

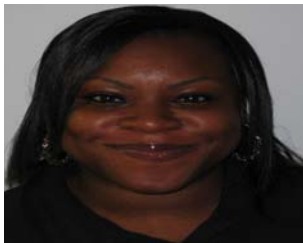
NHA News

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Learning Center Staff Spotlight!



Katrina Ellis is a Lead Educational Coordinator at Meadow Gardens Learning Center. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health with a Specialization in Health Promotion from Southern Connecticut University. Katrina has held positions at the Bridgeport Board of Education, Davis Street School Health Clinic and the Leadership Education and Athletics Partnership. She has worked in the NHA Learning Center's for five years and is striving to make a difference in the lives of NHA students.

Choice Neighborhoods Initiative

On May 19th, a meeting was held at Washington Village Community Center with HUD representatives from Hartford and Washington, Dc, , EJP Consulting Group, Family & Children's Agency, Norwalk redevelopment Agency, NHA and residents of Washington Village to provide a presentation and open discussion of the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant. The community meeting provided an opportunity to present an overview of the initiative and have a discussion and respond to questions and/or concerns. The plan calls for demolishing Washington Village and temporarily relocating residents during the construction which will include public, affordable, mixed income and market -rate housing on the site. The meeting provided the springboard for an ongoing process whereby residents have been invited to be active partners with the larger community in the planning phase of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative. A resident survey will be done with each family to ascertain their specific needs, ideas and concerns as a first step in developing a plan. If you have any questions, call Patricia Marsden-Kish at 203-838-8471 ext. 184.

Roodner Court Community Day, May 15th, 2011

Northeast Community Church (NECC) and NHA partnered together to bring Community Day to Roodner Court on Sunday May 15th. Mayor Richard Moccia was present to formally kick-off the day. Over 80 volunteers from the church and their families partnered with residents and painted the insides of each of the 13 building entry ways, put up new bulletin boards in each building, replaced carpeting at the front doors of the buildings, put up new clothes lines and did some gardening and mulching around the grounds. NHA's maintenance department planted beautiful flowers by the mail-boxes and in front of the office. Very special thanks go to Danielle Nelson and Father Thomas Mahoney from NECC for the tremendous energy and efforts to bring our communities together. A good time was had by all!



What is A Blocked Egress?

Rooms with one window must have unrestricted access to that window and contain no AC unit. No heavy furniture can block the windows or prohibit entry through windows.



REAC has scheduled physical inspections of NHA properties and units. If you have been advised that your unit has a blocked egress you **must** remedy the problem. Any questions/comments, please contact the Maintenance Dept. at-838-8471 ext. 139. Charge for blocked egress are:, 1st time \$50, 2nd time \$100, 3rd time \$200, 4th time eviction.

School Street Tenant Association!



On April 20, 2011, School Street residents participated in elections held to create a new Tenant Association. The newly elected officers for April 2011 thru April 2014 are: **President:** Lorna Lewis; **Vice President:** Annette Morales; **Secretary:** Jeannette Morales and **Treasurer:** Dana Maldonado! **Congratulations to the new officers!**

NHA Summer Youth Program

Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

July 05, 2011-August 19, 2011

Come join the fun in the sun at Norwalk Housing Authority's Learning Centers this summer! Our daily program will exercise your child's mind and body. Highlights include:

- Summer Reading Groups: Give your child a head start on the school year by completing summer reading assignments in our safe, supporting Learning Centers.
- Creative Arts: Like to paint? Draw? Take Photos? Art classes will help awaken your child's inner Picasso with fun, hands on activities.
- Drama: A budding actor in your troupe, or just a class clown? Allow them to shine on the stage as part of the NHA Players!
- Recreation: Summer is the perfect time to be outside playing, and NHA will offer sports and outdoor recreational opportunities to get your child up and moving.
- Field Trips: From amusement parks to museums, students will have a variety of opportunities over the summer to get out and see the world.
- Meals: Running late in the morning with no time to cook? Let us help. For the first time, we will serve both Breakfast and Lunch during our summer program.

The summer program is free to all NHA residents. Please contact staff at the Learning Centers for more information and application instructions.

- 20 West Avenue: Contact Ken Riley at 203-852-1144
- Colonial Village: Contact Tiffany Colbert at 203-857-0432
- Meadow Gardens: Contact Katrina Ellis at 203-899-0729
- Roodner Court: Contact Laura Turner at 203-838-9164
- Washington Village: Contact Michael Crafter at 203-838-8471, Ext. 162.



Yoga For Mommy & Me Birth to 3

Come join us at 11:00am on Wednesday's beginning June 8th for Mommy & Me Yoga at the Art Center on 89 Suncrest Road. Call Ann Prince, Early Childhood Coordinator at 203-803-6437 to register. Transportation will be provided.

310 Ely Townhouses For Sale!

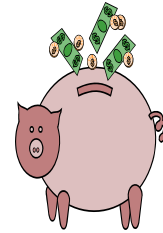
8 -2 bedroom units approximately; 1,300 s.f. each for \$239,900! For more information about the development or income eligibility contact Tim Carney at (203) 854-7810 ext. 46784 or for more information on purchasing a unit contact Donna Cutrone at (203) 653-5732 voice mail or (203) 554-3211 cell phone.

Summer Youth Job Fair June 14th at Housatonic Community College

Are you between the ages of 16 and 24? Are you looking for summer employment?

Can you dress to impress? Come to the Summer Youth Job Fair for more information. Over 30 employers will be present! On Tuesday June 14, 2011, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM at Housatonic Community College, 900 Lafayette Blvd, Bridgeport CT. Sponsored by: Career Resources, Inc., The Workplace, Inc., The Connecticut Dept. of Labor, and the City of Bridgeport.

Take Control of Your Finances!



Get a grip on your financial situation! Manage your money with confidence. Sheryle McMillan of Money Management International, a full-service credit counseling organization, will lead this FREE workshop on **Wednesday, June 15**

from 6:00-8:00pm at Leroy Downs, 26 Monroe St.. Sign up TODAY to be eligible for a \$25 raffle drawing. Establish and prioritize your financial goals and create a spending plan to help you stay on track. Commit to a savings plan for the future and emergencies. Pre-registration is required, space is limited. For additional information or to register, please call 203-838-8471 X187 or X135.

NHA recently completed a survey of 275 families. Residents told surveyors the following:

- 83% have a computer in their home
- 79% knew about K-12 After School programs
- 95% who attended NHA After School programs said their children liked the programs
- 48% heard about NHA's FREE Summer Program
- 43% heard about the program for children 18 months to Pre-Kindergarten
- 78% were aware of College Scholarships
- 15% of interviewees said an adult in their household had attended programs like Computer Skills and English as a Second Language
- 32% said they or another member of the household would be interested in attending a Life Skills Building Workshop
- 13% are interested in attending a class in English as a Second Language.