



NHA's Honey Bees BUZZED with Spirit!

The Norwalk Education Foundation held its 3rd Annual Spelling Bee on April 9th at the Norwalk Concert Hall. Norwalk Housing Authority was proudly represented by

Sheila Magyar, Ely Center Site Supervisor, Kendra Veazey, Education Manager from Benjamin Franklin School, Mary Parillon, Teacher at Benjamin Franklin School and Tameka Martinez, Teacher at Ely School. The Honey Bees did not win the Spelling Bee, but were given an award for "Most Spirit". Thank you for representing NHA with such **GREAT** spirit!



My Favorite Teacher" Award Given to Jill Murray!

Jill Murray, Reading Coach at Washington Village Learning Center was presented the "My Favorite Teacher" award by the Barnes and Noble Upper East Side Community Relations Board.

Each year Barnes & Noble has a contest for middle and high school students write an essay, poem, or thank-you letter sharing



how a teacher has influenced their life and why they appreciate and admire them. Every Barnes & Noble store chooses a winner from the entries it receives based on the compelling nature of the teacher's inspiring qualities, the sincerity of the students' appreciation and the quality of expression in the writing. Jennifer Adjivon, a sophomore at St. Jean Baptiste High School, wrote the winning poem. Jennifer was in Jill's third grade class in 2008. Congratulations from all of us at NHA and for lasting impact you have had on our children.

Norwalk Housing Authority volunteers are hosting



BINGO every Tuesday night from 6:00pm-7:15pm in the Community Center at Irving Freese, 57 Ward St., Norwalk. **PRIZES** and **LIGHT REFRESHMENTS** will be served. **Come have fun and enjoy!!**

NHF Graduate Scholarship Now Available!

The NHF has started a Graduate Scholarship Program for students pursuing a graduate degree who need help financing their studies. Applications are due May 1st. Contact Kim Hein at khein@norwalkha.org or 203-838-8471 x190 for an application.



Are You In Need of A Job?

Norwalk Housing Authority has the following opportunities available:

- ◆ Teacher
- ◆ Assistant Teacher
- ◆ Educational Aide
- ◆ CNI People Coordinator

Go to norwalkha.org and look under Careers to find a full description of the job responsibilities.

NHA Needs Volunteers!

- ◆ Run Bingo at senior housing community centers
- ◆ Work at the main office stuffing mail
- ◆ Make copies for mass mailings
- ◆ Work as a Senior housing activity coordinator during weekday hours



If you are interested, call Anabell DeLacruz at 203-838-8471 ext. 140.

Protect Yourself and Your Assets Seminar: Be on Alert for Identity Theft Wednesday, June 17, 2015

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! 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. Come on **WEDNESDAY JUNE 17th, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**, at Leroy Downs Community Room, 26 Monroe St. **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED, SPACE IS LIMITED!** Call Lisa Roger at 203-838-8471 ext. 188.



2-1-1 Online EBT Card Replacement

2-1-1 can now process EBT card replacement requests online. To submit a request for a replacement EBT card, visit the 2-1-1 website at www.211ct.org and click on the EBT link in the header navigation. The person requesting a replacement EBT card through 2-1-1 must be the head of household, and must be able to provide two of the following personal identifiers for confirmation (personal information is used for verification purposes only and will not be shared):

*Date of birth

*Social Security number

*DSS Client ID number

When requesting the replacement card either through the website or by dialing 2-1-1, users have the option to provide a cell phone number or e-mail address to receive status updates. Users can also visit the website to check the status of their request at any time, whether they requested the replacement online or over the phone.

Employment Tip of the Month: Send thank you letters during job search

Explore opportunities for saying "thank you." It's not reserved for after the job interview. Expressing gratitude feels good to both the giver and receiver. Consider a short thank you to someone who has helped you along your job search and career path, a friend who referred a job to you, or someone who's provided you with hope and encouragement along the way. It just feels good!

