



NHA News!



Learning Center Staff Spotlight!

Tiffany Colbert is a Lead Educational Coordinator at Colonial Village Learning Center. She holds a Bachelor of Art degree in Communication from the College of New Rochelle, New York City. Tiffany has worked in the Norwalk Housing Authority Learning Center for 3 1/2 years and

believes that her students will take at least one thing she's said or done to help them make better choices for their lives.

35 Receive NHA College Scholarships

Attending college is becoming part of the culture of the families who live in Norwalk Housing Authority developments. This year, the 2011 Norwalk Housing Foundation plans to award 35 scholarships totaling over \$115,000 to deserving residents who are following their dream of going to college. This is the third year the Program has raised and awarded over \$100,000 and represents the support within the Norwalk business community and of the Norwalk Housing Authority of this important goal. A record number of high school students applied for scholarships (13) and impressed the Scholarship Committee at their interviews. "This is the most impressive group of applicants that we have ever had," said Harry Carey, Chairman of the 2011 Scholarship Committee. Recipients are from the following developments: Chapel Street, Colonial Village, King Kennedy, Main Avenue, Meadow Gardens, Roodner Court and Washington Village. The Awards Ceremony will be held on July 14 at Stepping Stones Museum for Children, beginning at 6:00pm. If you'd like to attend, please call Nicole Ruffin at 203-838-8471 ext. 140 by July 11, 2011.

Why You Need Renters Insurance



NHA has insurance, but it only covers the building where you live not your belongings or your liability for accidents. If your possessions are stolen during a break-in or damaged by a fire or severe weather, a renter's insurance policy will allow you to recover their value. If someone is injured during

an accident in your home, renters insurance will help protect you in the case a liability lawsuit. Call your local insurance company and ask about this very affordable coverage.



Congratulations Graduates!

Seven residents recently completed training and received certificates for Certified Nurse's Aide, Pharmacy Technician, Medical Assistant/Secretary and Homemaker Companion. These residents are now working

in rewarding jobs in the health care field, they are: Christy Sampson, Monica Benjamin, Marie Lezeau, Marie Metellus, Renante Wolfe and Yachira Camacho. These include Medical Billing and Coding Specialist, Patient Care Technician and Certified Nurse's Aide. According to the Dept. of Labor, healthcare is one of the **11** hottest fields. Take **advantage** of an opportunity to further your education. **Improve** your ability to enter a career that is in demand. **Follow** in the footsteps of our recent graduates.

Whatever you want, you need to make a plan. **Act** now and get started on a plan. Contact Sandra-Ann Nolfo, Resident Services Coordinator to make an appointment to see if a **Healthcare Career** is in your future. Call: 203-838-8471 ext.181 or email: snolfo@norwalkha.org. ****Tuition assistance may be available from NHA for qualified federal public housing residents**.**

Washington Village Choice Neighborhoods Initiative

The Choice Neighborhood resident survey will start the week of July 25th. Family & Children's Agency will be meeting with every household to complete a survey that will help to assess resident's needs, to hear what they would like to see regarding the re-development of the Washington Village housing site, and their preferences for re-location during the construction phase of this project. This is the planning phase. If funded the construction phase will not begin for 2-3 years. However it is important to have everyone's input so that the community has strong involvement. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Patricia Marsden-Kish at 203-838-8471, ext.184 or pmkish@norwalkha.org.

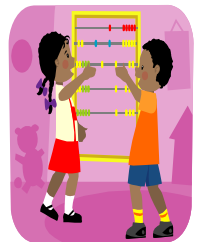
NHA Summer Youth Program

Monday -Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm

July 05, 2011-August 19, 2011

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



Job Interviewing Tips:

- Don't be late – reduce your stress levels and arrive early
- Dress to impress – wear appropriate clothes to the interview (no hats, baggy pants, a lot of jewelry or heavy scents).
- Make eye contact – look at the person who is talking to you and make eye contact when answering questions.
- Listen – don't interrupt and if you don't understand the question, ask the interviewer to repeat it.
- Be friendly and smile – don't be too friendly and relaxed; you still want to be seen as professional and courteous.



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.

Drama Club Production!

A musical revue with a combination of student written scenes and familiar pop and Motown songs was performed at the Stepping Stones Museum on June 15th at 6:00pm. 20 students from NHA Learning Centers, ages 6-14 were selected through an audition process in February and they are not only in the show, but they are members of the drama club. The students put on a spectacular performance and all were aglow with joy.



CTWorks Career Coach

CTWorks Career Coach will be at the Norwalk Library for **Job Search Assistance** from 10:00am -12:00pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm. Call to register at 203-899-2780.



.Employees from Deloitte & Touche, LLP volunteered their services on June 10, 2011 at various housing sites. Volunteers planted flowers and installed cubbies at the Learning Centers. Shown above are Mike Wallace and Dan Crumlish planting flowers at Washington Village.

HAI Awards

Scholarship To Rivera-Moore and Davis

Norwalk Housing Authority is proud to announce the selection of two (2) residents to receive the 2011-2012 Housing Authority Insurance Group Scholarship!! Congratulations Kayla Rivera-Moore and Jaleesa Davis!

Temporary Help Wanted

We are seeking public housing residents as temporary laborers to work with NHA contractors under the Section 3 program. Experience working construction and a valid driver's license would be useful for the successful candidate. If you think you have these qualifications and you would like to apply then contact: **Sandra-Ann Nolfo, Resident Services Coordinator at 203-838-8471 ext. 181 or by email snolfo@norwalkha.org.**

FREE Summer Concert Series

On four (4) Sundays afternoons in late July and late August at 3 o'clock at Calf Pasture Beach FREE concerts will be held in the band-mobile with convenient seating on the surrounding lawn or in the shade under the tree.

July 10 th	Memphis Soul Spectacular
July 24 th	Fred Roos' Middle of the Road Band
August 21 st	Deja Vu
August 28 th	Tracey DeLucia



Protect Yourself and Your Assets!

The fastest growing crime in the US is **identity theft**. Every year victims are **scammed** of their money through **fraud**. Don't be a victim! Sheryle McMillan of Money Management International, a full-service credit counseling organization, will lead this FREE workshop on **Wednesday, July 20**. Sign up TODAY! Learn how to protect yourself and your assets from thieves who can steal your information. Recognize the tricks of a con-artist. Understand the tell-tale warning signs of a scam. Pre-registration is required, space is limited. For additional information or to register, please call 203-838-8471 X187 or X135.