

After School Program



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Register now at any Learning Center or call 203-852-1144 x102.

LEARNING CENTER LOCATIONS

**20 West Avenue | Washington Village | Roodner Court
Meadow Gardens | Colonial Village**

NHA's After School Program is the Place to Be!

The Learning Centers welcome NHA kids in grades K-12 for afternoons rich with learning, creativity, athletics, and fun!

Daily enrichment runs from 3:30-6:30PM in this free, year-round program. The environment is safe and structured and offers new

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**REGISTER
TODAY!**

AFTER SCHOOL HOURS AND ACTIVITIES

**MONDAY—FRIDAY
3:30-6:30PM**

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

Homework Completion · Literacy Program
Math Program · Science Club
Bridge to College & Career track
for high school students

ENRICHMENT SUPPORT

Swimming · Music Club · Photography
Videography · Studio Art · Drama
...and much more!

Washington Village Resident Spotlight Jameelah Narcise

Hundreds of hungry teenagers coming through the door might intimidate a lot of people.

Not Jameelah Narcise.

The Washington Village resident has found an ideal new job where other people might be overwhelmed: She works for the Norwalk School System in the lunchtime cafeteria at Brien McMahon High School where she started, first working in the cafeteria manning a parfait station, and has recently been promoted to cashier. The promotion meant a raise and additional experience, as well. "We offer healthy choices like granola, fruit, and yogurt for the kids, and I like that they are choosing to keep themselves fueled with good food," Jameelah said.

It is definitely a high-volume dining time, but she keeps the line moving and adds, "The kids are so appreciative. I love my job. It is an awesome environment."

Especially notable is Jameelah's successful transition to working mom after being at home for six years with her own young children. Her new job works out perfectly as she is now able to work while her kids are in school and still be there for them at the end of the school day. "This also gets me out of the house. I am not bored, and I am making my own money."

After summer break, Jameelah returned to her job at Brien McMahon. We wish her continued success in her new job!



Join the Celebration!

NHA's After School Learning Centers have a big impact on shaping the lives of our students. Join us as we celebrate the many ways in which the kids learn, play, grow, and prepare for their futures in the enriching environment of the Centers.

**Tuesday, October 24th · 5PM
SONO Library Auditorium
10 Washington Street, Norwalk**

FEATURED EXHIBITS:

Music Club · Arts Club
STEM Club · Teen Chef



L-R, Commissioner Yost, Commissioner Collier-Clemmons, Mayor Harry W. Rilling, Mr. Moore, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Agosto, and Chief Kulhawik.

Celebrating NHA Heroes!

On Monday, September 25, 2017, the Norwalk Police Commission recognized three Norwalk Housing Authority employees with Civilian Awards for Community Service.

Housing Authority employees Peter Agosto, Arnold Fuller and Devon Moore were all recognized for their actions during a fire in building 20 at Roodner Court. These men took the extraordinary action of evacuating residents of the building and making sure that they all safely made it outside. Chief Kulhawik stated, "You exemplify what it means to be a citizen and you certainly serve as role models for others to follow".

Congratulations Mr. Agosto, Mr. Fuller, and Mr. Moore for your outstanding act of selflessness.

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HEALTH NEWS · INFORMATION

· 2017 SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY ·

Learn How to Start and Sustain Your Own Business

FREE PROGRAM PRESENTED BY LOCAL PROFESSIONALS

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE 6:00 - 8:00PM (WITH A BREAK MIDWAY) AT THE NORWALK INN & CONFERENCE CENTER, 99 EAST AVENUE

Tuesday, October 3: Kickoff—Inspiration and valuable wisdom from featured speakers, and more

Tuesday, October 10: “Having a Plan”—Learn the elements of a realistic and effective business plan

Tuesday, October 17: “Setting It Up”—Understand the various legal issues and aspects pertaining to the formation and continuance of a small business, as well as needed filings, permits and licensing

Tuesday, October 24: “Getting the Money”—Realize various ways and means of acquiring financing

Monday, October 30: “Planning for a Profit”—Find out the basics of keeping financials, taxes, and insurance

Tuesday, November 7: “Spreading the Word”—Learn about marketing, advertising, and communications

Tuesday, November 14: Graduation Reception—Program certificates are presented to graduates

TO ENROLL IN THIS FREE INFORMATIVE PROGRAM, CONTACT:

Greater Norwalk Chamber of Commerce

101 East Avenue, Norwalk 203.866.2521

info@norwalkchamberofcommerce.com



SIGN UP TODAY FOR

Early Childhood Events and Services Text Alerts

Get the latest information on fun events and helpful services for families with young children! Visit www.norwalkct.org and click the green “NOTIFY ME” bell, follow the steps to receive texts with information about programs and resources for families with young children.

