Gov. Dannel P. Malloy Tours Washington Village

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, U.S. Rep. Jim Himes, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal and HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan, an appointee of President Obama, along with about a dozen other officials, toured and reviewed plans for Washington Village. Washington Village, built in the early 1940s, is the oldest housing project in the state still in use. The rebuilt Washington Village will offer more living space to its residents, and there will be 137 units of private, rental housing added, with about half of that allocated to “workforce housing,” and the remainder as market-rate apartments. The new units will have a first floor higher than it is now above the flood plan, with parking underneath. The project will cost about $106 million, almost twenty percent of that coming from HUD through Choice Neighborhoods and from the federal Sandy relief fund. If funded by HUD, it would be constructed in three phases over years.

New England Grassroots Tennis Champions

Meet the players: Pratyusha Chintalapudi, Cierra Kitt, Catherine Duboulay, Yuuki Hosokawa, Taishi Hosokawa, Luis Gonzalez, Tyrone Lewis, Ju'Quaiill Banks, Duly Bolivar, Kent Hurtado, Richie Bienamie, Tes Dejaeger, Anaelle Benjamin. The coaches are: David Kimani, John Sargent, Linda Rosensweig and Maurice Thomas-Riley.

A week after winning the CT State championships, the NGT 14 U team won the USTA Junior Team Tennis New England Sectional championship! They won in spectacular fashion, not dropping a single match to earn their spot in the National Championships in South Carolina. The mission of New England Grassroots Tennis is to improve the lives of all children from low income families through tennis, life skills, educational and leadership programs. Also, the program is designed to build the student’s physical and technical tennis skills to prepare them for the rigors of playing competitive tennis on high school and college teams. Good luck at the National Championships in Columbia, South Carolina!

Job Corps Info Session Sept. 11th

Job Corps is a free education and training program that helps young people learn a career, earn a high school diploma or GED, and find and keep a good job. For eligible young people at least 16 years of age Job Corps provides the all-around skills needed to succeed in a career and in life. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Job Corps, call Guillermo Bendana at 203-838-8471 ext. 135 to reserve your seat at an information session on September 11, 2013 at 3:30pm at the Leroy Downs complex, 26 Monroe St., Norwalk, CT.

JOB FAIR

FairfieldCountyJobs.com, September 17th

Perhaps you’re unemployed and seeking employment opportunities, or looking for a different/better job, or you just want to see what’s out there these days. Register for the FairfieldCountyJobs.com job fair, scheduled for Tuesday September 17th, 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM, 535 Connecticut Avenue, 2nd Floor, Norwalk, CT 06854. Pre-registration is required. Sign up at www.fairfieldcountyjobs.com, and click on career fair. A list of employers will be available online after September 1st.

Want to OWN your own HOME?

Work towards homeownership! Come to this FREE program presented by Money Management International (a member of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling) to learn what’s involved in becoming a homeowner on Saturday, October 19th, 9:00AM – 5:00 PM, at LeRoy Downs, 26 Monroe Street. This workshop will take the confusion and uncertainty out of home-buying and guide you through the process, step by step. Topics include reviewing your finances, determining how much you can afford, reviewing your credit, shopping for a home, obtaining a mortgage, preparing for the closing, and more. Pre-registration is required, space is limited. ** NOTE: Due to the sequester, you must be a current NHA, Housing Choice Voucher participant to be eligible for this opportunity. For additional information or to register, please call 203-838-8471 X188 (Lisa) or X135 (Guillermo).

REACH OUT FOR BETTER HEALTH!

THE NORWALK COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Great News!! The Norwalk Community Health Center’s Health On Wheels (H.O.W.) Medical Mobile Bus will be at Roddner Court twice a week beginning Monday August 26th. Stop by to see the Mobile Bus and to make an appointment for you and your family’s medical and dental needs. The Norwalk Community Health Center serves over 12,000 Norwalk Residents each year. They offer excellent Medical, Behavioral and Dental Services. The Health Center specializes in Adult Medicine, Pediatric Medicine and OB/GYN services. Onsite financial assistance as well as pharmacy and lab services are provided. The staff is multilingual including Spanish and Creole and offers “same day” appointments for illness. For more information, please call (203) 899-1770 OR stop by to schedule an appointment!
Quilting Bee Is A Buzz at Norwalk Public Library

Lizzy Rocwell far right, gets 11-year-old Natalie Roman started on her section of quilt as Viola Sears works on her section, during a Quilting Bee at Norwalk Public Library.

Hurricane Sandy Recovery Survey
Help Us Help Norwalk!
Please complete a short survey about your recovery from Hurricane Sandy.