Financial Management Tip of the Month: What to do after the Anthem Hack

A major cyberattack on the nation's second-largest health insurer means consumers should take steps to safeguard their data, said Tara Siegel Bernard at *The New York Times*. Hackers recently made off with "names, Social Security numbers, birthdays, addresses, emails, and employment information for as many as 80 million people," including Blue Cross and Blue Shield customers. Anthem has vowed to "provide free identity repair services and credit monitoring for up to a year" for anyone whose information was compromised. But because the attackers obtained so much data, you're better off taking more steps. Consider requesting a "security freeze" on your credit reports to prevent thieves from opening new accounts.

Washington Village Residents Only! Are You Tired of being unemployed? Looking for a job!?

Look no further! Contact us for more information
Daphny Dolce at 203-952-1851
d.dolce@housingopportunities.com
Housing Opportunities Unlimited
Leroy Downs Building, 26 Monroe St., Norwalk, CT

Money Management International (MMI) is the largest nonprofit, full-service credit counseling agency in the United States. Join them for two upcoming seminars:



Credit Reports and Scores Seminar: Getting the most mileage from your credit May 7, 2015

Curious about what your credit report is saying about you? This seminar provides answers to your questions. Learn where credit agencies obtain information and how to interpret the reports they create. Discover your rights on how often you are entitled to receive a FREE credit report from the three major credit reporting agencies. Spot errors in your report and learn how to dispute them. Uncover steps you can take to improve your credit scores. Come on MAY 7th, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, at Leroy Downs Community Room, 26 Monroe St.

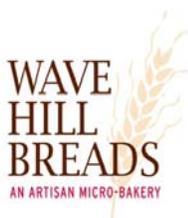
Are You Interested in A New Career in the Growing Health Care Field?

Learn about FREE training at Southwestern CT Health Career Academy. TUESDAY JUNE 16th, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM, at Leroy Downs Community Room, 26 Monroe St. Offered through the Work-Place, 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.

Employment Opportunities & UPCOMING JOB FAIRS

JOB Openings

Wave Hill Breads, located at 30 High Street, Norwalk CT 06851, is looking for additional staff for baking, farmers' markets, and maintenance. Email your resume to wavehillbreads@gmail.com.



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Tuesday May 19, 2015 FAIRFIELD-COUNTYJOBS.COM Job Fair

Date: Tuesday May 19, 2015

Time: 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Location: Norwalk Inn and Conference Center, 99 East Avenue, Norwalk CT 06851



20 West Learning Center Welcomed Mike Chaffee!

20 West Learning Center began our “Welcome Professionals” series. For the next three months local professionals will come and speak to our students about their careers and the different steps they took to acquire it. Mike Chaffee, a financial advisor at Ameriprise Financial Services, kicked off the series on March 23, 2015. Mike’s charismatic and candid speech was very informative and endearing. He started his story by sharing a memory; when he was eight years old his grandmother told him, “The only way to make it in this country is by being your own boss.” Mike said her words didn’t mean much to him at the time, but as he grew up he recognized how influential her words of wisdom would be in his life. Mike owns a financial consulting firm but he had a rocky start to his success. Mike frankly shared his disinterest in high school with our students. For instance, while in high school, he would show up tardy to class, skip class to hang out with friends and scored low marks in some of his major classes. However, Mike’s lack of focus during his high school years, resulted in him not being accepted in the colleges of his choice. Mike worked and attended Housatonic Community College. After transferring to Quinnipiac University, Mike started to believe in himself and he finally took his education seriously. Mike graduated undergrad Cum Laude with a 3.4 average. In retrospect, Mike shared with our students how he wished he worked harder during his time in high school. Mike concluded his speech by urging our students to find their talents and develop them.