Questions? Contact the Early Childhood Office at 203-854-4148.



Many FREE Medical Exams Will Be Given!

Saturday, October 14TH

9AM—2PM

The Yerwood Center

90 Fairfield Avenue, Stamford

Prizes & Raffles · Free Food · Bouncy House
Face painting · Acupuncture · Chiropractor
Dental Screening · Eye Screening
Fitness Screening · Flu Shots
HIV Testing · Hepatitis C Testing
Kidney Screening · Massages · Zumba & Salsa
and many more fun activities!

For more information call 203-984-9970

PRESENTED BY THE HISPANIC ADVISORY
COUNCIL OF GREATER STAMFORD



Norwalk Health Department will be offering flu shots, open to all!
Bring your insurance card.

Tuesdays, starting October 3, 1PM-3PM
Norwalk Health Department, 137 East Avenue, Norwalk
For information, please call 203-854-7776



New Law Strengthens Rules on Children’s Car Seats BEGINNING OCTOBER 1ST

- Children must remain rear facing until they are 2 years old and they weigh 30 pounds ·
- They must also be in the harness seat until the age of 5 ·
- Children must use a booster seat until they weigh 60 pounds and are 8 years old ·

Associate Director at the Injury Prevention Center at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center Kevin Borrup said with 40,000 people nationwide killed in crashes last year, anything to keep children safe is worth it. “When children sit in a vehicle and they’re not appropriately restrained, they can fail to be restrained by the restraints that are there and seriously be injured in a crash or having the seatbelts positioned incorrectly on them can cause injury as well,” said Borrup. Safety experts say keeping young kids in rear-facing seats creates a cradling effect to better protect them in a crash and spending more time in them will only protect them more.



Home Ownership Is Possible!

NHA Federal Public Housing and Federal Section 8 residents may qualify for mortgage subsidies for up to 15 years!

First-Time Homebuyers Certification Program

Saturday, October 14th, 9:00AM – 5:00PM, at NHA Choice Neighborhood Office, 149 Water Street, 2ND Floor

Come to this **FREE** program presented by Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust and learn what’s involved in becoming a homeowner. Let us take the confusion out of home buying. You’ll be guided step-by-step through the process, including reviewing your finances, determining how much you can afford, reviewing your credit, shopping for a home, obtaining a mortgage, preparing for the closing, and more.

This popular class fills up quickly! Pre-registration is required, space is limited. Contact 203-838-8471 Marie (x186) or Nadine (x681) and to learn the steps you can take TODAY to become a homeowner! Transportation available to NHA residents only with at least one week advanced notice.

JOBS · TRAINING

NORWALK HOUSING FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTOR

Seeking a professional for administering and marketing the Norwalk Housing Foundation Scholarship Program. You will also serve as the liaison to other external donors and the scholarship committee. Part-time up to 20 hours per week. Must possess a minimum of a Bachelor's degree with five years' experience.

For additional information and to apply,
please email Nicole Ruffin at nruffi@norwalkha.org



Smart Time Management Tips for Finding the Perfect Job Opportunity!



SPEND 70% OF YOUR TIME NETWORKING

Many jobs are filled by word-of-mouth.

SPEND 20% OF YOUR TIME WITH ONLINE RESEARCH

Target companies and contacts, as well as interview preparation.

SPEND 10% OF YOUR TIME RESPONDING

Connect with recruiters, published ads, and job boards.



FREE In-Depth Microsoft Office Word Training

**October 26TH, 10AM
Career Coach at CNI Offices**

Join us for FREE in-depth training in MS Word! Hop aboard the comfortable Career Coach bus at the Choice Neighborhood Office, 149 Water Street, and a skilled instructor will teach you the ropes.

