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February 14

Valentine's Day

February 20

Presidents' Day

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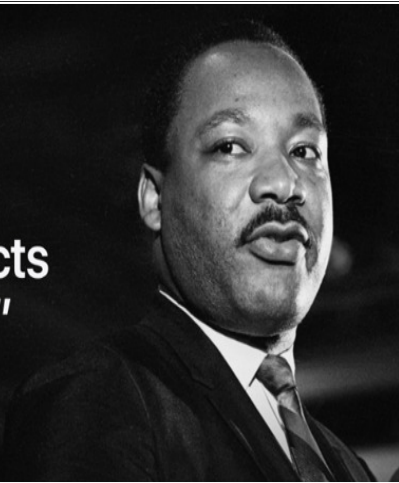


National Black History Month

FEBRUARY

"Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

Today and every day, we honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Who Started Black History Month?

Black History Month began as "Negro History Week," which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted **African American** historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

BLACK HISTORY QUOTES



Our motto is: When they go low, we go high.

- Michelle Obama

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But while I may be the first woman in this office, I won't be the last.



Kamala Harris



'I did then what I knew how to do. Now that I know better, I do better.'

MAYA ANGELOU

However, February has much more than Douglass and Lincoln to show for its significance in black American history. For example:

February 23, 1868: W. E. B. DuBois, important civil rights leader and co-founder of the NAACP, was born.

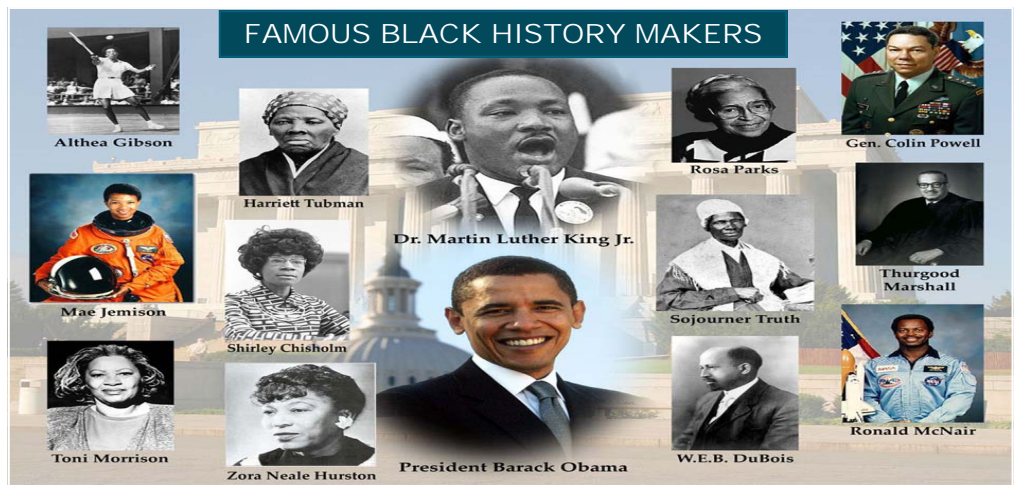
February 3, 1870: The 15th Amendment was passed, granting black citizens the right to vote.

February 25, 1870: The first black U.S. senator, Hiram R. Revels (1822-1901), took his oath of office.

February 12, 1909: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded by a group of concerned black and white citizens in New York City.

February 1, 1960: In what would become a civil-rights movement milestone, a group of black Greensboro, N.C., college students began a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter.

February 21, 1965: Malcolm X, the militant leader who promoted Black Nationalism, was shot to death by three Black Muslims.





FAMOUS BLACK LEADERS


ICONIC BLACK LEADERS

"OUR LIVES BEGIN TO END THE DAY WE BECOME SILENT ABOUT THINGS THAT MATTER."

- Dr. Martin Luther King

"YOU MUST NEVER BE FEARFUL ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING WHEN IT IS RIGHT."

- Rosa Parks

"WRONG IS WRONG, NO MATTER WHO DOES IT OR SAYS IT."

- Malcolm X

"THERE ARE YEARS THAT ASK QUESTIONS AND YEARS THAT ANSWER."

- Lorraine Hansberry

"TRY TO BE A RAINBOW IN SOMEONE'S CLOUD."


- Maya Angelou


"KEEP GOING."