- Use the survey link: http://sgiz.mobi/s3/209759efaf3c
- The information collected will allow the City to apply for the types of funds and to create the types of programs which are wanted and needed in Norwalk.
- Many sources of financial assistance are available to communities with damage from Sandy. North Walke Housing Corporation, a 501(c)(3) subsidiary of the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency, has been and will continue to apply for such assistance and distribute it to households in Norwalk on behalf of the Greater Norwalk Long Term Recovery Group.
- For more information or an application for financial assistance for recovery, contact: Hunter Arton (203) 854-7472 or harton@norwalkct.org

We Are Looking For Adults Seeking to Improve Their Employability
Let us know what you are interested in! Certificate programs such as Bookkeeping, Real Estate, Computer Programming, Homemaker Companion and much more. Call Lisa Roger at 203-838-8471 extension 188. Funding is only available for residents of Colonial Village and 16 School Street residents.

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Employment Tip of the Month:
Be flexible and realistic, especially when it comes to salary
Don’t get too caught up on salary with a job offer. Many unemployed job seekers are frustrated by job offers with a lower salary. Others have pursued training for a career change and find entry level wages in these jobs are lower than expected. Chances are, in this type of job market, your next job will come at a lower wage, especially if you are changing careers or industries. A short term sacrifice can lead to long term career pay-offs. Take the job, even if it doesn’t meet your pay expectations, and keep looking for the next opportunity. When you are employed you are much more desirable to employers than when you were unemployed.

Are You Interested in a New Career in the Growing Health Care Field?
Learn about FREE training at Southwestern CT Health CareR, Academy. MONDAY September 9th, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM, at Leroy Downs Community Room, 26 Monroe St. Offered through the WorkPlace, training opportunities include C.N.A., Phlebotomy, E.M.T., Pharmacy Tech, Radiation Therapist and more. Eligibility requirements are based on family income or those that have been unemployed (27 weeks or longer) and have a high school or GED Diploma. Pre-registration is required. For additional information or to register, call Lisa Roger at 203-838-8471 ext. 188 or Guillermo Bendana at extension 135.

REGISTER YOUR VEHICLES
NHA residents living at the following developments are required in their leases to register their cars in order to park in the on-site parking lots: 20 West Avenue; Chapel Street; Fairfield Avenue; Irving Freese; John Shostak; King Kennedy; Leroy Downs; Ludlow Village; Main Avenue; Meadow Gardens; Roodner Court; Seaview/Fort Point; School Street; Senior Court; Washington Village. If you do not register your car, your car may get towed. To register your car, you must bring to the NHA front desk the following 3 documents: 1) your driver’s license; 2) vehicle registration; 3) insurance. All documents must be current and in your name. At the front desk you must fill out the vehicle registration application form. Partial Applications will NOT be accepted. You must bring all 3 proper documents at the same time.
20 West Students Partake In Annual Silvermine Arts Festival

On Saturday, August 10th, students from the 20 West Learning Center were given an exciting opportunity to attend the Silvermine Arts Festival and participate in the festivities! During a six week workshop this Spring, select students worked with the Silvermine Arts Center to create elaborate costumes inspired by the Brazilian Maracatu performance genre. Traditional Maracatu groups perform by parading with a drumming group, a singer and chorus, and a group of dancers, which this year included 20 West students. With a little help from the Maracatu Queen, students presented their beautiful, handmade costumes at the Arts Festival on Saturday and preformed with an authentic visiting Maracatu group. The experience was not only culturally educational for students, but a fun affair for family and friends as well.

Meadow Garden Student’s Explore Presidents

Presidents Biography Comprehension Card Activity: Mr. Riley, left rear, has students working in a small group to explore the lives and accomplishments of every U.S. president. Each student studied one Presidential Card and then went on to create a small cube of random facts and a picture about the president they selected. When all the students were done, each person shared their cube of random facts with the rest of the group.

Writing Rocks at Meadow Gardens

Photo Journalism Articles: Students work with Ms. Lilly and Ms. Shabi to write about creative ways they can help make their environment better.

20 West Avenue Learning Center Hosts Check Presentation Breakfast for NHF Scholarship Recipients. Over $180,000 Awarded

The community room at the NHA 20 West Avenue Learning Center was packed with middle and high school students and distinguished guests including Norwalk’s Mayor Richard Moccia for the annual Fall Norwalk Housing Foundation Scholarship Program check presentation ceremony. Twenty-five of the 2013 NHF Scholarship Program recipients were there to receive checks and congratulations from Mayor Moccia, NHA Executive Director, Curtis Law, and Scholarship Program Coordinator, Carla Conway. The recipients attend a wide variety of two-and-four-year colleges and have diverse majors and fields of interest including: Gateway Community College in Auto Mechanics, UCONN, in a pre-med double science major, Sacred Heart University in nursing and Rochester Institute of Technology in computer programming, just to name four schools and fields of interest. The recipients stated their schools and majors and after the check presentation mingled with the middle school and high school students, sharing a breakfast and talking about colleges.