The Golden Ticket



At the Colonial Village Learning Center, they have started a new incentive program. The program is called “The Golden Ticket”. The Golden Ticket is a re-

ward for students who meet the requirements that are listed on the ticket. The students are able to collect tickets throughout the week and on Friday they are able to cash in their tickets for a prize. The prizes vary depending on how many tickets they have. The higher number of tickets each student has will determine the prize you can choose from. The prizes include: DVD Movies, School Supplies, Healthy snacks and more. When students earn their tickets they have to be responsible and save them until Friday. The main goal for this program is to have students learn to always strive to do their best in everything they do.

Kamora Prince Receives Shining Star Award

Meadow Garden’s Shining Star Award goes to Kamora Prince! Kamora is an outgoing student, who diligently completes her schoolwork and is involved in many activities. She is an amazing role model for other students because of her dedication. Currently, Kamora is involved in the Literacy Program, Science, Fit Kids, Chorus, a Music Theater Workshop, and the Art Program. Kamora loves to perform and showcase her artistic abilities. On another note, due to Kamora’s participation in Dr. Cynthia Barnett’s, Annual Amazing Girls Science Conference, where girls experience cool hands-on experiments and learn about exciting careers in engineering. Kamora has received a special reward. Dr. Barnett has invited Kamora and her mom for a shared learning experience, known as the Mother and Daughter Engineering Fest on April 25th at Dolce Norwalk. Kamora Prince you Rock!



Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.-Dr.Seuss



F is for Fun Day Fridays

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and the best day is Friday. After a long week of school, the children at the Roodner Court Center like to unwind with arts and crafts, Creative Cooking, karaoke, and sometimes a movie. In order to expose the children to something different, each week the staff collectively comes up with a new weekly activity. Friday is benchmarked as a fun day! The students never know what to expect.



Donte Cobb Jr. and Surahya Lofton are having fun with food!

Help Me Grow

The Help Me Grow program provides access for Connecticut families to a coordinated, statewide system of early detection for children at-risk for adverse developmental and behavioral outcomes, as well as care coordination for these children and families. Through Child Development Infoline (1-800-505-7000), Help Me Grow serves as a safety net for children not eligible for other services, such as Birth to Three or Early Childhood Special Education. A recent Help Me Grow campaign resulted in hundreds of parents and providers being trained in the use of the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) and more than 1,000 families registering to receive the ASQ through Help Me Grow.





Scholarships at Norwalk Community College available



Norwalk Community College has scholarships available for current high school seniors who are attending Norwalk Community College in the fall (Royce and Bigelow Scholarships) and current Norwalk Community College students who are transferring to a four-year college or university in the fall (Dream and LEAP Transfer Scholarships). Applications for these scholarships are due in May so there is still time to apply! Visit <http://ncc-foundation.org/for-students/> for more information. Hard copies of these applications are also available in the NHA Office from Kim Hein

Renowned Author Joe Swinger Comes To HeadStart/ School Readiness Program on May 1st!



Joe Swinger author of the children's book *Joey Meets the Beans of Wisdom* will be spending the day visiting both the Nathaniel Ely School and Benjamin Franklin School to read to preschool students on May 1st from 9:30am-12:00pm and 2:30pm-4:00pm. Parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 203-956-6216 and speak with Adriana Fuchs, Education Manager.

Family Fun Tip With Food

Play "conversation in a jar" (or basket, or bin). Keep a container on the dinner table with blank slips of paper, and whenever you think of a cool question, write it down and toss it in. For examples: "What's something you can do better than your parents?" "If there were a holiday named after you, how would people celebrate it?" "Make up a nickname for everyone at the table -- nothing mean!" Once a week, use some of the questions in the basket to spark conversations at dinner.



There is Still Room! What Are You Waiting For? Sign up!

The Norwalk Housing Authority (NHA) Head Start /School Readiness Program is currently accepting applications for children ages 15 months to 4 years old.

The Program has two different options:

- 6 hrs classrooms (9:00am – 3:00pm) – No fee involved
- 10hrs classrooms (7:30am – 5:30pm) –Sliding fee scale involved

The program also offers comprehensive services to the entire family based on the families' needs while encouraging parent participation in their children's education and encouraging them to become advocates for their children.

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