MS Word is the leading word processing and document creation software, and knowing how to use it makes you a valuable employee. Learn to create, edit, and share files, polish your documents, and navigate all the tools like an expert.

Contact 203-838-8471 Lisa T (x678) or Nadine (x681) to enroll in this incredible opportunity.

Customer Service and Sales Certificate Course at NCC

Students who successfully complete the course will receive an NCC Retail Customer Service and Sales Certificate from Norwalk Community College.

In addition, students sit for the National Professional Certification in Customer Service and Sales Exam offered by the National Retail Federation (NRF). The Customer Service and Sales curriculum is designed to help entry-level sales and service associates learn skills related to frontline work in retail (or any industry that values customer service and sales skills). All students enrolled also receive access to career services to ensure they are job-ready, and are also given access to additional educational preparation.

Registration for this class is \$25 (scholarship value of \$199) which will be refundable upon successful completion of the certification exam. Classes begin in the Fall. Please call for dates and times. **For more information and to register, please contact the Division of Extended Studies at NCC, 203-857-7080 and be sure to reference the Customer Service and Sales Certificate program.**

Opportunity is Knocking! Join Team Vesta as a Property Manager! Property Manager Career Opportunity

Vesta seeks to hire an experienced HUD Section 8 Savvy Property Manager to oversee operations of our 92 apartment home community Cedar Court in Norwalk.

You're the right fit if...you are a professional, natural and direct leader with a "can-do" attitude, you possess strong supervisory, communication; verbal and written skills, and the ability to build long-lasting relationships. You cultivate a supportive team environment and love overseeing and providing the day to day direction of property operations. You are results driven and own the financial and physical performance of your property. You take great pride in your work and think of property management as more than just a job, but a career; and you probably have a few success stories or projects to brag about.

The Property Manager will oversee and direct the daily property operations; administering standard operating procedures, affordable program compliance and maintenance programs to provide superior resident customer service satisfaction and to achieve the property's maximum physical and financial performance.

Minimum Qualifications

2+ years related experience with a proven track record · Outgoing and friendly · Bi-lingual English/ Spanish a plus · COS or CPO preferred · Background check/drug screen required

Compensation & Benefits

We offer competitive compensation, advancement opportunities, full benefits including a 401k safe harbor retirement plan, and a bonus incentive program that guarantees the opportunity to earn more every quarter!

Please forward your resume and salary requirements to egreen@vestacorp.com

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



**For NHA Work Orders...
ONE CALL DOES IT ALL!
203-853-9091**

The NHA work order line helps residents request routine work to be completed within 30 days, and emergency work to be completed within a 24 hour period.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allows all housing authorities 30 days to complete routine work so...just one call does it all!

24-HOUR EMERGENCY REQUESTS INCLUDE:

- Broken Smoke Detectors
 - No Heat In Entire Apartment
 - No Hot Water · Flood
 - Leaks That Cause Damage
 - No Electricity, With Bill Paid
 - Lock-Out (Includes a charge)
 - Broken Elevator
- Gas Leaks, Call Yankee Gas Directly 877-944-5325



LEARNING CENTERS

Norwalk School Readiness Preschool Programs for 3- to 4-Year-Olds

There are preschool openings in School Readiness programs for children who are 3 and 4 years old or who will be turning 3 by the end of this calendar year. Tuition is based on family size and income.

School Readiness program fees are determined by a sliding scale based on income. Norwalk School Readiness programs are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Using Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards (CTELDS), preschool children receive high-quality learning experiences that foster and optimize growth and development.

Parents should expect children to receive experience that support:

**Cognition (Brain Development) | Social and Emotional Development
Physical Health and Development | Language and Literacy | Creative Arts
Science, Mathematics, and Social Studies**

Contact your local School Readiness Coordinator for more information.
Jamie Bennetta at 203-854-4114 or bennettaj@norwalkps.org



STEM

 Science, Technology,
Engineering, Mathematics

Refueled and on Fire! After School STEM at NHA

The NHA Science and Math team is ready to “Fall Back” into STEM with our students. Check out Our 2017-18 curriculum themes provided by NHA Stem Coordinator Sheeree Powell:

