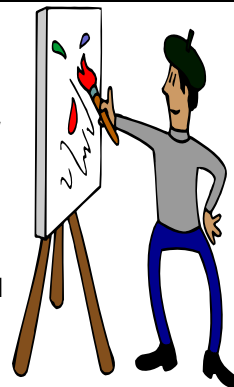


NHA NEWS!



Creative Arts Center

Since NHA Creative Arts Center opened its doors in June 2009, students have been introduced to the world of art through a variety of different mediums. Students have had the opportunity to experiment with watercolor, collage, printmaking, pastels, clay and much more. While incorporating important components such as literacy, social skill building and art history into every lesson, the bigger emphasis remains on getting students excited about art and giving them a hands on experience of self-expression. Recently, NHA Creative Arts Center has been given a space in which to display the students artwork and show everyone what we've been up to. Students artwork will be displayed at NHA Headquarters, 24 1/2 Monroe St. Please feel free to stop by at 89 Suncrest Rd. to see what an awesome job NHA students have done!



Civil Rights Series for Parents and Students in Middle & High School!

NHA invites you to the viewing and discussion of "Eyes On The Prize", the thrilling story of the fight for Civil Rights.

The six week session begins on April 1, 2010 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the East Norwalk Library. The program will be presented by educator and former school principal, Sally Grose.

All students that attend must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to be eligible for the drawing to win a flat screen television. **Registration is requested.** Refreshments will be served. To register for "Eyes on the Prize", contact Mark Covello, NHA Parent Coordinator at 203-838-8471 extension 181.



Art Center Activities

Upcoming Art Center Activities are: Crayon stained glass window designs, using melted crayon; Spring paper plate flower craft using hand paints; the meaning and the making of Mandala designs; Chihuly chandeliers and Lotus candy dishes for Mother's Day with air clay. To learn more about this phenomenal program, contact Barry Dancer at 203-852-114 ext. 123.



Homeownership Is Within Reach!

The possibility of owning a home is within your reach! NHA is proud to announce that two Housing Choice Voucher families will be making the transition from renter to homeowner in April! Call Emily Hartwell at 203-838-8471 ext. 180 for more details on becoming a homeowner!

Middle & High School Boys! Private School Opportunities



NHA is looking for resident boys who are currently in 3rd, 4th, or 7th grade who are academic high achievers who might qualify for scholarships at a highly academic private school for boys for the fall of 2011, when they would be entering into 5th, 6th or 9th grade. If you have a boy who is extremely bright and has excellent grades in school, he may be a good candidate for this highly competitive private school.

Preschool Scholarship Opportunities for Boys at Private School

NHA is looking for preschool boys who are bright, inquisitive and mature enough to attend preschool and follow directions who may be possible candidates for a private school scholarship for boys. For either scholarship: Contact Carla Conway for more information. 203-838-8471, ext. 176. All transport to and from the school will be provided by NHA.

Norwalk Community Health Center

Beginning April 2010 Norwalk Community Health Center has a NEW Home! The location will be 120 Connecticut Ave., Norwalk, CT 06854. Call 203-899-1770 for an appointment.



WE NEED YOUR HELP TO STOP CRIME IN THE COMPLEXES!



Anonymously Report Crime Tips! Go on line at www.norwalkpd.com or text your tip to C-R-I-M-E-S (274637) Keyword NPD Remain Anonymous!

Put a Little Oomph Into Your Spring!

The University of Phoenix is offering **FREE** workshops on Human Nutrition, Personal Finance and Preparing for a Career Search on April 3rd and April 17th from 10:00am and 2:00pm at the Norwalk Campus at 535 Connecticut Ave., Suite 200, Norwalk. Call Tracy Mendes at 203-523-4710 or email at tracy.mendes@phoenix.edu to enroll!



Respect Your Neighbors!

Please be respectful as well as mindful of your neighbor's right to peaceful enjoyment of his/her home. Your neighbor's right to quiet is just as important as your need for a home.

Welcome Spring!

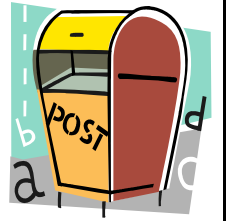
All maintenance personnel are now focusing attention on all NHA properties to spruce up after this past winter. The winter was harsh and the clean up will take considerable effort. We anticipate all spring cleanups will be completed by April 30, 2010. You can help us to beautify our property and we would appreciate the assistance by cleaning up your own personnel space and getting all trash to the disposal stations. Together, we can make our environment attractive and pleasant. Thank you and enjoy the warm weather!

Congratulations!

NHA Congratulates Dr. John Hinson, Director of Housing Operations, Giselle Hanson and C. Maria Ayala, HCV Specialists, Aurora Holley and Lillian Ortiz, Occupancy Specialists and Raquel James, Admissions Specialist for the successful completion of Refinement of Income & Rent Determination Requirements and Effective Use of HUD's Enterprise Income Verification System training.

2010 Census Forms Are in the Mail

Answer just 10 questions in about 10 minutes to complete the 2010 Census forms that have been mailed. Participating in the census is required by law and the public is encouraged to promptly mail back their 2010 Census forms. All census responses are confidential.



Courageous Parenting 101

Ginger Katz will bring her Courageous Parenting 101 sessions to the South Norwalk Library the last two Tuesday evenings in March and the first two Tuesday evenings in April. Courageous Parenting 101 is a substance abuse education and prevention seminar for parents. For information, contact Sherelle Harris at the South Norwalk Library at 203-899-2790.

NEW Exciting Early Childhood Programs

My Gym Fitness Class, Mondays-5:15pm-6:15pm
Art Classes, Wednesdays-4:00 pm -5:00 pm
Parent Group, (alternating centers) Thursdays-10:30am-12:30pm
Swimming at the YMCA, Fridays (To Be Determined)
Call E. Ann Prince, NHA Coordinator at 203-852-1144 ext. 121 to enroll.

Job Skills Training Classes

The NHA is offering free Job Skills Training Classes, along with Language Communication Skills, interview coaching, resume help, career planning, etc. Call for an appointment Monday-Thursday at 20West Learning Center 7:30pm-9:30pm. For further details contact: Sheron Rowe at 203-852-1144 or Barry Dancer 203-852-1144 ext.123.

FREE BOOK DISTRIBUTION MAY 1

NHA has been approved by Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) for a new 2-year partnership. Partnership with RIF allows Norwalk Reads!, Norwalk's low-income youth reading advocacy group, to purchase new books for its city-wide distributions throughout Norwalk. Carla Conway, NHA Family Outreach Coordinator, was named last year as RIF's first Connecticut Ambassador. Norwalk Reads! will hold its next distribution on Saturday, May 1st between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Locations include the Learning Centers at Colonial Village and Meadow Gardens plus all 4 Norwalk Libraries.

Scholarships Applications Due April 23rd!

Norwalk Housing Foundation College Scholarships Applications are due April 23, 2010 by 4:30pm. In 2009 awards ranged from \$1,000 to \$8,000 for over 30 applicants. Call Carla Conway at 203-838-8471 ext. 176.

Part-time Van Driver Needed



NHA is accepting applications for a part-time Van Driver. 25hrs per week, \$16.00 per hour. Must be flexible in regards to scheduling. Req. HS diploma or equivalent and a valid CT Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with a Class B certification. Apply by 4/15/10 at NHA, 24 1/2 Monroe Street, Norwalk, CT 06856 or fax 203-838-6535. EOE