

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

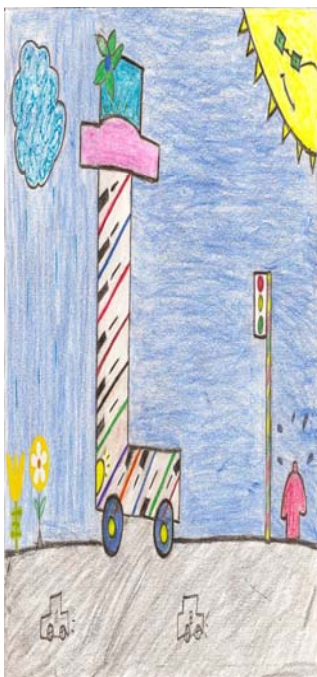
Attention all college bound NHA residents. Now is the time to apply for a NHF College Scholarship. Contact Carla Conway: 203-838-8471, 176 for information. Certified teachers can help you with your essays for FREE by calling Danielle Truini at 203-899-1739. Scholarship applications are due on **April 15, 2011.**

Need A FREE Ride To Your Child's School Conference?

Norwalk Housing Authority knows that your child's education is very important to you. We understand that getting to these conferences can be difficult and are offering free van rides to Parent/Teacher Conferences in March. Please take advantage of this assistance! Call Shelia Marshall to schedule van transportation to and from the conferences at 203-852-1144 ext. 124.

Art Contest Winners

February "Letter Art" Art Contest Winner is Jasmin Cordero from Colonial Village. She will receive a \$25.00 gift card to Walmart. Also, Brian Gonzalez from Roodner Court received an Honorable Mention for his entry and will receive a small prize. Art students are encouraged keep up the great work and participate in our monthly Art Contests! Please contact your local Learning Center on how to enter NHA's Creative Arts Center Art Contests.



Jasmin Cordero, Artist



Brian Gonzalez, Artist

Compare Foods Employees Five Residents

Thanks to a 2010 Job Fair sponsored by NHA on behalf of Compare Foods Supermarket, five Norwalk Housing residents are now full-time employees of Compare Foods. Compare Foods located on 5 Washington St. in South Norwalk. Compare Foods is the first full-service area grocery store. Congratulations to our Compare Foods employees! NHA continues to build its partnership with Compare Foods and other area business, helping resident to work where they live. Residents hired were Jessica, Glenda, Tamarra, Shanti and Timeesha!



Jessica Angel is all smiles at her new job at Compare Foods!

NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS Creating Economic Stability through Education

This is a FREE program to encourage adults, with an emphasis on heads of households, to explore educational opportunities as a way to enhance their economic stability. Sign up for this FREE Workshop to be held on Saturday, March 5 10-2pm on 188 Richards Ave. East Campus. Pre-Registration is required, Space is limited; For additional information or to register please call 203-857-7237 and reference CRN 2838.

NCC's College Pathway Programs for High School Students

NCC's College Pathway combines two programs: **ConnCAP** (Connecticut Collegiate Awareness and Preparation) for high school freshmen and sophomores, and **CPI** (College Pathway Initiative) for high school juniors and seniors. These programs challenge, inspire and support students through all four years of high school. NCC's College Pathway serves high school students who want to be first in their families to complete college. Students apply in April and begin in the summer. Each year's deadline is posted at each school. Application packets are available through high school counselors. **Space is limited!**

From Struggling to B's!

Elvis Canahui is a student from West Rocks who was struggling with his grades. Once he got the assistance of Meadow Gardens Learning Center staff; he went to a B- in just one marking period. Good luck Elvis and keep up the good work! One of Elvis's teachers said, "Elvis is very capable. He just needed help getting started with his homework." If you want the same results as Elvis, call Mark Covello Parent/School Coordinator at 203-838-8471 ext. 180.

REGISTER YOUR VEHICLES

NHA Residents living at the following developments must 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; Meadow Gardens; Roodner Court; Seaview/Fort Point; School Street; Senior Court and Washington Village. If you do not register your car, your car may get towed. To register your car, you must bring your driver's license, your vehicle registration and your insurance to the front desk and fill out the vehicle registration form. **The cost of having your car towed is \$160.00 and if it is hooked the cost is \$88.00.**

FREE Tax Preparation Services Available!

Households earning less than \$49,000 may be eligible to save \$150 in tax preparation fees and get valuable tax credits through VITA's free tax preparation service, provided by IRS-certified volunteers. Norwalk tax sites include NEON, Inc. and NCC. Site hours and scheduling vary; interested residents should dial 2-1-1 or visit www.irs.gov for site-specific information.



Justin Garcia and Sue Gilliam are enjoying an intense game of BINGO at Ludlow Commons.

Students and Seniors Bingo Nights!

Meadow Gardens students joined Ludlow Commons residents this month for a second round of Bingo! This has been an opportunity for the youth to relate to the seniors in a fun and interactive way! Lead Coordinator, Katrina Ellis is very pleased with this collaboration. Students and seniors alike enjoy the refreshments, company and prizes!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Begins on March 21 at elementary schools!

Parents with a child who will be five years old on or before January 1, 2012 should contact their neighborhood elementary school to give their name and address to the school secretary. **The secretary will send a kindergarten registration packet that includes all necessary forms to you in March.** Any questions may be directed to any elementary school office.

Soup Night at Senior Court!

Senior Court residents come join us for a delicious and nutritious meal on March 30, 2011 at 5:30pm in the Community Center. **B.Y.O.B. = Bring Your Own Bowl!**

"Careers in the Arts Night"

Students Learn from Local Artists, Artisans & Arts Professionals

Norwalk Housing Authority will present Careers in the Arts Night on March 29th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. The event, featuring local artists, artisans and arts professionals, will take place at 20 West Ave. Learning Center. Light refreshments will be served.

CALLING YOUTH WRITERS

Are you a 10th, 11th or 12th grade student with undiscovered writing talent and/or talent in the arts? A small group of youth will be meeting to learn how to use your talent to create the future of your dreams. For more information call Danielle Truini at 203-899-1739.

AARP Women's Scholarship Program

Scholarships applications for the AARP Women's Scholarship Program are being accepted until March 31, 2011. This program is open to women age 40 and over and may be used for any course of study at an accredited public or private school, including a community college, four-year university or technical school. The money may be used to pay for tuition, fees and books. Interested applicants can visit the AARP website at: http://www.aarp.org/aarp-foundation/info-2010/scholarship-opportunities.html?cmp=RDRCT-WOME_02NOV_010 to complete their application online.

Healthcare for Uninsured Kids & Youth

If your child needs health insurance Connecticut's HUSKY health care program can help your family. To get information and sign up, please call 1-877-CT-HUSKY (1-877-284-8759) or visit www.huskyhealth.com. A customer service representative will guide you through the application process. Parents may be eligible, too!

Applications For Temporary Laborers Are Being Accepted!

NHA is accepting applications from NHA residents only to work as **temporary laborers** with NHA contractors. Past construction experience is helpful but not required. All candidates must be authorized to work in the U.S. Applications are available from: **Sandra-Ann Nolfo, Section 3 Coordinator at 203-838-8471 ext. 181 or at NHA main office.**

Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program!

Applications will be available online beginning March 7, 2011 for the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment at www.norwalkct.org. Interview training session will be held for students seeking employment at 20 West Ave. Learning Center on **March 25, 2011 from 4:00-6:00pm**. Call Barry at 203-852-1144, Ext. 123 to register.