

NHA NEWS

N O R W A L K H O U S I N G A U T H O R I T Y

2008 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Please be advised that students may obtain paper FAFSA by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). Students may request up to three copies of the paper application and should receive their FAFSAs in three to seven business days.

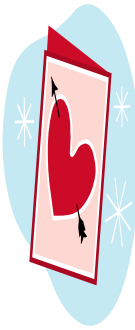
It Is Never To Late To Get Involved!



Call your son or daughter's school and find out when the next Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is going to be held! Each school has a different PTO meeting schedule, so, you may call the Board of Education at 854-4001 or visit www.norwalkpublicschools.org for more great information. Your presence can make a difference.

Valentine Day Luncheons

Norwalk Housing Authority seniors met at their developments and enjoyed a spectacular Valentine's Day affair sponsored by NHA and Senior Umbrella. The seniors munched on goodies and giggled the afternoon away as they thought of days long ago. For more information about the Senior Umbrella call 847-2830.

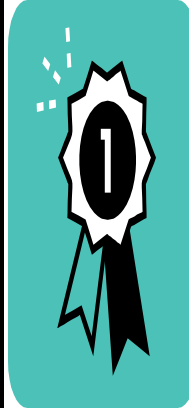


Utility Allowances!

Your rent includes utilities, however in many instances residents are required to pay for their own electric and sometimes gas. In any case where a resident is required to pay for these utilities a utility allowance is calculated and deducted from the rent to enable a resident to pay for the utility. These monies are allotted for the payment of your utilities and should be used for such.



Housing Authority Insurance Group is conducting the 2008 Playground Poster & Essay Contest



Kids grab your markers and papers, it's time to create an essay or poster we can all celebrate! Your art and words will show us the way to keep our playgrounds a clean place to play. Instructions for this contest can be picked up from the main office of NHA. All entries must be received by Norwalk Housing Authority by March 25, 2008.

FIRE SAFETY NOTICE

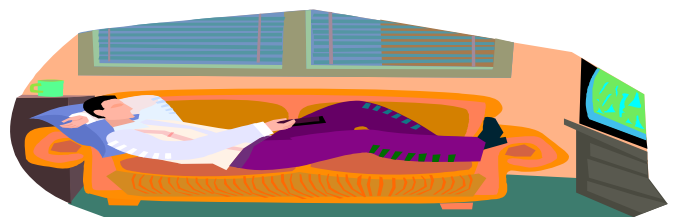
For people to be able to exit an apartment in case of a fire, the Fire Department and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) require NHA to enforce emergency exit access.

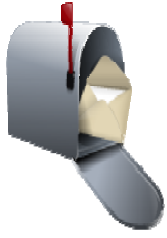
1. Do not block windows or exit doors in your home with furniture or other items.
2. Do not place window air conditioning units in rooms with only one window. You must be able to escape all rooms through windows in case of fire.
3. Do not block electrical circuit breaker panels with any furniture, pictures or other items.

You will be charged **\$50.00** if we find these conditions at your home.

NHA will check to see if there are blocked egresses at inspections, exterminations and other times staff are in your apartment.

As always, thank you for your continued cooperation in protecting everyone's safety.





**WATCH YOUR MAIL!
THE RESIDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY IS COMING!**

When it comes, please fill it out! All responses are completely confidential! Help Norwalk Housing Authority help you! If you are happy let HUD know!

College In Your Future?

College Scholarships Available
(from \$500 to \$6,500)

For Norwalk Housing Authority Residents

Application Deadline: April 25, 2008

Call: Carla Conway, 833-8471, ext. 176, for information and application.

In 2007, 23 youth and adults received NHA Scholarships.



NHA Scholarship News

Scholarship Recipient, Javier Ceja has transferred mid-year to Pace University in Manhattan to focus on international studies. Stephanie Hernandez transferred from Norwalk Community College to Long Island University. Diana Chavez a Long Island University Senior is showing her around.

Norwalk Reads!

The next free children's books distribution for Norwalk Reads! is scheduled for Saturday, March 29th. Times are: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Sites will include Colonial Village, Meadow Gardens and the South Norwalk Library as well as other sites. Watch for more information in the NHA News and in NHA fliers. For more information, call Carla Conway, 838-8471 ext. 176.



LET'S TALK

My Child Has A Learning Disability. What Should I Do?

3 sessions 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon Limited to 10 participants

Tuesday, March 4 - Know Your Child: What do the tests say about your child?

Tuesday, March 11 - Know the Law: What do Federal and State laws mandate?

Thursday, March 18 - Know the School: How can I be sure the school is meeting my child's needs?

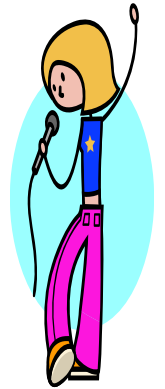
Facilitator: Rena Schine, Ph.D, School Psychologist/ Advocate

Place: CACLD, 25 Van Zant Street, Suite 15-5, E. Norwalk, CT
This program is free, but registration is required. Call 203-838-5010.

TALENT AMERICA "2008"

"Talent America" is owned and operated by Eastwood Associates LTD and it's a showcase for undiscovered talent of all ages. Talent America gives undiscovered talent the opportunity to achieve recognition through guidance, competition, and experience. In itself "Talent of the Year Awards" is a testimony to the vast talent present in the United States. Talent America devotes itself to individuals who enjoy and thrive on competition, which is the basis of our American way of life.

Talent America is a series of preliminary competitions held throughout the United States. Contestants who are selected, as finalists in these preliminaries are eligible to perform in the National Final Competition held annually in New York City in mid July. Finalist will be judged by some of the most influential "Star Makers" in the entertainment industry. The preliminary shows are judge by the Owner (Jane Eastwood) and local judges.



Cathy Cox, the New York Director, will hold the New York Preliminaries in Harlem, NY. PS 92, 222 W. 134th Street, between 7th & 8th Ave., March 15, 2008, 2:00pm - 8:00pm. So if you or any other talented person or group you know that would be interested in this competition.

Show people in the industry that you have what it takes to be a "Star". Registration starts at 12:00pm and Show Time is promptly at 2:00pm.

What is the meaning of happiness?

Realize that true happiness lies within you.



Waste no time and effort searching for peace and contentment and joy in the world outside. Remember that there is no happiness in having or in getting, but only in giving. Reach out. Share. Smile. Hug. Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.