

# NHA News

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## Meadow Gardens Residents Council Elections

Elections will be held June 9<sup>th</sup>. Times: 11:30am – 2:00 pm and 7:00pm–9:00pm at Meadow Gardens Community Center. At the May 5, 2008 Nominations Meeting of the Meadow Gardens Residents Council, the following nominations were made...

### President

Yolanda Dancy

### Secretary

Florence Laroche

### Officer-At-Large/Corresponding Secretary

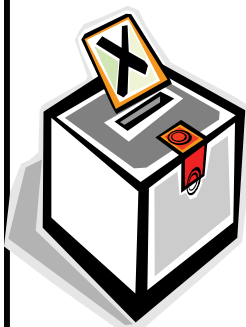
Lurlin Burrows

### Vice President

Kimberly Lewis

### Treasurer

Mayra Zapata



All Meadow Gardens who are 18 years or older and are listed on the lease as legal occupants are qualified to vote. If you would prefer to vote by Absentee Ballot, you may obtain a ballot by calling Carla Conway, Family Outreach Coordinator, at the Norwalk Housing Authority. The number is: 838-8471, ext. 176. Absentee Ballots must be requested on or before May 30, 2008, ten days before the election so that a proper list of who is eligible to vote on Election Day may be compiled in a timely manner for Election Day. If you vote on an Absentee Ballot, you may not vote again on Election Day.

## Modernization News

The NHA is involved in quite a few projects right now that will benefit many people. Here's what's going on:

- The Hallway Renovations at Irving Freese, 20 West Ave., and Leroy Downs will be completed by the end of the month.
- Leroy Downs will have all new windows by the end of the month.
- 36 Fairfield Ave will have all new windows by the end of June.
- Main Avenue residents will have all new windows by the end of July.
- Renovations to the King Kennedy half baths and to the 36 Fairfield Ave. Kitchens and bathrooms will begin in the next few weeks.
- The new roof at the Washington Village Learning Center will be completed within the next week or so.
- The playground at Meadow Gardens will be completed in June.

As you can see, NHA is very busy improving our properties for all to enjoy.



## It is NICE Just to be QUIET

Please be respectful and mindful of your neighbor's right to peaceful enjoyment of his/her home. Your neighbor's right to quiet is just as important as your need for a home.

Your immediate attention to this matter is truly appreciated.



## Friendly Reminder!

Effective May 1, 2008 Norwalk Housing Authority changed banks and began using the services offered by **Fairfield County Bank, 67 Wall Street, Norwalk, CT**. The hours of operation are:

### Inside Teller Hours:

Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am-4:00pm

Fri. 8:30am-5:30pm

Please bring your payment to inside tellers only! For your convenience we will still include a postage paid envelope for you to mail your rent payment. We encourage you to pay by mail.

Thank you for mailing payments.

## NHA Residents Do Care!

NHA would like to recognize Adeline Pote for her assistance and encouragement in the beautification of Senior Court. No matter what the concern maybe, Ms. Pote is an advocate for the rights of NHA seniors. Ms. Pote, thank you for caring!



## Questions & Answers?

NHA would like to hear from **YOU!** If you have questions related to housing, we will answer them in the next edition of NHA News! So send your questions in to the main office and address them to Nicole Ruffin. You can be anonymous if you want. We are waiting to hear from you! E-mail [nruffi@norwalkha.org](mailto:nruffi@norwalkha.org).

June 12, 2008, Wednesday, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

## AMISTAD ACADEMY-ACHIEVEMENT FIRST SCHOOLS

Learn how they closed the Achievement Gap. There are two ways to react to the stark statistics about the achievement gap: despair and excuses or hope and action. Instead of making excuses for why urban students can't learn, America must simply do a better job teaching urban students. Achievement First had over 2500 students in New York and Connecticut schools by September '07, in many case outperforming some of the best suburban schools systems in those states. There is a moral imperative for the nation to stop turning its back on groups of students from historically disadvantaged groups.

We can predict with frustrating accuracy what will happen: second graders with poor skills are allowed to become middle schoolers with second grade skills and then high school students without the tools necessary to compete in today's economy. Whether students have an IEP or not, Achievement First teachers work to meet the individual needs of students and make sure that every student -- special education or regular education -- masters rigorous state standards. For more information contact Achievement First, 403 James Street, New Haven, CT 06513; 203.773.3223, ext. 13 or see [www.achievementfirst.org](http://www.achievementfirst.org).

The forum will be held at Grace Baptist Church, 17 West Avenue, Norwalk, CT, and will be co-hosted by the Reverend Lindsey Curtis and NorwalkSEEKS.org For more information or to RSVP, please contact [info@norwalkseeks.org](mailto:info@norwalkseeks.org) or call (203) 846-2501.



### Maintenance Work Order Classifications

#### Type of Call/Emergency Request for Service (Within 24 Hours)

- Smoke detector (s) not operating
- No heat in entire apartment
- Main stoppage (all sinks, bathtub, toilets)
- Toilet stoppage (with one toilet in home only)
- No hot water
- Major pipe burst
- Lock out- (you will be charged)
- Gas leak-Residents are advised to call **YANKEE GAS** directly at **1-800-989-0900**
- No electrical service in the entire apartment (when utility bill has been paid)

**Standby staff are on call Saturday at 8:00am until Monday at 8:00am and 8:00am on holidays. Other times NHA must locate available staff.**



### Applications Being Accepted

NHA is accepting applications for 2, 3, 4, and 5 bedroom apartments. Further accepting applications for seniors, 62 and older. Applications accepted Tuesday and Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Apply Norwalk Housing Authority, 24 1/2 Monroe St., Norwalk, CT 06854. Income limits apply. Pre-application forms may be picked up or mailed upon request by calling (203) 838-8471 ext. 121.

**SENIOR STUDIO APARTMENTS AVAILABLE NOW!**

### Free Digital Photography Program

A new Digital Photography program is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, June 3rd!! Students will be able to learn about various aspects of photography, such as how to use digital cameras, download photographs into a computer database, set up photo shoots for projects or assignments, and develop a portfolio of their work. The focus of the class will be to take as many photos as possible in the great outdoors!! Please contact Nicole Gabriele at 838-8471 X184 for information.



### Family Program Coordinator

Identify low-income family needs for services, education, training. Conduct home visits & counsel adults. Prepare & monitor action plans. Coordinate w/ providers. Write policies & assist operations department. BA & 3 yrs exp. \$47K + Ben. Cover letter & résumé by 5/27 Norwalk Housing Authority, 24 1/2 Monroe St. Norwalk, CT 06856 or fax 203-838-6535. Equal Opportunity Employer No calls/emails.

### What NHA Does to Create A Good Neighborhood! Did you know..

- NHA requires all new applicants over the age of 18 to submit to drug testing prior to admission.
- Conduct criminal background checks, credit checks and home visits on all new applicants
- NHA began 8 new legal action cases in May to terminate leases for Fraud, Unauthorized Occupants, and Drugs.
- Abandoned cars are reported to NPD on a monthly basis. Five (5) cars were reported in the month of May.

These are a few of the things NHA does to ensure your families safety.