



GE Makes Shostak Beautiful!



GE coordinates volunteer efforts company-wide by keeping a close eye on societal needs and inviting all employees to build stronger communities. GE employees volunteer over 1 million hours of community service every year and Norwalk Housing Authority appreciates all of the time and efforts made to make our property's sparkle.

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Orientation

Would you like to SAVE A PORTION OF YOUR RENT over the next five years? If you answered "YES" Norwalk Housing Authority FSS program is what you've been waiting for! This program represents the largest asset-building program in the country. If you have goals you want to achieve and just need a boost to get started, this is the program for you. Here's how it works:

- **DREAM-** When you join the FSS Program, you will work with a coordinator to visualize and set goals that will get you to where you want to be, including obtaining employment. (PLEASE NOTE: *Previous FSS participants will not be afforded a second opportunity for re-enrollment in the program*)
- **CONNECT-** Your FSS Coordinator will help you connect with the right resources to help you on your way.
- **EARN-** If your rent payment increases because of earned income, you will earn *escrow*. This is money that will be put directly into a savings account that you will receive when you graduate the program.
- **SUCCEED-** When you achieve all of your goals, including gaining employment and being free of cash assistance for at least 12 consecutive months, you graduate the program and will receive your escrow earnings. \$8,000 is the average amount of escrow that FSS graduates earn. This could be YOU.

Join us for an in-depth look at the FSS Program and start a life-changing opportunity. Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 10:00AM located at Leroy Downs Apartments Community Room, 26 Monroe St., Norwalk, CT 06854.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Department of Housing

The Commissioner of the State of Connecticut Department of Housing ("DOH"), in accordance with § 8-64a of the Connecticut General Statutes, will hold a public hearing concerning the Housing Authority of the City of Norwalk's proposed demolition of units at the Washington Village housing development, in Norwalk, CT. The Housing Authority of the City of Norwalk intends to replace these units at alternative sites in multiple phases within the community. This Public Hearing is intended to provide any concerned individuals or organizations with the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed demolition by the Norwalk Housing Authority. The Housing Authority intends to apply to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for permission to demolish these structures and reconstruct them on alternative sites. Copies of the proposed plan may be obtained through the following contacts; the main office at the Norwalk Housing Authority, 24 1/2 Monroe St., Norwalk, CT 06856, Greg Lickwola, Construction Manager at 203-838-8471 x134, TDD/TYY 800-545-1833 x437, or Curtis O. Law, Executive Director at 203-838-8471 x141. **The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the CBC Community Hall (Calvary Baptist Church), 20 Concord Street, Norwalk, CT. Interested parties are encouraged to attend.**

EMERGENCY SERVICE



In order to better serve residents, below is an explanation of how NHA's after-hours emergency service procedure works. Please note weekend service is quite different than weeknight service.

WEEKENDS: From Saturday, 8:00 a.m. through Monday, 8:00 a.m. (plus holidays,) maintenance field staff are on "standby" and will receive emergency calls directly from our answering service. They provide emergency service for residents and also have the authority to call in additional assistance when needed. Emergency calls are answered in the order received. Though HUD requires emergency response within 24 hours, NHA's *actual* response time is often *less than four to six hours*.

WEEK NIGHTS: Our *week night* service differs from our weekend emergency service. Emergency service calls received directly from the answering service are sent to maintenance management staff beginning at 4:30 p.m. during the week. Management then sees if Maintenance Field staff are available to respond. Be aware it may take some time before staff can be located to respond to your call. All calls are responded to within 24 hours.

All NHA staff are dedicated to providing excellent customer service to all residents. We hope this information helps you to understand our after-hours emergency procedure so that you know what to expect if you have an emergency in the future.



Fall Construction Jobs

Washington Village Phase 1 Construction of 80 apartments will begin late fall. If you are interested in labor, trade or security jobs, contact Lisa Roger at 203-838-8471 ext. 188 to submit a pre-application.

Social Services Positions Available with Housing opportunities Unlimited HOU will be providing case management at Washington Village under the choice neighborhood program

Go to www.norwalkha.org for complete job description or contact Eric Hearn via email at ehearn@housingopportunities.com.

Financial Management Tip of the Month:

www.mymoney.gov

The U.S. Government's website is dedicated to teaching all Americans of all ages about financial education. Whether you are planning to save for college, buy a home, balance your checkbook, or invest in a 401K, the resources on MyMoney.gov can help you. Throughout the site, you will find important information from federal agencies. If you don't have a computer, feel free to call 1-888-My-Money (696-6639).

New Career Opportunity

Are you interested in a new career in the growing health care field? Learn about FREE training at Southwestern CT Health Career Academy. SEPTEMBER 8th, 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. For additional information or to register, call Lisa Roger at 203-838-8471 ext. 188 or Guillermo Bendana at ext.135.

Danbury's Section 8 Waiting List Will Be Open from August 18th to August 29th

Designated Housing Choice Voucher (DHCV) applicants must be under 62 years of age, with a disability, and require a 1 bedroom unit. Pre-applications will be accepted by mail only and must be postmarked between the dates of 8/18/14 and 8/29/14. Pre-applications and the on-line application will be available at the HACD's website, www.hacdct.org and at each site office.