- Harriet Tubman

"IF YOU'RE WALKING DOWN THE RIGHT PATH AND YOU'RE WILLING TO KEEP WALKING, EVENTUALLY YOU'LL MAKE PROGRESS."

- Barack Obama

"IN RECOGNIZING THE HUMANITY OF OUR FELLOW BEINGS, WE PAY OURSELVES THE HIGHEST TRIBUTE."

- Thurgood Marshall

"IF THERE IS NO STRUGGLE, THERE IS NO PROGRESS."

- Frederick Douglass

"TURN YOUR WOUNDS INTO WISDOM."

- Oprah Winfrey

DREAM
LEAD
THINK
BUILD
SPEAK
WRITE
EDUCATE
BELIEVE
CHALLENGE

LIKE MARTIN
LIKE HARRIET
LIKE GARVEY
LIKE MADAM C.J.
LIKE FREDERICK
LIKE MAYA
LIKE W.E.B.
LIKE THURGOOD
LIKE ROSA





Scholarship Information

STUDENT AND ADULT LEARNERS

NNRHA SCHOLARSHIP INTEREST FORM

Student Name _____

Student Address _____

Housing Community _____

Student Contact Number _____

High School _____

Current GPA (Grade Point Average) _____



All interest forms are due by **Friday, March 17, 2023.*

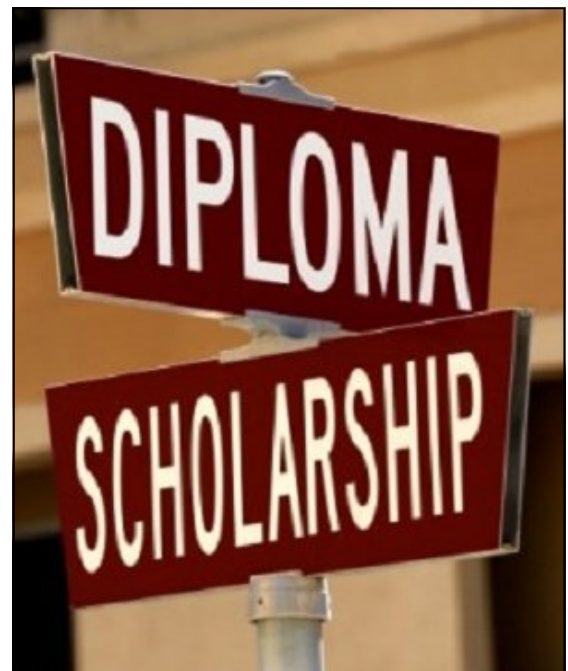
Please return the completed form to your rental office or contact Ms. Tara Johnson at 757.928.3684 by Friday, March 17, 2023.



Are you a high school senior in need of money for college? Applicants must expect to graduate from an accredited high school in June 2023 with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better in overall academic courses.

Are you an adult interested in going to college, but lack the resources? Well, look no further, NNRHA may have money for you.

Simply complete the Scholarship Interest Form and return it to your rental office. A Scholarship Consultant will contact you.





Newport News Redevelopment
and Housing Authority

Scholarship Available 2023

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ✓ PH and Section 8 resident
- ✓ Proof of enrollment (college, university, technical, vocational, trade, career)
- ✓ Fill out an application
- ✓ APPLY

Don't MISS OUT on this opportunity !

For more details CONTACT: Tara Johnson (757) 928-3684 tjohnson@nnrha.org

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Need help with your utility bills?

Heating Assistance Available to Eligible Households

The Department of Human Services is now accepting applications for assistance with heating needs as part of the Virginia Energy Assistance Program. Eligible households can receive assistance with heating fuel costs, equipment repairs, equipment replacements, security deposits, and utility bills.

There are two components related to heating assistance in which individuals can apply. In order to qualify for crisis assistance, a household must be experiencing a heating emergency, such as: lack of heat, imminent utility cut-off and inoperable or unsafe heating equipment. To qualify for fuel assistance, the household applying must be responsible for the heating costs. Additionally, an applicant must be a resident of the locality in which the application is made, must have a heating expense and the household gross monthly income must not exceed established income limits.

