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HOLIDAYS OBSERVED DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE

Father's Day

June 18

Juneteenth

June 19

Summer begins

June 21

CONGRATULATIONS!

NNRHA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES 2023

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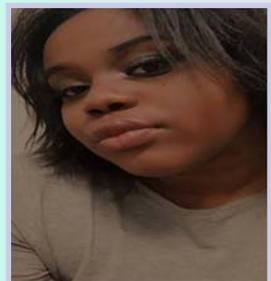
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...and High School Graduates!

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

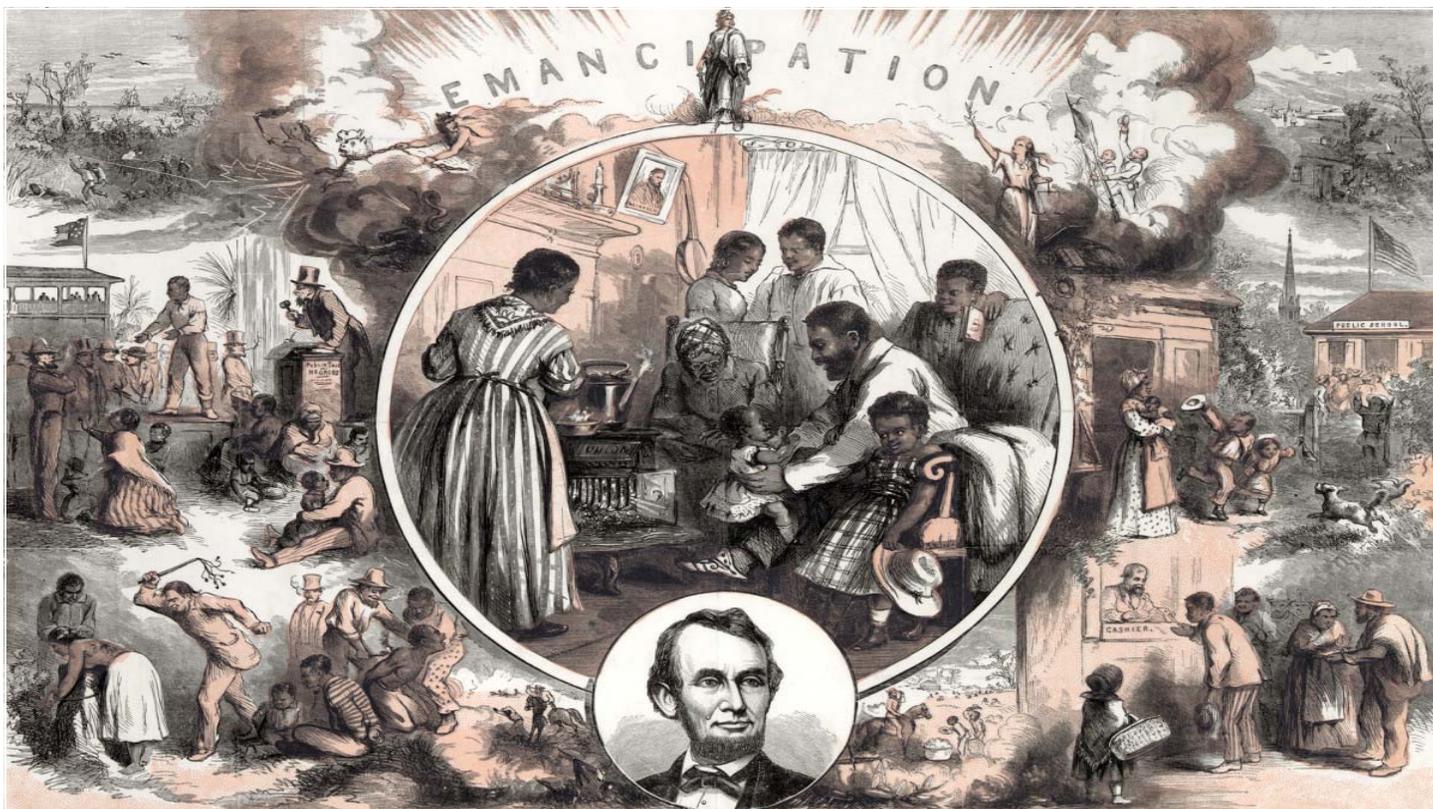
- ✓ PHAs/Owners & Agents may communicate COVID-19 related concerns at the 28, 14, and 2-day notification intervals.
- ✓ If you have any additional questions, please coordinate with your inspector or you may reach out to REAC's Technical Assistance Center (TAC) at 888-245-4860.
- ✓ PHAs/Owners & Agents 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/reac

~ J U N E T E E N T H ~



Juneteenth celebrates the freedom of enslaved people at the end of the U.S. Civil War, as depicted here by illustrator Thomas Nast. Long observed by African American communities, it is the first new federal holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was designated in 1983.



Observed on June 19, the holiday commemorates the end of slavery in Texas—which wasn't until two years after Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. The United States has a new federal holiday. President Joe Biden signed a bill into law that officially designates Juneteenth—observed each year on June 19—as an American holiday. Known to some as the country's "second Independence Day," Juneteenth celebrates the freedom of enslaved people in the United States at the end of the Civil War. Juneteenth has gained awareness in recent years as activists have pushed for state and federal recognition. With the signing of this bill, those efforts will finally come to fruition.

