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January 1

New Year's Day

January 16

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS & ADULT LEARNERS 2023

**You have the power to turn a few minutes into
MONEY START NOW**

APPLY!

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~For a list of Scholarships Available~

Contact: Ms. Tara Johnson

Phone: (757) 928-3684

Email: tjohnson@nnrha.org

Monday — Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm

GOOD LUCK!



Scholarship Information

**STUDENT
AND
ADULT
LEARNERS**

NNRHA SCHOLARSHIP INTEREST FORM

Student Name (Please Print) _____

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.





NAVIGATING WEALTH BUILDING

INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
SESSION TIMES: 10:00AM OR 1:00PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
SESSION TIMES: 10:00AM OR 1:00PM

The Navigating Wealth Building program is accepting applications for our new cohort. These cohorts are designed to assist residents of the City of Newport News to overcome barriers and gain employment through education and training.

Attend the next information session and see if this opportunity is for you!

LOCATION:

Brooks Crossing Innovation and Opportunity Center
550 30th Street

Newport News, VA 23607

<https://www.nnva.gov/2506/Brooks-Crossing>

**Please scan the QR Code to the right
to schedule your time slot!**
or

Email: info4NWB@gmail.com

EARN UP TO \$400

PER WEEK WHILE YOU TRAIN

**Call or email to reserve your seat
at our next info session! You
could start your new career in
less than 90 days!**

**Seating is Limited, Call or
email to Schedule!**

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Resume Development

Interview Preparation

OSHA-10 Certification

Career Planning

And More!

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Newport News
Where Great Things Are Happening

**Peninsula Regional
Education Program**

The cost of this flyer was funded in whole or in part with Virginia Department of Social Services grant dollars made available from the Employment for TANF Participants BEN-19-024 grant through the Commonwealth of Virginia to the City of Newport News, and Peninsula Regional Education Program.



NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Do you live in Newport News?
Are you interested in sharpening and developing your leadership skills?
Do you want to be an influential leader in your neighborhood?
Do you want to learn more about the City of Newport News?

If so, you're invited to participate in the **Neighborhood Leadership Institute!** The mission of the Neighborhood Leadership Institute is to help Newport News residents become influential leaders, advocates, and agents of change in their neighborhood and the broader community. This mission is accomplished through educational sessions that provide valuable information, enhance personal strengths, encourage civic engagement, and prepare participants for service on local boards and commissions. Formerly called the Neighborhood Leadership Series, we've upgraded the series and are excited to start a new cohort in **February 2023!**

Visit newportnewschoice.com/nli for more information or scan to register as soon as January 1st.

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1, 2023 & CLOSSES JANUARY 30, 2023.

YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND.

Please note that, sessions will be hybrid (via Zoom with some in-person classes).

Questions? Call 757.926.8081



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.

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:

- Mecanografia;
- 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
757.928.2680



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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What You Need To Know About Section 3

Section 3 Act

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u)(as amended), requires that economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance for housing (including Public and Indian Housing) and community development programs shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be given to low and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to businesses that provide economic opportunities for these persons.

Who Are Section 3 Residents?

Other HUD programs covered by Section 3 (to distinguish between HUD Public and Indian housing programs) are those that provide housing or community development assistance for housing rehabilitation, housing construction, or other public construction project.

Public housing residents including persons with disabilities.

Low and very low income persons who live in the area where a HUD assisted project is located.

What is a Section 3 Business?

A section 3 business is one:

That is owned by Section 3 residents
Employs Section 3 residents or;
Subcontracts with businesses that provide opportunities to low and very low income persons.

► **What types of Economic Opportunities are available under Section 3?**

- Jobs and Employment opportunities
- Training and Educational opportunities
- Contracts and Business opportunities

► **Who will provide the Economic Opportunities?**

• Recipients of HUD financial assistance and their contractors and subcontractors are expected to develop a Section 3 Plan to assure that economic opportunities to the greatest extent feasible, are provided to low and very low-income persons and to qualified Section 3 businesses. One element of that Plan is the use of a Section 3 clause which indicates that all work performed under the contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3.

► **Who receives Economic Opportunities under Section 3?**

For training and employment:

- persons in public and assisted housing;
- persons in the affected project neighborhood;
- participants in HUD Youth-build programs;
- ♦ homeless persons.

For contracting:

- businesses which fit the definition of a Section 3 business.

► **How can individuals and businesses find out more about Section 3?**

For contracting opportunities contact:

The Office of Human Affairs
Representative: Emmagene Slade
392 Maple Avenue, P.O. Box 37
Newport News, VA 23607
Phone: 757-247-6747 Fax: 757-380-1269

For training and employment opportunities contact:

Representative: LaSandra Wingate
Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority
P. O. Box 797
Newport News, VA 23607-0797
Phone: 757-928-2628



**NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY
SECTION 504 REQUEST FOR A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION**



PUBLIC HOUSING

**RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR
MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

Tenant's Name: _____

Complex Name: _____

Address/Apt. #: _____ Zip _____

Telephone #: _____

The Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) is required by law to provide special services, transfers or modifications to apartments, buildings or grounds to meet the needs of tenants with disabilities. These are called reasonable accommodations. NNRHA may require documentation to support a claim for a reasonable accommodation. The information supplied will be kept confidential pursuant to law.

