

NHA News!

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Notice of Public Hearing Revisions to Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan and PHA Plan

NHA will be conducting a Public Hearing for revisions to the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan and Public Housing Agency Plan on July 2, 2010 at 5:30pm at Leroy Downs Apts., 26 Monroe St., Norwalk, CT. Revisions are available for review at the Norwalk Housing Authority Central Office, 24 ½ Monroe St., Norwalk during business hours. These changes permit NHA to apply for 100 vouchers for non elderly disabled.

AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP

Cutrone Properties and Norwalk Redevelopment Agency joined together in an affordable housing venture for townhouse style condominiums. For eligible purchasers, the Housing Development Fund is providing down-payment assistance through first time homebuyers programs.

Condominium Name: 310 Ely Townhouses

Location: 310 Ely Avenue Norwalk, CT

Number of units: 8 -2 bedroom units (approximately 1,300 s.f. each) Purchase Price: \$239,900. For more information about the development or eligibility contact Tim Carney - (203) 854-7810 ext. 46784 or tcarney@norwalkct.org. For more information on purchasing a unit, contact Donna Cutrone (203) 653-5732 voicemail or (203) 554-3211 cell phone or cutroned@raveisre.com. Call to see if you qualify to use a Housing Choice Voucher in your purchase, call Guillermo Bendana at 203-838-8471 ext. 135.

YOU CAN HELP 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. All information will remain anonymous.

Job Fair on June 18, 2010

NHA & NEON will be hosting a job fair on June 18, 2010 from 11:00-4:00pm at Ben Franklin Center, 165 Flax Hill Rd., Norwalk, CT in the J.P. Ballroom- 2nd fl. Questions,



Airbrushing Workshop!

This month the Creative Arts Center will feature an Airbrushing Workshop! Students will learn all about the art of Airbrush design and be able to identify the differences between graffiti and artwork. This interactive workshop will fill the gap between past and present and get students to start looking at public art in a whole new way! To register call Shabiroon Jumaralli at 203-810-4325.

Center-Wide Talent Show

Mark your calendars for NHA's first Center-wide Talent Show on June 22, 2010 for at the So. Norwalk Library from 5:30pm-7:30pm! Students will Sing, Dance, and Perform their talents in front of friends and family! First Prize: \$50.00 Giftcard to Bestbuy, Second Prize: \$35.00 Giftcard to Walmart, Third Prize: \$15.00 Giftcard to McDonald's. Raffle Prizes Given Away and Refreshments Served! Sign up sheets to participate are at each Learning Center.

Grant Available For Low-Income Moms

The Patsy Takemoto Mink Education Foundation for Low Income Women and Children will offer 5 grants of up to \$2000 each to low income mothers who are enrolled in education and/or training programs. Applications will be accepted from May 1, 2010 through July 15, 2010. See the foundation website, <http://www.patsyminkfoundation.org>, for eligibility criteria and application materials.



CT AfterSchool Network Contest

Let's give a hand to CT AfterSchool Network Contest Finalists and Winners: Kimberlee Flores, Anthony Flores, and Yaniellie Zuniga! Students submitted artwork and essays to CT Afterschool Network and made NHA proud! Keep up the good work! Reception ceremony was held May 22, 2010 in New Britain, CT.

Two NHA residents graduate from Norwalk Community College!

Congratulations to Ms. Simmons and Ms. Hodge who received their Associate degree from NCC on Thursday, May 20, 2010! NHA sends wishes that your new degree will bring you the success and happiness you so richly deserve.

NEED A JOB? THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!!!

Compare Foods Supermarket, The Norwalk Housing Authority & Career Resources are holding a special job fair for residents of Norwalk Housing Authority & Career Resources Norwalk program participants.

What: JOB FAIR
When: July 6, 2010
Time: 10:00am—2:00pm
Location: Senior Court Community Room
9 Union Ave., Norwalk, CT 06851

- Bring your resume (Call Sandra Nolfo, 203-838-8471 ext. 188 for resume help)
- Dress to impress
- Great opportunity to interview for many open positions

Do You Know The Community Police Officers?

Lt. Wong Won-Supervisor
Officer Ebert, Colonial Village
Officer Schwartz, Roodner Court
Officer Kucky, King Kennedy
Officer Ramirez, Washington Village
Officer Riley, Meadow Gardens & Monterey Village

Public Housing Resident Network & Congressman Jim Himes

Congressman Jim Himes will be at the PHRN meeting on 6/12/2010 from 10:30am-2:00pm at Trumbull Gardens Community Room, 715 Trumbull Ave., Bridgeport, CT. Lunch & daycare provided. Call toll free for reservations at 888-415-2564. To reserve your seat on the van, please call Diana Chavez at 852-1144 ext. 124 before 6/4/2010.



Chores Matter More Than Homework!

Chores matter more than homework for making good students. Kids who do real, meaningful work around the house without reminders and without pay- learn self control; the benefits of structure and limits; and the importance of being needed. Kids who regularly do chores feel proud of themselves and their accomplishments and homework and schoolwork seem easier to them.

Starting Your Own Business?

NHA will be conducting a seminar on **Key Steps to Starting Your Own Business** on June 30, 2010 at 6:00pm at the Leroy Downs Complex, 26 Monroe Street, Norwalk. For more information and/or to reserve a seat, contact Emily Hartwell at 203-838-8471 ext. 180. Dinner will be provided.



CLEANING FOR A REASON!

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemo, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - 1 time per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along. <http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>

Need to Find Child Care in CT? Chat Live with 2-1-1 Child Care!

There is a new way to connect with 2-1-1 Child Care when you are looking for care for your child. 2-1-1 Child Care has launched a new live chat service. Chat directly with a Child Care Referral Specialist via instant messaging, by clicking on the live chat button in the upper right corner of www.211childcare.org. A specialist will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on child care options in Connecticut. For information contact Maria Dynia at maria.dynia@ctunitedway.org

MyMoney.gov

The Financial Literacy and Education Commission (FLEC) announced the launch of its redesigned financial literacy education website, www.MyMoney.gov. The new site has enhanced interactive features and utility to provide more resources to Americans seeking information that can inform their personal financial decisions.



Summer Lease Reminder!

As per your Federal and State Leases, it states, "That he/she, and all household members and guests, shall not smoke in the hallways of any building; loiter or engage in gambling or the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the common areas of the premises; or engage in other legal or illegal activity which threatens the health and safety of the staff of Management, other residents, guests or agents of Management."



Section 8 Participant Receives GED

A Section 8 participant recently received her GED after 34 years of not attending school. Fanny Osorio had stop going to school when she was 11 years old in Colombia and was encouraged by NHA staff to go back to school due to having a hard time finding a job. Every job she applied for wanted a GED or High school diploma and with determination, she has one! Now, Fanny has set her goal higher with new plans of attending Norwalk Community College to continue her education.