2023

SUMMER CAMPS

Citizen Police Academy for Youth (CPAY)

Monday, June 12, 2023 - Friday, June 16, 2023

Police Headquarters, 9710 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, VA 23605

Youth must be between the ages of 14 (or rising 9th grader) to 17 years of age

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Application deadline: May 19, 2023

Drone Response Unit Camp

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 - Thursday, June 22, 2023

Police Headquarters, 9710 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, VA 23605

For rising 6th - 8th graders

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Application deadline: June 2, 2023

Camp Community Connection

Monday, June 26, 2023 - Friday, June 30, 2023

Mariner's Museum, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606

For rising 6th - 8th graders

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Application deadline: May 19, 2023

Youth Leadership Camp (YLC)

Monday, June 26, 2023 - Friday, June 30, 2023

U.S. Coast Guard Base, Yorktown, VA 23690

Youth must be between the ages of 14 (or a rising 9th grader) to 17 years of age

This is a weeklong, overnight camp

Application deadline: June 2, 2023



Please note slots for all camps will be filled on a first come, first serve basis

For an application or additional information, please contact:
The Newport News Police Department - Community Youth & Outreach Division
(757) 975-5100 or cyod@nnva.gov

Peninsula Agency on Aging

2023 SENIOR COOL CARE PROGRAM

Helping seniors stay cool!

Eligibility required to receive a box fan or AC unit:

- **Must be 60 years of age or older**
- **Must need additional cooling in the home**
- **Must meet household income requirements**
 - **Less than \$1,823 per month for 1 person**
 - **Less than \$2,465 per month for 2 people**



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Job Lead Assistance;
Homeownership.

*Call 757-928-3680 if you have
questions*

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

- Mecanografía;
- Habilidades de obrero;
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- Como encontrar y poseer una casa.

Centro de Trabajo
Para La Familia

Lunes - Viernes
8 de le mana - 4:40 de la tarde

757.928.3680 ingles
757.928.6146 espanol

The Family Investment Center

~ NEW LOCATION ~

Marshall Courts Recreation Center
3301 Marshall Avenue • Newport News, VA
Monday thru Friday
8:00 am – 4:30 pm



HURRICANE SEASON SAFETY TIPS



Hurricane season runs from **June 1 to November 30**. We cannot control the weather, but we can control our preparation. Follow the tips below to make sure you and your family keep safe this hurricane season.



LISTEN TO WARNINGS

Delays in heeding storm warnings are a contributing factor to casualties. People who linger become trapped. Emergency personnel are then put at risk to save those lives. ***Do not wait until the last minute.*** When warnings are given to evacuate and seek shelter, take your family and your “to-go” bags and evacuate. ***Homes can be rebuilt. Lives cannot.***

PREPARE YOUR FAMILY

It’s important to schedule time for yourself and your family to sit down and review your resources and checklists. Give yourself a deadline to have your “to-go” bag, as well as one for each family member, packed and prepared. Then, schedule time together to practice your family’s emergency plan.



Know what to do before, during, and after a storm is headed your way. Visit [ready.gov/hurricanes](https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes) to review preparedness tips and more.

DISASTER SUPPLY KIT



- Emergency supply kits:** your “to-go” bags vary depending on your family’s needs. Two items to have at the top of your list are water and baby/pet care.
- Water** is the number one item you cannot live without. Have one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days in your home should you lose access to running water. And keep water in your “to-go” bag.
- Baby/pet care:** Don’t forget your dependents. Baby care items and food for your pet should be included in your kit.
- Reminder:** Check your supply kit each year for expired food and water and replace when necessary. Also, do not store your batteries in your flashlight or radio to avoid corrosion.

For a list of recommended supplies, visit [ready.gov/kit](https://www.ready.gov/kit)

Outdoor Grilling Safety Rules



- Electric Grills are still allowed for both indoor and outdoor usage.
- Propane Grills, Dual Fuel grills and Propane Turkey Fryers **are not permitted**.
- Outdoor charcoal, hibachi and wood pellet grills are permitted.
- Grills must be used at a minimum distance of 10 to 15ft away from any structure.
- Using grills on the sidewalks is prohibited.
- Grills **cannot** be left unattended at any time while in operation.
- Dumping coals and ash from the grill onto the grass or pavement is **strictly prohibited**.
- Never, under any circumstances, should lighter fluid or matches be left unattended.
- Tenants are responsible for the clean-up of any grease, ash coals and food that spills.
- Accumulated debris from the grill is to be wrapped in aluminum foil and place in trash receptacles after cooling.
- Any tenant that fails to properly clean spills and accumulated debris will incur a fine of \$25.00.
- **Storage of Outdoor Charcoal, Hibachi and Wood Pellet Grills**
 - ✓Outdoor grills can be stored in the back of each housing unit when not in use.
 - ✓Outdoor grills can be stored in units in a clean and orderly manner, not blocking passageways and egresses and not in the utility closet.
 - ✓Any unit that fails to properly store a grill will be fined \$25.00.
 - ✓No storing of Lighter Fluids.
 - ✓Grills cannot be stored in the front of an apartment.