NNRHA will work with you to determine how to fulfill your request.

Tenant's Signature _____ Date _____

_____ No one in my household has a disability.
(I do not need to complete the rest of this form)

_____ I am not requesting NNRHA to provide an accommodation at this time.

The following person (s) in my household has/have a disability and need one or more of the reasonable accommodations below:

_____ Uses a wheelchair

_____ Uses a walker

_____ Vision impaired

_____ Hearing impaired

_____ Grab bars

_____ Audio visual smoke
Alarm

_____ Door bell light signaler

_____ Other accommodations, please explain:

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 AA Hotline 595-1212	Support group Alcoholism-friends/relatives and teens.	No fees
	12 Step Program	No fees
Peninsula Area Help Line 875-9314	Narcotics Anonymous	No fees

FILING A COMPLAINT...



Here is the Customer Service

Hotline Number:

757-928-6063 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.

THANK YOU



GOAL: Let this year represent positive change in your life. Let's strive to live peaceful with our neighbors and our brother man.

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

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After Hours 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

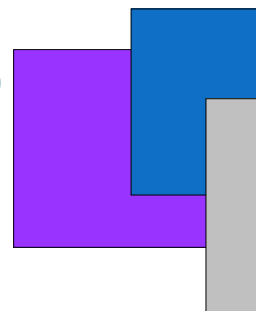
Oyster Point/Brighton	(757) 269-4307
Brighton	(757) 591-3280
Cypress Terrace	(757) 833-5720
Orcutt Townhomes III	(757) 928-6187
Lassiter Courts	(757) 928-2690
Great Oak	(757) 592-7445
Jefferson Brookville	(757) 928-2690

***USE ONLY AS AN
ALTERNATE NUMBER**

**Please use this number ONLY after
5:00 p.m. 247-0484**



Manager's Corner



General Overtime Guidelines

Maintenance staff will respond to the following calls:

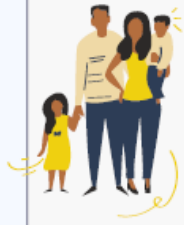
1. Gas Leaks;
2. Electrical Problems;
3. Smoke Detector;
4. Power Outages (only at Pinecroft, Ashe Manor, Spratley House and Marshall);
5. No Heat between 5:00 p.m. on Friday and 8:00 am on Sunday or holidays if the next day is a working day. If the next day is not a working day, accepts calls until 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.



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



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"I HAVE A DREAM"

Martin Luther King



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DEMOCRATS FOR EUROPE

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 ganas 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



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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MEDICARE



COMPARE NOW TO FIND THE RIGHT PLAN FOR YOU.

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT | OCT. 15–DEC. 7

Plans change every year. So can your health.

Even if you are happy with your current Medicare plan, check to see if yours is still the right one for you—your current plan may be changing.

- ☒ Check if your prescriptions are included on a plan's formulary and if your health care providers are in a plan's network.
- ☒ Remember that a low monthly premium may not always be the best overall value for your specific needs.
- ☒ Review a plan's estimated total costs to you, including deductible and other out-of-pocket costs.
- ☒ Check if Medicare Advantage plans offer extra benefits, like vision, hearing, or dental coverage.
- ☒ If you take insulin, there is a new cap on your out-of-pocket costs. Talk to someone for help comparing plans.

Medicare Savings Programs

Need help with Medicare costs? Medicare Savings Programs, run by your state, can help lower your healthcare costs. If you're single with an income of \$20,000 or less, or if you're married with an income of \$25,000 or less, you may be eligible to save. To find out more, contact your state Medicaid office or call **1-800-MEDICARE**.

Easily compare plans at Medicare.gov.

Review your current coverage and compare it to your other choices, including Part D prescription and Medicare Advantage plans. It's easy to compare costs, coverage, and quality ratings.

Visit **Medicare.gov** to compare plans, or call **1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)** (TTY 1-877-486-2048) for help, or join us at the upcoming event listed below.

Date

Time

Location

Other Details

October 2022

Medicare.gov

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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.

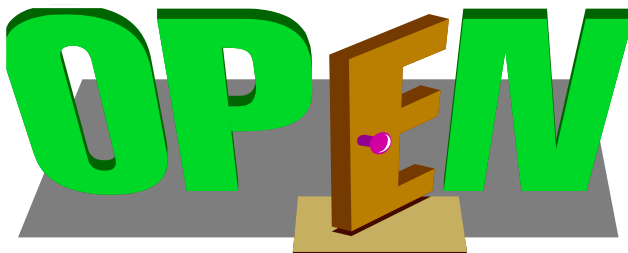
The Foodbank's Mobile Food Pantry Program is distributing food in high-traffic spots across the peninsula and they are working with partner agencies to ensure people receive the food they desperately need. The team from the Foodbank's Culinary Training Program is preparing breakfast and lunch grab-and-go 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.



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.



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?

NEED HELP FILLING OUT YOUR TAX RETURN?

College Students

Teenagers

VITA, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program sponsored by the Newport News Redevelopment & Housing Authority will help prepare and file your basic returns for **FREE!**

Part-Time Employees

Seasonal Employment

Free Tax Preparation will begin in February 2023



For more details, please call FIC at 928-3680