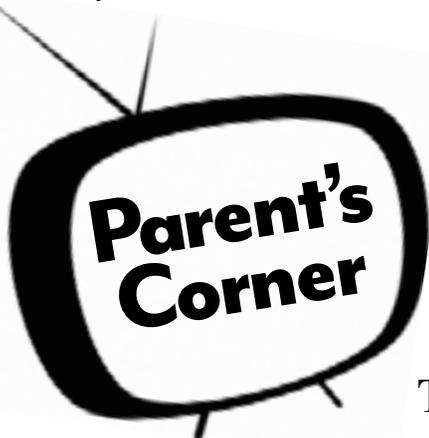
FALL 2017

SEPTEMBER: Moon and Stars
OCTOBER: Skeletal Awareness: Human Body
NOVEMBER: Seasonal Changes & Cooking
DECEMBER: Crystal Formation

SPRING 2018

JANUARY: Temperature
FEBRUARY: Valentines and Hearts
MARCH: Weather & Growing Seeds Exploration
APRIL: Water Cycle, Sun & Egg Creations
MAY: Plant Growth & Insects
JUNE: Healthy Bodies

**For information on math tutoring
please contact the STEM coordinator
via email at spowel@norwalkha.org
or by phone: 203-919-0481.**



Healthy Ways to Shape TV Habits for Your Kids

Television may be an inevitable part of young childrens’ lives. Though some media researchers and pediatricians recommend that parents minimize their children’s exposure to it—and to *not* expose children under age two at all—it may be more useful to think about how TV does or does not fit into your child’s overall development.

BE CHOOSY ABOUT THE SHOWS YOU AND YOUR CHILD WATCH. Keep on hand a supply of prerecorded shows and reliable videos that you know are appealing, educational, and inspiring. Turn off the set when a program you have selected is over.

WATCH TV WHEN YOUR PRESCHOOLER DOES. Young children often imitate what they see and hear on TV. Ask questions that encourage your child to invent her own dialogue or vary the plot.

PREVENT TV FROM REPLACING FAMILY TIME AND ACTIVE PLAY. Limit your child’s TV time. This will guarantee uninterrupted time spent with you, playing with his peers, or exploring the environment.

AVOID PROGRAMS THAT SHOW CHARACTERS RESOLVING CONFLICT WITH VIOLENCE. When your child sees a character try to solve a problem by using negative actions, point it out as something not to do. Offer alternative courses of action.

MAKE IT CLEAR THAT CARTOON CHARACTERS DO THINGS PEOPLE CANNOT. If your child imitates something a television character does, remind him that even though cartoon characters walk away from accidents, jumping off a swing can really hurt you.

For more parenting tips or for answers to any questions or concerns regarding your child’s development (birth to 12 years old), please contact Parent Coordinator, Josie Charlot at 203.644.4720 or jcharlot@norwalkha.org.

Bridge to College & Career

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK
(for students 9TH through 12TH grade)

October 26 — 6:30-7:30PM
20 West Learning Center (20 West Avenue)

Staff will create monthly plan for each individual student.
Students will receive personal binders and each plan is specific to each high school grade level.
Dinner served.

COLLEGE EDGE PROGRAM
(for 11TH & 12TH grade)

September 13—December 16
Wednesdays 6:30-8PM and Fridays 9AM-12PM
20 West Learning Center (20 West Avenue)

**Build college wish list
Research scholarships
Draft a personal statement
Prep for the SAT/ACT
Tour local colleges**

Please contact Olivia Dardy for more information:
odardy@norwalkha.org or 203.852.1144 x106.
Transportation is available to both programs.



Music Club (formerly, Music Appreciation) is designed to give an awareness of what music is and to expose the Learning Center students to musical creativity. Through Music Club they learn to appreciate performances by great musicians, instrumentalists, and vocalists singing in solo or in group. They also enjoy videos featuring performances by international musicians of all ages, all racial, and all social backgrounds. This is a way to help them discover and develop their own musical talents as music, in its pedagogical effects, generates within them a degree of sensitivity and creativity.

Music Club is this space in which our children come together to have a good time: to sing, to dance, and to discover the influential power of music that shapes the world.



Music teacher Jowell Papin leads Learning Center students in song during a meeting of the Music Club.