JOBS at Norwalk Hospital!

Norwalk Hospital is frequently updating its website to post employment opportunities for all levels of

skills and experience. ALL applications and resumes must be submitted online. Follow the instructions below to access the applicant tracking system:

- Go to the Norwalk Hospital Website, www.norwalkhospital.org
- Click on the "careers at Norwalk Hospital" tab at the top of the page and go to "Careers at Norwalk Hospital"
- Select "View all open jobs", or use the search form to find jobs that suit your specific career interests
- Once you find and apply to an open position, be sure to remember your login and password for future job submissions and to access your profile
- You will receive an email confirming that your application has been submitted for any position that you apply to.
- You will be contacted directly by a Human Resources representative if there is any interest in pursuing your application further. **Please note, this process may take up to 3 weeks.**
- If you are not selected for the position, you will be notified via email.
- You can check the status of your application(s) at any time by logging back in to your profile and selecting "view the status of jobs you've applied to".

Best of luck with your job search!

Job Fair!



Date: September 4th, 2014

Time: 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Location: 535 Connecticut Ave., Norwalk, CT

Register: <http://www.allcountyevents.com/index.php/job-seeker-registration>



FREE FINANCIAL CLASSES

1. Budgeting For Life:

How to Create and Maintain a Spending Plan on Tuesday, September 30, 2014

2. **The ABCs of Credit:** Everything you need to know about applying for Credit & Loans Tuesday, October 21, 2014

3. **Financial Resiliency:** The Steps to Financial Recovery Tuesday, November 18, 2014

All classes will be held at the Washington Village Learning Center at 10:00AM Pre-Registration is required: Call NOW!! 203-838-8471 X135 (Guillermo) or X188 (Lisa)



Norwalk Housing Authority participants *only* will be eligible to join the Frequent Rewards Program and receive **FREE PRIZES**. Members who ATTEND ALL 3 workshops have a chance to **WIN A TABLET**



Learning Center Fall Programs Begin on September 2, 2014!

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 6th through 12th are located at 20West. Over the past year a fantastic middle school and high school program that is age appropriate for those grade levels was developed. 6th grade students are

20 West Avenue Learning Center Hosts Check Presentation for NHF Scholarship Recipients

The community room at 20 West Avenue Learning Center was packed with middle and high school students and guests for the annual Fall Norwalk Housing Foundation Scholarship Program check presentation ceremony. Recipients of the 2014 NHF Scholarship Program were there to receive checks and congratulations from 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.



FREE Back to School Night at Stepping Stones Museum for Children

September 4th from 5:00pm– 8:00pm

It's the beginning of the new school year, an exciting and important time to prepare for children's success. Join members of Norwalk ACTS in a salute to students of all ages, parents and educators at this one-of-a-kind back to school celebration. Meet Norwalk ACTS member organizations and learn about the outstanding community resources available for you and your family. Listen to story times led by special guest readers and meet local authors. Discounted dinner available for purchase in the Stepping Stones Cafe. Stepping Stones Museum for Children is located Mathews Park, 303 West Ave., Norwalk.



Science is Fun at South Norwalk Library!



The Magic of Science: Scienceteller, Justin Maruri, conducts an amazing dry ice experiment with Camila Santos, during an interactive presentation of a "Dragons & Dreams tale," at the local South Norwalk Public Library. Camila and her peers were very excited to participate in cool science experiments, which included fire and dry ice, flash paper and exploding bottles. The Magic of Science Rocks!

Awww...King ME!



Jairo Avila and Mike Avila enjoy a friendly game of checkers at the Meadow Gardens Center.

Roodner Court Residents Enjoy Family Fun Day



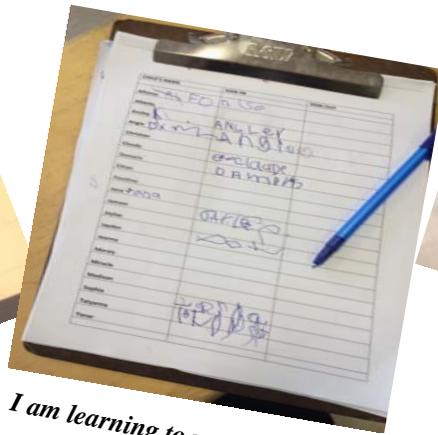
Zariyah Smith, 5, Iyahnie Robinson, 8, and Serinity Samuels, 7, enjoy the Roodner Court Family Fun Day held in the Ely Gymnasium Saturday afternoon.



Norwalk Housing Authority Head Start/ School Readiness Program



Moving Right Along



I am learning to write my name!



Family fun in Room 101

*Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation.
– J. F. Kennedy*



Norwalk Smiles: Brightens our day



Celebrating a great year!



Feelings: Room 201 expresses themselves



Busy bees at Ely



Room 106 is moving on & moving up...



Future engineer or architect??

***Come to the NHA Head Start/School Readiness Program, 11 Ingalls Ave. (203-956-6216)
or at 165 Flax Hill Rd (203-939-9712) to pick up an application or call for details!!!***