A household can apply for heating assistance by:

- Filing an application online at www.commonhelp.Virginia.gov
- Calling the Enterprise Customer Service Center (call center) at 855-635-4370
- Completing a paper application (crisis assistance/fuel assistance) and submitting it to the Newport News Department of Human Services in person

No interview is required but a worker may reach out to clarify information on the application, if needed. Fuel assistance applications are now being accepted until Nov. 11. Crisis assistance applications for equipment-related assistance and security deposits will be accepted Nov. 1 - Mar. 15, 2023. Heating fuel and utility bill applications will be accepted from Jan. 2, 2023 through Mar. 15, 2023. Assistance is based on the availability of funds.



Get Your Child Tax Credit & Earned Income Tax Credit

File Your Taxes



Thanks to President Biden's American Rescue Plan, there is **more money** available to families and/or people with low to moderate incomes. Filing your taxes is how you can claim benefits like the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Whether or not you received stimulus checks or monthly payments in 2021, additional money may be available to you. If you won't owe taxes, you have until October 15 to file but the sooner you file, the sooner you will receive your benefits.

A Historic Increase

Families can enjoy an increased Child Tax Credit (\$3,000 or \$3,600, depending on a child/dependent's age), and more people with low incomes can receive a larger Earned Income Tax Credit.

These Tax Credits Are Not Income

Receiving these benefits will not impact eligibility for other federal benefits such as UI, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI, SDI, TANF, WIC, Section 8 or Public Housing.

Not a Frequent Tax Filer?

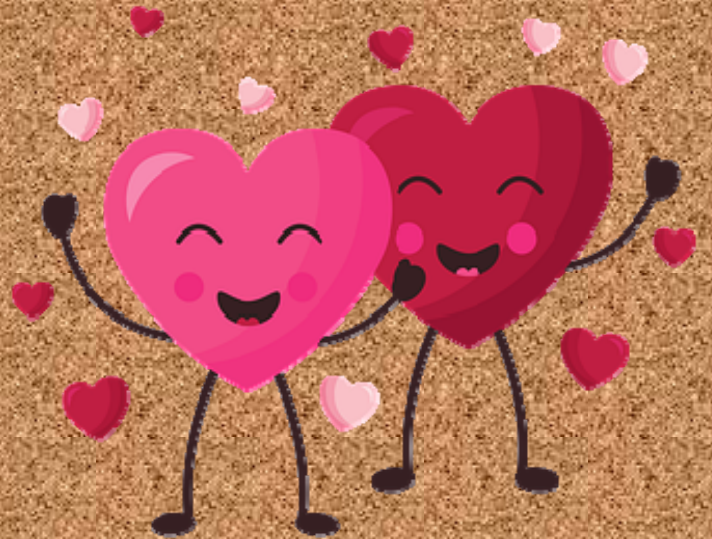
Even if you didn't earn enough to be required to file taxes, you are eligible for the Child Tax Credit and potentially thousands of additional dollars in benefits. See what you can receive by filing a 2021 tax return!

Find out how to get assistance and file your taxes for free at

ChildTaxCredit.gov



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



Obtenga Su Crédito Tributario Por Hijo Y Su Crédito Tributario Por Ingreso Del Trabajo

Declare Sus Impuestos



Gracias al Plan de Rescate Americano del presidente Biden, **hay más dinero** disponible para las familias y/o personas con ingresos bajos a moderados. Por medio de una declaración de impuestos es cómo usted puede obtener beneficios como el Crédito Tributario por Hijos y el Crédito Tributario por Ingreso del Trabajo.

Independientemente si usted recibió o no cheques de estímulo o pagos mensuales en el 2021, puede haber dinero adicional para usted. Si no debe impuestos, tiene hasta el 15 de octubre para presentar su declaración de impuestos. Sin embargo, mientras más rápido lo haga, más rápido recibirá sus beneficios.

Un Incremento Histórico

Las familias pueden disfrutar de un aumento del Crédito Tributario por Hijo (\$3,000 o \$3,600, dependiendo en la edad del hijo(a) o dependiente), y más personas de bajos ingresos pueden recibir un mayor Crédito Tributario por Ingreso del Trabajo.

Estos Créditos No Son Un Ingreso

Recibir estos créditos no impactará su elegibilidad para recibir otros beneficios federales como UI, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI, SDI, TANF, WIC, Sección 8 o Vivienda Pública.

¿No Eres Un Declarante de Impuestos Frecuente?

