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## NEWS AND NEIGHBORS

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How do I Register to Vote? Voter Information Who can register to vote?

## Where can I get a registration form? **Registration Deadlines?**

To be eligible to register to vote in Virginia a person must:

- Be a resident of Virginia (A person who has come to Virginia for temporary purposes and intends to return to another state is not considered a resident for voting purposes);
- Be a U. S. Citizen;
- Be 18 years old (Any person who is 17 years old and will be eighteen years of age at the next election shall be permitted to register in advance and also vote in any intervening primary or special election;
- Does not claim the right to vote in any other State;
- Not currently declared mentally incompetent by a court of law;
- If convicted of a felony, your right to vote must have been restored.

Persons eligible to register can obtain a registration application at any of the following locations:

- Local voter registration office: Newport News City Hall-2400 Washington Avenue 6th Floor-Newport News, Virginia 23607. Telephone number: 757.926.8683
- Online: www.nngov.com/voter-registrar.
- State or local government offices when applying or recertifying for Aid to Dependent Children, Food Stamps, WIC, Medicaid, or Rehabilitation Services;
- Government offices in the State that provide State-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to person with disabilities;
- Armed forces recruitment offices;
- Public Libraries: Pearl Bailey-2510 Wickham Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607 Grissom-366 DeShazor Drive, Newport News, VA 23608 West Avenue-2907 West Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607 Main Street-110 Main Street, Newport News, VA 23601
- State Board of Elections office;
- Department of Motor Vehicles offices;
- Voter Registration Drives.

Registration Deadline: October 17, 2022 by 5:00 p.m. (in person) If registering online, must be submitted by 11:59 p.m.

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## Going Back to School... Top 10 Tips for Parents

- 1. Meet the principal and teachers at the beginning of the school year.
- Find out the best way to reach your child's teacher and tell them the best way to reach you (e.g. cell phone/texting/ email, phone call)
- Go to Back-To-School night and events at your child's school. Kid's who see their parents at school get better grades.
- 4. Regularly check your child's backpack for notes, and keep track of homework.
- 5. Help your child with homework if needed, and always check when it's done.
- 6. Create a study space with good lighting and set regular time for homework.
- Read, read, read. Have your child read everyday. Read to them, read with them and make sure your child sees you reading as well.
- Provide healthy food every meal. Skip the sweets and soda -these foods don't help kids learn.
- 9. Make sure your child gets enough sleep.
- 10. Go online to www.GreatSchools.org and get other ideas for helping your child be the best that they can be.



LET TODAY BE THE START OF Something New

## SCHOOL BUS

#### RESPECT

- Appropriate noise level
- Stay in personal space
- Follow all established bus rules
- Follow adult directions

#### RESPONSIBILITY

- Keep bus clean & tidy
- Stay in personal space
- Stand patiently in line to get on/off bus

#### HONESTY

- Stay in assigned seat
- Be truthful
- Report any problems to driver

#### TOLERANCE

- Accept people, events or situations with patience and understanding
- Allow different opinions, beliefs, behaviors, and feelings without judgement
- Respect other people's differences
- Reject stereotypes

#### SAFETY

- Follow all established bus rules
- Remain seated until driver says otherwise
- Follow all adult directions
- Keep all personal items secure
- Remain in personal space at all times (in line, in seats and at bus stop)





- 1. **Get Organized.** Making a plan for what you're going to do and when you're going to do it will make sure you're always ahead of the curve literally.
- 2. Don't multitask. Studies have shown that multitasking is physically impossible.
- 3. **Divide it up.** Studying isn't fun to begin with, and forcing yourself through a study marathon will only make it worse. Dividing your work into manageable chunks and rewarding yourself when you finish each chunk will make studying (more) fun.
- 4. **Sleep.** Don't underestimate the importance of those eight hours of sleep every night! Getting a good night's rest will sharpen your focus and improve your working memory.
- 5. **Set a schedule.** Do you work better right after school or after you've eaten dinner? Are you more productive in 90-minute blocks or half-hour spurts? Find a schedule that works for you, and stick to it.
- 6. **Take notes.** Taking notes will not only keep you more engaged during class, but will also help you narrow down what you need to study when exam time rolls around. It's much easier to reread your notes than to reread your entire textbook!
- 7. **Study.** This one might be obvious, but did you know that there's a right and a wrong way to study? Review your material several days ahead of time, in small chunks, and in different manners (for example, write flashcards one day and take practice tests the next). In other words, don't cram.
- 8. **Manage your study space.** Find a place that will maximize your productivity. Look for places away from the television and other distractions. Whether it's your local library or just the desk in your bedroom, set aside a study space that you'll want to spend time in.
- 9. **Find a study group.** Sitting down with a group of people who are learning the same things as you is a great way to go over confusing class material or prepare for a big test. You can quiz each other, reteach material, and make sure that everyone is on the same page. After all, teaching someone else is the best way to learn.
- 10. **Ask questions.** You're in school to learn, so don't be afraid to do just that! Asking for help from a teacher, a tutor or your friends is a surefire way to make sure you truly understand the material.

#### NNPS 2022-2023

#### APPROVED - 2/15/22

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Newport News Public Schools • 12465 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA 23606 • (757) 591-4500 • www.nnschools.org

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Spring Break (annually 1st week of April for Peninsula school divisions) -Schools & Offices Closed (12 month employees to use 1/2 day leave each day,

April 3-7) Half day dismissal for students

(in-person instruction in a.m.: student

independent learning and teacher PD in p.m.)



Religious observances beginning/occurring on 2022-2023 student school days:

Ash Wednesday - Feb. Rosh Hashanah - Sept. 26 Yom Kippur - Oct. 5 Ramadan - March 23 Sukkot - Oct. 10 Ascension Day - May Shavuot - May 26 Calendar instructional hours exceed 990

state hour requirement. \*All schools need to schedule at least one evening

conference period, preferably in the fall. NOTE: If make-up days are necessary, they will be made up, at the superintendent's direction.