Learning Center Fall Programs Begin on September 2, 2013!

We are looking forward to welcoming both students and parents to our Learning Centers this fall. Program hours are:

Washington Village 3:30 to 6:30 pm 203-354-0166
Meadow Gardens 3:00 to 6:00 pm 203-899-0729
Roodner Court 3:00 to 6:00 pm 203-957-3288
Colonial Village 3:00 to 6:00 pm 203-857-0432
20 West 3:00 to 6:00 pm 203-852-1144

Programs for all students entering grade 7th through 12th are located at 20West. Over the past year a strong middle school and high school track that is age appropriate for those grade levels was developed. 6th grade students are welcome but it is not mandatory. If students cannot be dropped off by their school bus at the 20 West location they will be picked up at their home Learning Center site and transported to 20 West and then back after the program. Please contact Wendy Gerbier 203-852-1144 ext. 103 if you have any questions.
Charles Tinnen
Returns From London
Main Avenue high school junior, Charles Tinnen, spent 10 amazing days in London this summer as a scholarship student in the British Summer Studies Program. Charles, a junior at Norwalk High School, who maintains a GPA over 3.0 and will be one of the leaders of NHS Band section this year. Charles traveled to London as part of a group of students from all over the United States. Charles follows in the footsteps of Ezequiel Romero, of Meadow Gardens, who received a scholarship from the British Summer Studies Program last summer and is headed to Husson College this fall. All High School Juniors keep your grades up so you might be the next student to go to London in the summer of 2014.

NHF Freshman College Workshop Is A Success
The Norwalk Housing Foundation Freshman College Workshop was held at Leroy Downs on Wednesday, August 14, 2013. Guest Speaker was Denise Rawles-Smith who works with incoming freshmen at Norwalk Community College. Chaired by Carla Conway, two additional college recipient guests were also there to tell of their own experiences and prepare incoming college freshmen for the sharp transition to college.

Several points stressed were:
1) College is not like high school you have to manage your time and do work assignments early; not at the last minute;
2) You must create a guidance and tutoring team when you first arrive on campus before all the best tutors and guidance staff are taken;
3) You must create good relationships with all your professors and attend test prep classes they hold;
4) You must keep in touch with NHF Scholarship Coordinator, Carla Conway and discuss any problems you are having early so strategies can be devised to overcome them; and
5) You attend all your classes.

Mom Read to Kids at Roodner Court
Qu’mari McPhail’s Mom, Latika Pettway stopped by the Roodner Court Learning Center to encourage him and his friends to read this summer. As an added bonus, she read a book to the students.

20 West Students Have Ideas For The Future
Clarentz Jean-Louis wants his community to be healthier. When Clarentz walks around his community he sees a lack of activity and physically unfit individuals and it makes him feel angry. “People are wasting their lives and their health,” says Clarentz. Clarentz dreams of opening an organization that allows people to spend at least 60 minutes a day participating in physical activity and improving their health.

Marquise Bell wants to build a sports center for local children to supply them with an alternative to drugs and gangs. “I want to do this because there are too many teens dying, joining gangs, and doing drugs!” says Marquise. Marquise dreams of accomplishing this goal by starting small, by creating daily camps.

September 2013 Early Childhood Schedule
Tuesdays
Stepping Stones Museum, 11:00am-12:30pm, Free Play & Exploration. Birth - 5, 303 West Avenue, Norwalk CT.

Wednesdays
Early Learning Group, 11:30am-12:30pm, age appropriate activities focuses on developmental play, parent and me time, snacks, developmental screening. Birth - 5, Washington Village, Day Street, Norwalk CT.

Thursdays
South Norwalk Public Library, 11:00am-12:00pm, Mini Musicians, Singing, Dancing & Musical Stories. Ages 3-5, 10 Washington Street, S. Norwalk, CT.

Snacks provided during all programs/trips. For details contact Ms. Autier the Early Childhood Program Coordinator at (203) 644-4720 or acraft@norwalkha.org to schedule transportation. Space is limited & RSVP is needed for trips. Children must be 0-5 years old, and accompanied by an adult resident to participate, in all activities. NHA Early Childhood Program graduates may be eligible for Free Preschool Program. Referrals are based on consistent participation.