Incluso si no ganaste lo suficiente para ser obligado a declarar impuestos, aun así, eres elegible para el Crédito Tributario por Hijos y potencialmente para miles de dólares adicionales en beneficios. ¡Ve que tanto puedes recibir presentando una declaración de impuestos de 2021!

Encuentra la manera de tener asistencia sobre como declarar tus impuestos en

ChildTaxCredit.gov



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



The Family Investment Center has moved from Ridley to Marshall Courts Recreation Center

FREE TRAINING PROGRAMS

The Family Investment Center offers free training in the following courses:

- CNA;
- Self-Paced Typing;
- Employability Skills Workshops;
- Resume and Interviewing Prep;
- Job Lead Assistance;
- Homeownership.

The Family Investment Center

Monday thru Friday

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
757.928.3680

MISSION STATEMENT



The mission of the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) is to create affordable housing, viable neighborhoods, and opportunities for self-sufficiency that enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Newport News.

PROGRAMA LIBRE DE INSTRUCCION

Centro de Trabajo Para la Familia ofrece los Cursos que sigue:

- Mecanografía;
- Habilidades de obrero;
- Ayuda con su resumen y su entrevista;
- Como se encuentra trabajo;
- Como encontrar y poseer una casa.

Centro de Trabajo
Para La Familia

Lunes—Viernes

8 de la mañana-
4:30 de la tarde

757.928.3680 ingles
757.928.6146 espanol

**Same great training
opportunities...
Come to our new location**

The Family Investment Center

~NEW LOCATION~

Marshall Courts Recreation Center
3303 Marshall Avenue • Newport News, VA
Monday thru Friday
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
757.928.3680



REAC INSPECTIONS – COVID-19 UPDATES AND INFO



- ✓ HUD resumed inspection operations in June 2021.
- ✓ HUD worked closely with the CDC and stakeholders to develop flexible protocols which included a 28-day notification period to property management before an inspection.
- ✓ Residents may opt out of having their unit inspected and an alternate unit will be selected.

RESIDENT CONCERNS

- ✓ Residents should communicate COVID-19 health or related concerns to their property representative. An alternative unit will be selected for inspection.
- ✓ The inspector and property representative will practice safe distancing and wear personal protective equipment (PPE) consistent with CDC guidance.
- ✓ Residents who are home may elect to leave or stay in the unit during the inspection.

PROPERTY CONCERNS

- ✓ PHAs/Owners & Agents may communicate COVID-19 related concerns at the 28, 14, and 2-day notification intervals.
- ✓ If you have any additional questions, please coordinate with your inspector or you may reach out to REAC's Technical Assistance Center (TAC) at 888-245-4860.
- ✓ PHAs/Owners & Agents may reference the REAC Inspector Notice No. 2020-01 for additional detail: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/COVID19InspectorProtocolNotice2021-01.pdf>

REQUESTS TO POSTPONE

- ✓ All requests to postpone inspection must be communicated to the Technical Assistance Center (TAC): 888-245-4860.
- ✓ REAC works with properties and inspectors to analyze postponement requests on a case-by-case basis, balancing COVID-19 conditions with the risks of not inspecting.
- ✓ REAC will coordinate with Multifamily and Public Housing leadership to ensure it evaluates all relevant factors.
- ✓ On the day of the inspection, the inspector is required to report to the Technical Assistance Center property-level COVID cases.

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/react

Coronavirus Update from the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank

During times of crisis, the Foodbank plays an important role in meeting community needs. In response to the coronavirus, the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank has been working to provide food to people who might otherwise go hungry.

The Foodbank's Mobile Food Pantry Program is distributing food in high-traffic spots across the peninsula and they are working with partner agencies to ensure people receive the food they desperately need. The team from the Foodbank's Culinary Training Program is preparing breakfast and lunch grab-and-go bags for children throughout our local area. The Foodbank has also hosted several large-scale public food distribution events to help individuals and families struggling to locate healthy meals. During a distribution event in Newport News last week, they provided food to support 500 households.

If you are struggling to get the food you and your family need, please visit the Get Help page on the Foodbank's website to locate a mobile food pantry or partner agency that can help. Please call prior to visiting to confirm hours of operation, as distribution plans change quickly and without much notice.

