April 5, 2010, to allow time to write all requested letters.

Phoenix University

On March 20th Phoenix University will hold information seminars for students seeking 2 & 4 year programs at their Norwalk Campus (Fairfield County Campus), 535 CT Avenue, Norwalk, CT 05854. The program is slated for 10 AM – 2 PM with the seminars from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. They will have information on their programs as well as special free workshops on health & wellness, personal finance, and careers. For more information contact Tracey Mendez, Director of Enrollment 203-523-4710 or Sam Gabe, Enrollment Counselor at 203-523-4737.

Coalition for Youth with Disabilities Scholarships

Governor's Coalition for Youth with Disabilities (GCYD) has college scholarships for graduating high school seniors with disabilities available through application at the GCYD Website: www.gcyd.org/scholarships.html. Application deadline has been changed to March 12, 2010. Go online to get application or get one at NHA main office.

Parent-School Coordinator/Student Advisor

The road to success is through education. To achieve this goal NHA has developed five free NHA Learning Centers equipped with computer labs and college educated staff to help students from first through twelfth grades with homework and any tutoring needs. High school students are also helped with college prep, search and scholarship applications. Mark Covello has been hired by NHA as our new Parent-School Coordinator/Student Advisor. His role will be to help all NHA students become more successful in school and therefore build esteem as well as create a strong communication link between families and schools. Please welcome Mark Covello in his new role as Parent-School Coordinator/Student Advisor. He can be reached at 203-838-8471 x 181.

Your Money Your Life

Are you having trouble juggling all of your bills? Connecticut Money School (CMS) can help you move beyond day-to-day worries. CMS provides FREE FINANCIAL EDUCATION for adults and seniors. CMS believes that everyone should have the opportunity to become financially stable and successful. All topics were researched to provide the best up to date information and best practices to give you the upper hand. **YOU Pick the topic or topics:** Debt, Savings, Credit, Loans, Health Care, Homeownership, Budget, Being a Wise Consumer, Credit Cards, Senior Issues (Long-term Care, Retirement, Fraud Prevention)

YOU Pick the day:

Tuesday morning 10am - 11am or 6pm -7pm

Thursday morning 10am - 11am or 6pm -7pm

Call SandraAnn Nolfo now at 203-838-8471 x188 and tell us what topics interest you the most and what day and time are best for you. Classes start in April; Door prizes available; Transportation is available and Refreshments and snacks will be served.

Assistance Programs!



Operation Fuel: A private, nonprofit energy assistance program for people who need emergency help with energy bills and are not eligible for, or have exhausted, state or federal assistance. Most eligible households have incomes between 151% and 200% of the federal poverty level. The maximum available Operation Fuel assistance is \$500 per household during the heating season. Payments are made directly to the company that supplies the household with the heating or utility services. For more information call Juanita Ball (203) 663-7336.

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Eviction Prevention Program: The Eviction Prevention Program also known as the Housing Mediation and Rent Bank Program, assists low and moderate income residents who are at risk of homelessness due to inability to pay their back rent. The program attempts to prevent eviction. Clients may receive assistance from the rent bank once in an 18-month period, and the maximum amount they receive is \$1000. Call Tamara Joseph (203) 663-7340 for more details.

Homeownership Opportunities are Knocking!

HUD Homeownership class will be held on Saturday March 6, 2010 from 9:00am to 5:00pm in the Leroy Downs Community Room, 26 Monroe St. **Pilates classes** continue Monday nights in the Leroy Downs Community Room, 26 Monroe Street, beginning at 7:00pm.

For more details on these classes call Emily Hartwell, FSS Coordinator at 203-838-8471 ext. 180.