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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.



## **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



## **Outdoor Grilling Safety Rules**



- Electric Grills are still allowed for both indoor and outdoor usage.
- Propane Grills, Duel 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
  - $\checkmark$  Outdoor grills can be stored in the back of each housing unit when not in use.
  - $\checkmark$  Outdoor grills can be stored in units in a clean and orderly manner, not blocking

passageways and egresses and not in the utility closet.

- $\checkmark$  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.

Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority



#### FREE TRAINING PROGRAMS

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

- CNA:
- Self-Paced Typing;

Attention!

- Employability Skills Workshops;
- Resume and Interviewing Prep;
- Job Lead Assistance:
- Homeownership.

Call 757.928.3680 if you have questions

#### PROGRAMA LIBRE DE INSTRUCCION

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

• Mecanografia:

THE FAMILY INVESTMENT CENTER

O MARSHALL COURTS RECREATION CENTER

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

Centrro de Trabajo Para La Familia 600 C Ridley Circle Newport News, VA 23607

Lunes—Viernes

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757.928.360 ingles 757.928.6146 espanol

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

#### **The Family Investment Center**

#### ~NEW LOCATION~

Marshall Courts Recreation Center 3301 Marshall Avenue • Newport News, VA Monday thru Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM 757.928.2680



Newport News Shipbuilding

We Build More than Great Ships I We Build Careers

#### 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. Occurs Monthly

**COURSES:** 

ALL

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

Starting Pay

#### 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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\*Bonuses vary by trade and experience

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Job seekers must apply by 9/1/22 to be eligible for bonus

### **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.

<b>DENT</b> CERNS	<ul> <li>Residents should communicate COVID-19 health or related concerns to their property representative. An alternative unit will be selected for inspection.</li> <li>The inspection set of the selected for inspection.</li> </ul>
RESIDEN CONCER	<ul> <li>The inspector and property representative will practice safe distancing and wear personal protective equipment (PPE) consistent with CDC guidance.</li> </ul>
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≻ S	<ul> <li>PHAs/Owners &amp; Agents may communicate COVID-19 related concerns at the 28, 14, and 2-day notification intervals.</li> </ul>
PERTY CERNS	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>
PROPER' CONCER	✓ PHAs/Owners & Agents may reference the REAC Inspector Notice No. 2020-01 for additional detail: <u>https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/COVID19In</u> <u>spectorProtocolNotice2021-01.pdf</u>
0	<ul> <li>All requests to postpone inspection must be communicated to the Technical Assistance Center (TAC): 888-245-4860.</li> </ul>
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EQUESTS	<ul> <li>REAC will coordinate with Multifamily and Public Housing leadership to ensure it evaluates all relevant factors.</li> </ul>
REC POS	<ul> <li>On the day of the inspection, the inspector is required to report to the Technical Assistance Center property-level COVID cases.</li> </ul>
	https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public

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## 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.



#### 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.

#### **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.** 

Know what to do before, during, and after a storm is headed your way. Visit 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

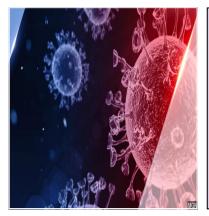


During times of crisis, the Foodbank plays an important role in meeting community needs. In response to the coronavirus, the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank has been working to provide food to people who might otherwise go hungry.

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

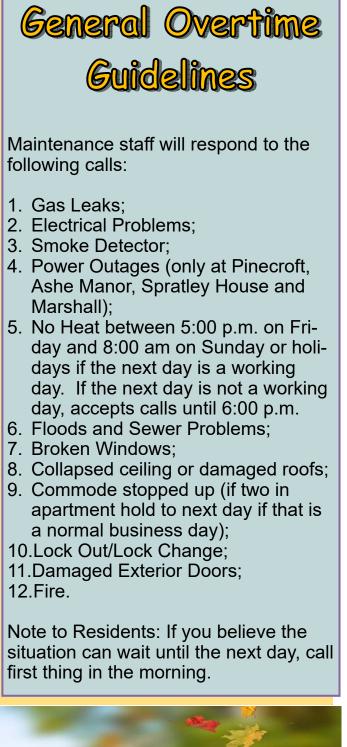
get tested if you are experiencing

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.

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

Manager's Corner Requested Work Orders Marshall Courts (757) 928-6154 (757) 928-6187 Ashe Manor (757) 833-5700 Aqueduct Pinecroft (757) 269-4300 **Orcutt Townhomes I** (757) 928-6187 \* Marshall (757) 928-6181 **Tax Credit Properties** (757) 269-4307 **Oyster Point** (757) 591-3280 Brighton **Cypress Terrace** (757) 833-5720 (757) 928-6187 Orcutt Townhomes III (757) 928-2690 Lassiter Courts 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 p.m. (757) 247-0484 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 sub- stance abusers.	No fees
Hampton Roads Clinic Reflections 827-8430	Outpatient Counsel- ing I.V. Methadone Maintenance 30-45 day Residen- tial Facility	Sliding fee Scale Medicaid
Project Link 245-0217	Case management and coordination services for prenatal abuser	Sliding fee Scale Medicaid
Al Anon/Alateen 1-888-425- 2666	Support group Alco- holism-friends/ relatives and teens.	No fees
<b>AA Hotline</b> 595-1212	12 Step Program	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:

757-928-6063 or 757-928-3680

A TENANT HOTLINE IS A FREE SERVICE FOR TENANTS LIVING IN PROPERTIES OWNED AND MANAGED BY THE NEW-PORT 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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