Due to the increased demand for food in grocery stores, the Foodbank has seen a significant decrease in food pick-ups and store donations, which means personal donations are even more important. You can still drop food donations off at their Hampton headquarters at 2401 Aluminum Avenue. All donations are quarantined for 72 hours before they are available to be distributed. You can make a monetary donation to help purchase truckloads of supplies, donate through YouGiveGoods or purchase through online retailers to ship items directly to the Foodbank's doors. For additional information on any of these options, you can contact Tracy Hansbrough at thansbrough@hrfoodbank.org.

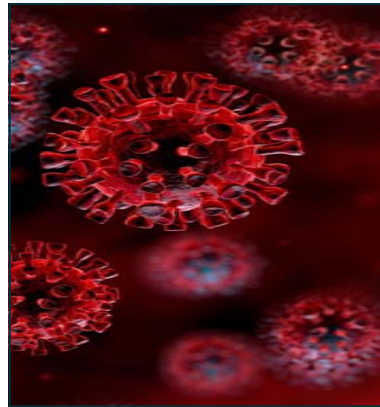
NEWPORT NEWS HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Call center is open 8 AM - 6 PM

Please call 757-594-7069

If you have questions about where to get tested if you are experiencing

COVID-19 symptoms.



We encourage you to self-report illness or quarantine if you are not feeling well. This will prevent spreading the COVID 19 to your loved ones and friends.

Keeping you informed
Coronavirus:



Newport News
Shipbuilding

We Build More than Great Ships | We Build Careers

Starting Pay
Over
\$22
per hour

WE ARE HIRING TRAINEES

EEO | Military Spouses | Veteran | Disabled | U.S. Citizenship Required

Newport News Shipbuilding is partnering with the Virginia Ship Repair Association and several local community colleges to offer **eight course-to-hire Marine Trainee** programs for individuals interested in full-time trades careers with NNS. These 2-3 week courses equip individuals with the skills necessary to begin a trades career at Newport News Shipbuilding.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:

- 18 years or age or older
- U.S. Citizen
- Ability to work any shift
- Pass a background check, drug screen, and physical
- Pay a reimbursable \$250 to school prior to training

FITTER

Often called the "carpenters" of shipbuilding, or "Artists of Steel." They measure, cut, grind, fit, align, and tack weld parts to the structural body of the ship.

Thomas Nelson Community College, Tidewater Community College, and Camp Community College.

WELDER

Use a wide range of filler metals and welding processes to perform structural and pipe welds in all phases of production on aircraft carriers and submarines.

Thomas Nelson Community College, Tidewater Community College, and Camp Community College.

SHEET METAL WORKER

Responsible for fabricating and assembling a variety of components onboard ships such as ventilation, joiner bulkheads, framing, furniture, cabinetry, lockers and foundations.

Trainee program offered at Tidewater Community College.

ALL COURSES:

- Occurs Monthly
- Monday-Friday 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- 90% hands-on instruction
- Resulting in a full-time job with NNS upon graduating!

MARINE COATINGS

Perform solvent, hand tool and power tool cleaning. They apply paint using various brushes and rollers to the standards required in a marine environment.

Trainee program offered at Tidewater Community College.

PIPEFITTER

Responsible for installing complex systems together on the ship and in the shop. More than 230 miles of pipe are installed on an aircraft carrier.

Trainee program offered at Tidewater Community College.

OUTSIDE MACHINIST

Responsible for the installation, repair and overhaul of naval ship's mechanical components and systems.

Trainee program offered at Camp Community College.



Apply at: buildyourcareer.com

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Micro Enterprise Grant

A new pilot program to support the City's Southeast Community, the Micro Enterprise Grant Program, has been established to assist in the creation and growth of viable micro businesses in the City of Newport News.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

One-time grant amount between \$500 and \$3,500



TRAINING

- Counseling Sessions
- Small Business Outreach



SUPPORT

- Technical Assistance
- Business Plan Development
- Ongoing guidance

HOW ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

- Five (5) or fewer employees or persons that plan to create such an entity
- Be a for-profit Micro-Enterprise Business
- Be located or locating within the defined geographic area
- Be Low to Moderate Income (LMI) and/or the business must service a LMI area
- Have a Newport News Business License
- Be current on all local taxes or fees
- Complete pre-approved counseling sessions or workshop

TO APPLY OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Visit www.nnva.gov/development or

Contact Priscilla Green at:

Phone: (757) 509-2587

Email: greenpa@nnva.gov

Newport News
Where Great Things Are Happening

Manager's Corner

General Overtime Guidelines

Maintenance staff will respond to the following calls:

1. Gas Leaks;
2. Electrical Problems;
3. Smoke Detector;
4. Power Outages (only at Pinecroft, Ashe Manor, Spratley House and Marshall);
5. No Heat between 5:00 pm on Friday and 8:00 am on Sunday or holidays if the next day is a working day. If the next day is not a working day, accepts calls until 6:00 p.m.;
6. Floods and Sewer Problems;
7. Broken Windows;
8. Collapsed ceiling or damaged roofs;
9. Commode stopped up (if two in apartment hold to next day if that is a normal business day);
10. Lock Out/Lock Change;
11. Damaged Exterior Doors;
12. Fire.

Note to Residents: If you believe the situation can wait until the next day, call first thing in the morning.



All Tenants should contact their rental office about proper installation of cable and satellite tv before being installed by the company.

After Hour Guidelines

Public Housing

Marshall	(757) 928-6154
Spratley House	(757) 928-6187
Ashe Manor	(757) 928-6187
Aqueduct	(757) 833-5700
Pinecroft	(757) 269-4300
Orcutt Townhomes I	(757) 928-6187



*Marshall (757) 928-6181

Tax Credit Properties

Oyster Point/Brighton	(757) 269-4307
Brighton	(757) 591-3280
Cypress Terrace	(757) 833-5720
Orcutt Townhomes III	(757) 928-6187
Lassiter Courts	(757) 928-2690
Great Oak	(757) 592-7448
Jefferson Brookville	(757) 928-2690

***USE ONLY AS AN ALTERNATE NUMBER**

**Please use this number ONLY after
5:00 pm (757) 247-0484**



**Beautiful
things happen when
you distance yourself
from the negative.**

REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE



If you or anyone you know and love is affected by substance abuse help is available.

We all know the heartache and devastation that drugs can bring to our families.

Program Name	Services	Payment
Tidewater Area Hot Line 459-8467	Narcotics Anonymous	No fees
Narcotics Anonymous VA Regional Hot Line 1-800-777-1515	Support group for recovering substance abusers.	No fees
Hampton Roads Clinic Reflections 827-8430	Outpatient Counseling I.V. Methadone Maintenance 30-45 day Residential Facility	Sliding fee Scale Medicaid
Project Link 245-0217	Case management and coordination services for prenatal abuser	Sliding fee Scale Medicaid
AI Anon/Alateen 1-888-425-2666	Support group Alcoholism-friends/relatives and teens.	No fees
AA Hotline 595-1212	12 Step Program	No fees
Peninsula Area Help Line 875-9314	Narcotics Anonymous	No fees
Advanced Recovery Systems 1-888-338-1433	Alcohol, Eating Disorders and Substance Abuse	Private Insurance

FILING A COMPLAINT...



