WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We want to keep illegal drugs and drug dealers off of NHA properties. Your family deserves to live in a safe, drug-free environment without safety concerns where you call home! If you see or are aware of any drug, gang or other criminal activity, PLEASE report it to Norwalk Police Department right away so that action can be taken. You do not have to provide your name! You can report activity anonymously and we implore you to do so. Turning a blind eye to this problem will not make it go away; in fact, it will make it worse. We all have to work together to make a difference! Call 203-854-3000 and press 0. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Washington Village NEWS Update

Two Case Managers and a Workforce Development Specialist from Housing Opportunities Unlimited (HOU) began assisting Washington Village residents and are temporarily operating out of office space on the first floor of the Leroy Downs. They are: Emendya Edouard, Lead Case Manager, (203) 952-1461; Abby Chamberlain, Case Manager, (860) 559-6779; and Daphny Dolce, Workforce Development Specialist, (203) 952-1851. Office hours are as follows: Monday through Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm. Appointments can be made and meetings will be scheduled at the Leroy Downs office and at the Washington Village Learning Center. A permanent office location will be selected later this winter and will also be walking distance from Washington Village.

NHA Education Coordinator Appointed

The Choice Neighborhoods Initiative took another step forward with the appointment of Micheal Crafter as CNI Education Coordinator. Micheal has spent the last 7 years working at the Washington Village After School Program, first as an Education Coordinator and then as the Lead Coordinator. He worked with students and families to ensure that each child received the assistance needed to complete homework activities and participate in the opportunities available. In his new capacity Michael will be working with the Case Managers from Housing Opportunities Unlimited. He will also be the Housing Authority liaison to the Norwalk Public School system to insure Washington Village students reach their full academic potential. He will be assisting adults, young and old, with setting new goals for personal growth through expanded educational opportunities and training programs.

A Norwalk native, Micheal grew up in Roodner Court and attended the afterschool program and was a very active participant in Grassroots Tennis. Micheal holds a BA in Sociology from Fairfield University and resides in Norwalk with his family.

April 7th NCC Career Expo 2015

Norwalk Community College Career Center will be hosting a Career Expo featuring many employers who are looking to hire. Tuesday, April 7, 2015 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm in the East Campus Atrium, 188 Richards Avenue, Norwalk CT. Dress for success and bring your resume! Freshen up your resume by meeting with Lisa Roger. Call 203-838-8471 ext.188.

Norwalk Housing Authority will be 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 yourself!

March 5th, 24 Hours to Give Where You Live

The Norwalk Housing Authority (NHA) created the Norwalk Housing Foundation (NHF) in 2000 that raises money for college scholarships. One hundred percent of NHF funds go to students. Remember, giving gives back, through lasting coalitions, broadly unified and cohesive communities, and by establishing sustainable self-sufficiency through education. The return on these kinds of investments will be in the form of resources, relationships, and reliability; they help to develop a loyal, stable, and educated workforce and a more prosperous and financially sound City of Norwalk for everyone.

Fairfield County’s Giving Day is 24 hours of online giving by individuals, families and companies to support their favorite local charities. How Does Giving Day Work?

The Norwalk Housing Foundation registered to participate on a secure donation platform—www.FCGives.org. In addition, all registered nonprofits receive a dollar-for-dollar match, up to a predetermined amount, funded by Bank of America, partnering corporations, other institutions and individual donors.

March 5, 2015 is Giving Day

Donors, friends, family and community members can go to www.FCGives.org from midnight through 11:59 pm on March 5 and donate to Norwalk Housing Foundation. The Community Foundation’s goals include registering at least 325 local nonprofits, engaging 9,500 unique donors, and raising $1 million.