NNRHA does not waiver any liability for any unsafe practices. If you have any questions please call your rental office.



10 Tips To Save Energy When Air Conditioning Is A Must

There are ways to keep cool without turning on your air conditioner, but when the summer temperatures start the 90 (or 100) degree mark daily, sometimes air conditioning is a must. Stay cool and save money with these energy saving tips:

1. **Keep the AC Lower at Night:** Try turning your AC temperature up (so it is running less) during your sleep hours.
2. **Close Off Vents:** By closing the vents, you're forcing all the air up top first, cooling as it comes down.
3. **Rearrange Your Furniture:** Furniture that obstructs air conditioning vents means you could be cooling the back of a chair or the bottom side of your sofa. You would rather have that chill for yourself. Rearrange your furniture, even if only temporarily.
4. **Try 78 Degrees:** That is a good point for an air conditioner to run at its optimal performance level.
5. **Lighting:** Turning lights off can help reduce your heat, but paying attention to how much light you let in from open windows can also play a significant role. Opening and closing your shade everyday with the changing of the sun, it makes a huge difference in how much heat your air conditioner is competing against.
6. **Don't Forget The Fan:** We rely on air conditioners to keep things cool, but having the help of a few supplemental fans doesn't hurt. They use less energy than your air conditioner unit, so having them as back-up is a great idea.
7. **Don't let the water run:** Don't let the water run while brushing your teeth or cleaning the bathroom.
8. **Report all Leaks:** Report all leaks and running toilets.
9. **Use Microwave:** Use your microwave oven instead of a conventional electric or gas range or oven.
10. **Take Showers:** Take showers instead of baths to reduce hot water use. A five minute shower uses a third of the water it takes to run a bath.



Coronavirus: Keeping you informed

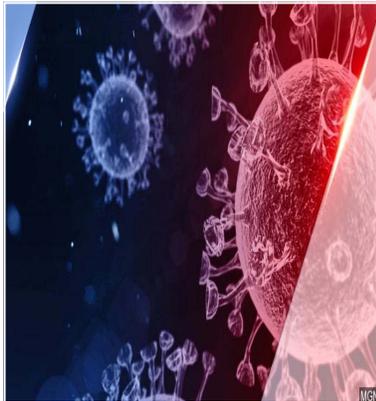
Coronavirus Update from the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank

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.



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570 McLawhorne Drive
Newport News, VA 23601

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- U.S. Citizen
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Thomas Nelson Community College, Tidewater Community College, and Camp Community College.

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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!

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Trainee program offered at Tidewater Community College.

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Trainee program offered at Tidewater Community College.

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Renter's Insurance can also help if you move out of your apartment temporarily due to a fire. It can help you even if the problem is not in your apartment.

Look under "Insurance" in the yellow pages of the telephone book for companies located in the Newport News area. Don't take chances with your belongings.!

According to Section II, 9-C of the Resident's Lease "Management will not be responsible for any of Tenant's personal belongings which are damaged or destroyed by natural disaster or other circumstances which are beyond the control of Management".



Protect your items with affordable renter's insurance.

CDC's Eight Tips for Safe and Healthy Summertime Work and Play



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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.

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.

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.

TENANT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Aqueduct	Last Thursday Each Month	10:00 am Gymnasium
Ashe Manor	3rd Thursday Each Month	1:30 pm Community Room
Brighton	3rd Tuesday Each Month	2:00 pm Community Center
Cypress Terrace	2nd Tuesday Each Month	11:00 am Community Center
Great Oak	3rd Thursday Each Month	2:00 pm Community Center
Jefferson Brookville	3rd Thursday Each Month	3:30 pm - Jefferson Brookville Community Room
Lassiter Courts	2nd Thursday Each Month	3:30 pm Community Room
Marshall Courts	3rd Thursday Each Month	2:00 pm Recreation Center
Orcutt Townhomes I	4th Thursday Each Month	10:00 am - Ashe Manor Community Room
Orcutt Townhomes III	4th Thursday Each Month	1:30 pm - Ashe Manor Community Room
Oyster Point	3rd Tuesday Each Month	11:00 am Community Room
Pinecroft	1st Monday Each Month	3:00 pm Lobby
Spratley House	2nd Wednesday Community Room	3:00 pm Community Room

Manager's Corner

Requested Work Orders

Public Housing

Marshall Courts (757) 928-6154
 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
 Spratley House (757) 928-6187

***USE ONLY AS AN ALTERNATE NUMBER**

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

REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE



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

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

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. 12 Step Program	No fees No fees
Peninsula Area Help Line 875-9314	Narcotics Anonymous	No fees
Advanced Recovery Systems	Alcohol, Eating Disorders and Substance Abuse	Private Insurance

FILING A COMPLAINT...



Here is the Customer Service
Hotline Number:
757-928-3680 or 757-928-6060

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 48 HOURS REGARDING YOUR CONCERNS.

THANK YOU



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