



NEWS AND NEIGHBORS

Newport News Redevelopment
and Housing Authority

HOLIDAYS OBSERVED DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

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December 24-25
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day

December 31
New Year's Eve



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Attention!

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.

Call 757.928.3682 if you have questions regarding the programs offered.

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



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Family Investment Center

PROGRAMA LIBRE DE INSTRUCCION

Centro de Trabajo Para la Familia ofiere 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 manana-
4:30 de la tarde

757.928.3682 ingles
757.928.6146 espanol

Great Training Opportunities...

Family Investment Center

Marshall Courts Recreation Center
3303 Marshall Avenue • Newport News, VA
Monday thru Friday
8:00 AM — 4:30 PM
757.928.3682



NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND
HOUSING AUTHORITY
NNRHA RESIDENTS ONLY



SHOP TILL YOU DROP



ALL
ITEMS

\$0.00

COME SHOP TILL YOU DROP WITH NNRHA!

**WE'VE GOT CLOTHES, HOUSEHOLD GOODS, AND SO MUCH MORE
— EVERYTHING YOU NEED ALL IN ONE PLACE. DON'T MISS OUT ON
GREAT FINDS AND EVEN BETTER DEALS!!**

WED. DEC 3, 2025

1:00-3:00 PM

**MARSHALL REC CENTER
3301 MARSHALL AVE**

THUR. DEC 4, 2025

**AQUEDUCT GYM
13244 AQUEDUCT DR**

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BE INFORMED!



Understanding Addiction

December 9, 2025

Guest Speaker:

Dr Muriel L Baskerville, EdD.

QMHP A/C

Executive Director

White House Health Systems

**Refreshments
Prizes**



COME JOIN US!

1:00 PM - 651 25th St, Newport News, VA

2:30 PM - 75 Wellesley Dr, Newport News, VA



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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2026

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Newport News Redevelopment and
Housing Authority

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA :

- **MUST be a resident of NNRHA Assisted Housing.**
- **GPA of 2.5 or higher.**
- **Available for adults and High School Seniors**
- **Plan to enroll full -time at an accredited college, university, vocational/technical institute, business school.**

APPLICATION DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 28, 2026

For More Information :
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**LIMITED
SEATING**

BASIC COMPUTER TRAINING For SENIORS



**LITTLE TO NO COMPUTER SKILLS?
THIS CLASS IS FOR YOU!**

Transportation Available Upon Request



**INTRO
TO
COMPUTERS**



**OPERATING
SYSTEMS**



**BASIC
SOFTWARE
APPLICATIONS**

STARTS

**FRIDAY
21**

**NOVEMBER
2025**

10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM



757-928-3681



**LOCATION: MARSHALL COURT
REC CENTER**

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WINTER FIRE SAFETY NEWSLETTER



2025

Home fires occur more in the winter than in any other season.
Here are some fire safety tips to help keep you safe.

Decorations

- Keep decorations away from windows and doors to keep exits open.
- Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.
- Some string lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Have working carbon monoxide alarms.
- Water live trees. A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.

Safety Tips

- Test your smoke alarms, and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stove top.

Heaters

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.
- Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.
- Never plug space heaters into an extension cord.
- Turn off space heaters before going to sleep.

2025-2026

NNPS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



The application window for 2025-2026 is **NOW OPEN**
for all Kindergarten students **NEW** to the district
who will be 5 years old by September 30, 2025.

Pre-register today to help our schools and teachers make each student's first day pleasant and productive.

ONLINE! Pre-Registration with NNPS is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1

Gather your Documents

- Certified Birth Certificate
- Two proofs of legal residence/address (lease agreement/mortgage statement and a current gas, electric, water or sanitation bill)
- Comprehensive physical examination report (Virginia Form MCH-213G or similar physical form from your provider dated within 12 months prior to starting kindergarten)
- Current Immunization records (verified on Virginia Form MCH-213G, public health department form or an Immunization document from a qualified physician or licensed nurse practitioner)
- Two current emergency contact names and phone numbers

2

Pre-Register your Child Online

Visit www.nnschools.org/registration to start the Online Pre-registration process

(NOTE: Students who were enrolled in a NNPS Pre-K program for the 2024-2025 school year, are automatically registered for kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year).

3

Visit your Child's School

Parents who have completed the online registration process should contact their child's zoned school to schedule the In-Person appointment or the school's registrar will reach out to the parent. You must visit the school in person to provide your proof of identification and any additional information your child's school may require to finalize registration.

Parents/Guardians NEW to the school district without an existing Parent Portal (ParentVUE) account will need to create one online before registering their student.

Visit https://va-nnps-psv.edupoint.com/pxp2_OEN_Login.aspx to create a ParentVUE account.



For more info and to pre-register for Kindergarten visit
www.nnschools.org/registration
Questions? Call 757-591-4500

A Holiday Self-Care Checklist



People who struggle with anxiety or depression often have difficulty feeling the holiday cheer around this time of year. A time meant for friends and families to come together and celebrate isn't always easy, especially if you are going through something hard. Here are a few tips for help to get you through the holiday season with a focus on self-care:

1. **Take time for yourself.** Remember that you deserve happiness as well. Sometimes you might need a moment alone to help collect your thoughts, and that's ok.
2. **Connect with your breath.** Whether it's from the stress of holidays, social anxiety, or the in-laws, seeking a quiet spot to catch up with your breathing is a good way to relax.
3. **Practice a healthy relationship with food.** Don't let the holidays dictate how you eat. Maintain a balance and stay healthy.
4. **Be mindful about alcohol use.** If you decide to partake, remember to be mindful and make sure you do what's best for you.
4. **Take care of yourself during difficult interactions with family.** Small talk or other social interactions with friends or family members can be difficult. Try having someone to reach out to when you need a break or find a space to take some time away from the turmoil and/or confusion.
5. **Make room for grief during the holidays if you are missing loved ones who have passed.** Save some time for reflection and remember that it's ok to be both happy and sad at the same time, even during the holidays.
6. **Remember that holiday stress will pass.** Just like other times of high anxiety, the stress of the holiday season will soon come to a close. Try to make the best of it while keeping your happiness in mind.



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.

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:

757-928-6082 or 757-928-6060

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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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.

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

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

Manager's Corner

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	3rd Wednesday Community Room	11:00 am Community Room





FREE TAX PREP SERVICES

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) provides free tax advice, tax preparation, return filing and other tax assistance to members of the Hampton Roads community.

Bethel AME Church, Christopher Newport University, Hampton University, HRCAP, Six House INC, United Way of Virginia Peninsula

CALL TODAY

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