Remember, every day can be giving day, and so if you can’t participate through this special event, we welcome contributions by mail: NHF Scholarship Pro-
If you have HUSKY You Have Dental Coverage

HUSKY offers a broad range of services by dentists all over the State. Access to dental care is literally a phone call away at 1-855-CTDENTAL (1-855-283-3682), Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Connecticut Medicaid (HUSKY) beneficiaries have the best access to dentists of any program in the country. 97.7% of beneficiaries have a dentist available within a 5 mile radius. Here is a brief summary of the dental benefits covered under HUSKY at no charge when you see a participating dentist:

- Oral exams/Cleanings/Oral surgery
- X-Rays/Fillings/Extractions/ Root canals
- Dentures/ Crowns/Orthodontic Services (Under 21 years old with prior authorization)

Benefits are different for children and adults. Some services may require prior authorization. If you have any questions about coverage or want to find a dentist, call 1-855-CTDENTAL (1-855-283-3682).

Winter Snow Removal Advisory

This has been a very harsh winter in the City of Norwalk specifically. One of the biggest challenges for NHA maintenance personnel as well as city public works crews has been the removal and disposal of major snow accumulations. Keeping roads and parking areas clear and accessible for residents and their vehicles has been hampered by the sheer volume of snow and the relentless frigid temperatures. Remember the responsibility for clearing parking lots and access roads belongs to maintenance workers and the task of cleaning off and moving vehicles is on the owner. Once the initial road and lot cleaning is done it is incumbent on the car owner to move his or her vehicle as soon as possible. This allows for workers to return for additional plowing/blowing to free up additional parking. By working together we can hopefully improve conditions in the future. We work hard and I personally welcome any suggestions you may have regarding this issue.
Apply for a NHF College Scholarship!

- Scholarships are available for High School Seniors, College Students, Recent High School Graduates and Returning Adults.
- You must be a resident in good standing with the NHA and must have lived in a NHA development for a minimum of one year.
- Applications available now at www.norwalkha.org or in the NHA Office.
- Applications due Friday, April 10th at 4:30PM

Questions? Contact Kim Hein at khein@norwalkha.org or 203-838-8471 x190.

“Your have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.” - Dr. Seuss

High School Summer Art Scholarship

NHA’s Creative Arts Program is pleased to announce a partnership with the School for Visual Arts (SVA) in New York City. The partnership provides a $3,900 scholarship to the Pre-College Summer Program for summer 2015. The Pre-College Summer students are immersed in study through lectures on art history, theory and the use of media and materials. The program is enhanced with a comprehensive list of chaperoned activities that take full advantage of the social and cultural life of New York City. The summer program is scheduled for three weeks in July (July 13th to July 31) and classes are taught Monday through Friday from 9am to 4 pm and includes dorm lodging. Students will receive three college credits for the successful completion of the summer program. Come learn about this wonderful opportunity. Parents are welcome. Friday, March 6th, 2015 at 3:30 pm at Norwalk Housing Authority 24½ Monroe Avenue, Norwalk, CT. Please call Patricia Marsden-Kish at 203- 838-8471 ext. 184 or Wendy Gerbier at 203-852-1144 ext. 103 if you have any questions. Transportation to and from meeting can be arranged.

Magazine Project

The All About Me Magazine Collage let students utilize a variety of magazines to create an interesting and fun collage. Students individually worked to create a poster filled with pictures, words or phrases that describe them; focusing on personal goals and what they desire or envision themselves to be. After searching and gathering ideas, a very vivid collage was created. Each, student shared their collage with the group in a Show and Tell format. The presenter in this picture, Jahzai Simms was very excited to showcase pictures of his favorite celebrities, cool possessions he hoped to gain and his future interest in the military. Moreover, as the presentation progressed, it was great to see students learning and engaging with their peers because of these newly shared connections.

Pictured students: Tyleah Simms; Ulysses Flores; Presenter: Jahzai Simms; Samantha Garcia; Kamora Prince and Aniyia Prince.

Colonial Village Reader of the Week!

Colonial Village staff would like to recognize Zyare Bradley on being the reader of the week. Zyare is in the 4th grade and enjoys reading adventure books because it allows him to use his imagination. He is relentlessly excited when it is time for the fourth graders to do their reading exercises and activities with Ms. Marta, Reading Coach. Keep up the good work Zyare!