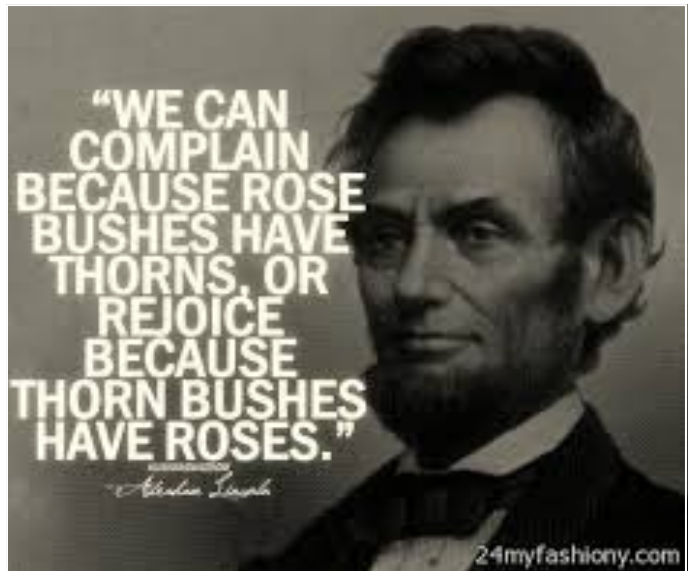
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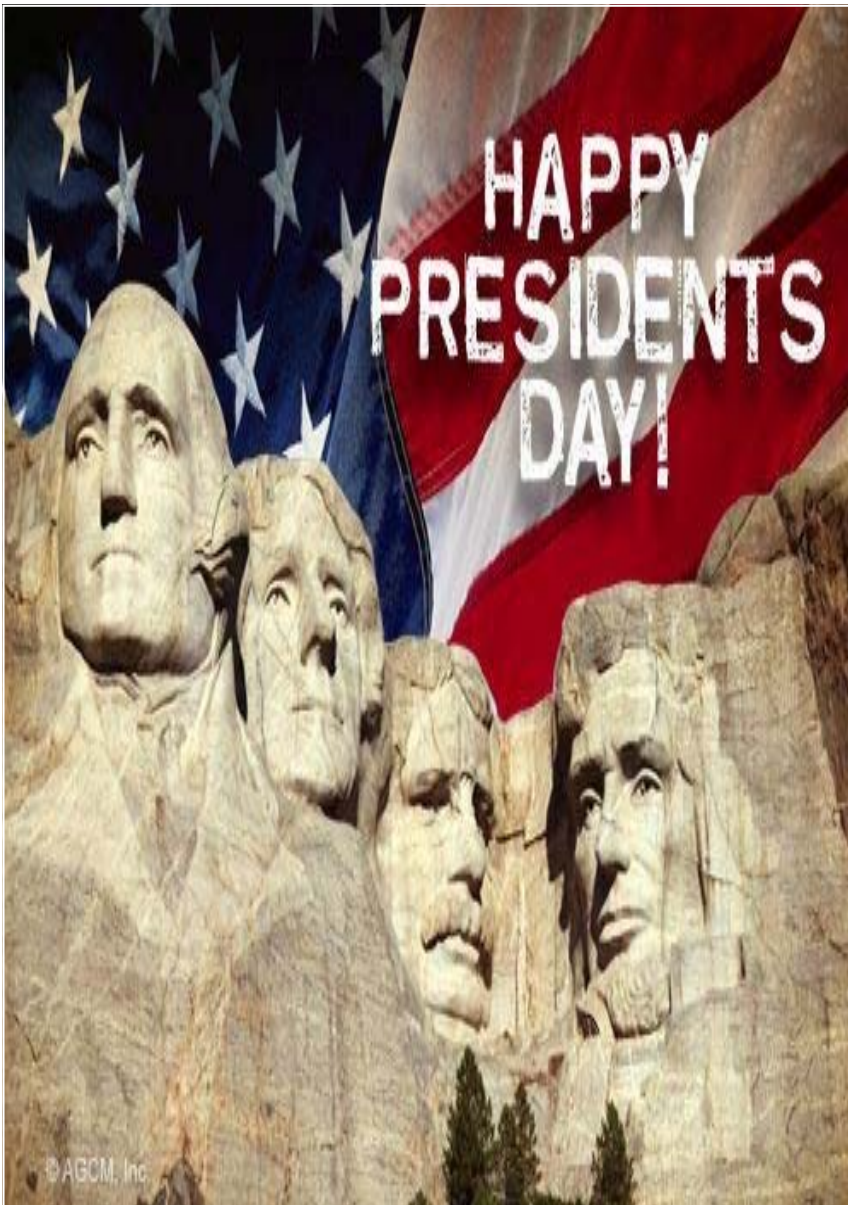
Hotline Number:

757-928-6060 or 757-928-3680

A TENANT HOTLINE IS A FREE SERVICE FOR TENANTS LIVING IN PROPERTIES OWNED AND MANAGED BY THE NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY. WHEN FILING A COMPLAINT, YOU MUST STATE YOUR FULL NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER AND SPEAK AS SLOWLY AND CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE.

WE WILL CALL YOU BACK WITHIN 72 HOURS REGARDING YOUR CONCERNS.





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**Happy
Valentine's
Day**

OPEN

The waiting list for housing assistance at the Warwick SRO is open for single room occupancy only.

Please call (757) 928-6060, Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to schedule an appointment.



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**★ FREE TAX
★ PREPARATION
★ SERVICES**

TIRED OF PAYING HIGH TAX PREPARATION FEES?

College Students

Teenagers

**NEED HELP COMPLETING YOUR
TAX RETURN?**

FREE Tax Preparation will begin in February 2023

Part-Time Employees

Seasonal Employment



For more details on tax preparation, please call FIC at 928-3680