Zahna, health screenings, Pump It Up, Arts & Crafts, Musical games, My Three Sons, and more! Featuring DJ Co-Millenni!

Join the Norwalk YMCA to see just how much fun living healthy can be!

The Lemonade War

Once a month Washington Village reading coach Mr. Whalen, does a read-aloud with the scholars at the center which allows them to listen, focus and converse with one another. Mr. Whalen also hands out a few books to the scholars to assist him in the reading, answering questions and filling out comment cards where they get to express their thoughts and feelings about the book. The Lemonade War, written by Jacqueline Davies is a clever blend of humor, math wizardry, and business know-how. As it captures the one-of-a-kind bond between brother and sister, this poignant novel subtly explores how arguments can escalate beyond...
Other Scholarships NHA Residents are eligible for:

Allan R. Andrews Scholarship (NERC-NAHRO)
http://www.nercnahro.org/Scholarship.php
Deadline: May 2015

Elizabeth Ambler Scholarship
http://www.amblertrust.org/scholarship.html
Deadline: April 2015

Housing Authority Insurance Group Scholarship
https://www.housingcenter.com/member-resident-scholarships
Deadline: April 2015

John J. Kelly Memorial Scholarship - Conn-NAHRO
http://conn-nahro.org/Plugs/Scholarships.aspx
Deadline: June 2015

NAHMA Educational Foundation Grant (Colonial Village Residents Only)
https://scholarship.indatus.com/nahma
Deadline: May 2015

Norwalk Community College Foundation (for current NCC Students)
http://ncc-foundation.org/for-students/
Deadline: Varies

Free help with scholarship applications is typically available at your current high school or college!
Contact Kim Hein at khein@norwalkha.org or 203-838-8471 x190

New & Improved 20 West Reading Corner
It was all smiles while the 20 West students peered at their new reading corner on Thursday February, 5, 2015. Thanks to the Beiersdorf Corporation company-wide book drive, students will benefit from a new selection of books. The new library contains a wide variety of genres students can choose from. In addition to donating the reading corner, company executives and lawyers spoke to our students about the importance of reading. The speakers elaborated on how significant reading was in propelling their careers and success. The students are very grateful for the new books and reading corner which they thoroughly enjoy.

Duct Tape Rose Pens
20 West Girls Teen Mentoring program is held every Wednesday. The program provides a wide range of activities that are hands on, engaging and inspiring. The Girls enjoy sharing their interest, feelings and creativity. If you are a teenage girl in search of a program that gives you full range to be yourself while being celebrated, we look forward to seeing you at our next weekly meeting on Wednesday February 18, at 4:30 p.m.

The Business of Art
On February 20th, 20 West Art students completed their participation in the “Business of Art” program by acting as Student Docents and giving visiting guests a walking tour of Norwalk’s historic WPA Murals at the Norwalk City Hall. The Student Docent Tours come at the conclusion of a 4 month art program that joined the creative forces of NHA students with outside organizations. Throughout this program, students were introduced to the business world of the creative arts. Students learned that there are many different business opportunities in art, ranging from being the actual artist, to being passionate about the history and knowledge of existing art, historical or contemporary. In the Spring, this program will expand Student Docents to giving outside walking tours of Norwalk’s more contemporary community art located throughout SoNo, such as the “Traffic Graphic” boxes.

Child First Services Available
Home-based, early childhood intervention program designed to decrease the incidence of serious emotional disturbances, developmental and learning problems, and abuse and neglect. Child First uses community partnerships to help identify children living in high-risk environments, or children who show the early signs of emotional, behavioral or developmental problems. Children referred to Child First receive intensive, in-home intervention by Masters or PhD. level mental health/developmental clinicians and B.A. care coordinators. The Child Guidance Center of Mid-Fairfield County is the lead agency for the Norwalk Child First Program and partners with Family & Children’s Agency. We employ three Child First intervention teams, each with a M.A./PhD. level child development clinician and a B.A./M.A. level parent educator. The program is located on the 2nd floor of the Norwalk Department of Health Building, located next to City Hall. For more details call 203-939-9339 and speak with a live representative.