



# NEWS AND NEIGHBORS

Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority

## MONTH OF FEBRUARY

February 14

Valentine's Day

February 15

President's Day

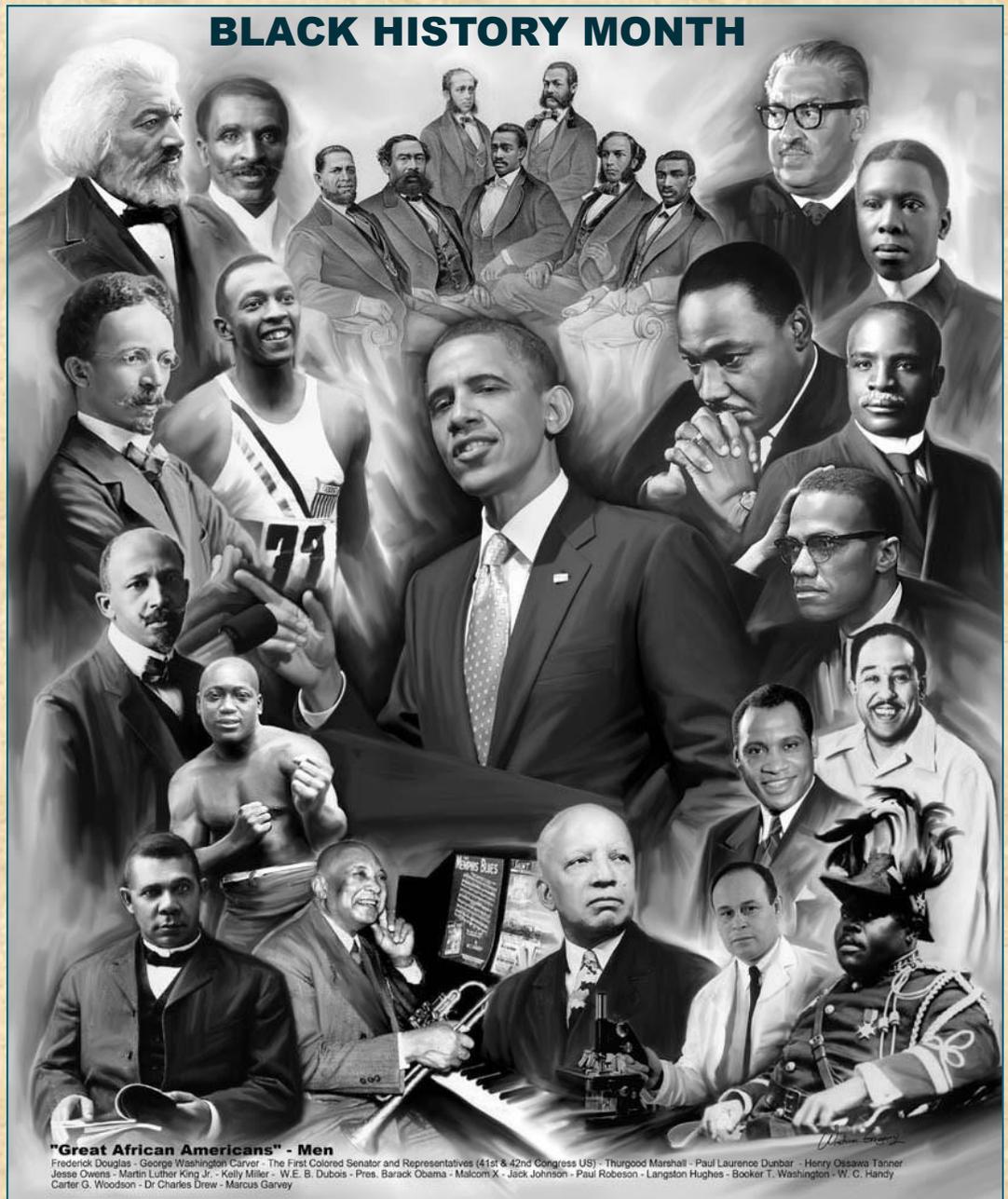
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**QUOTE: The time is always right to do what is right.**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

"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.

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.

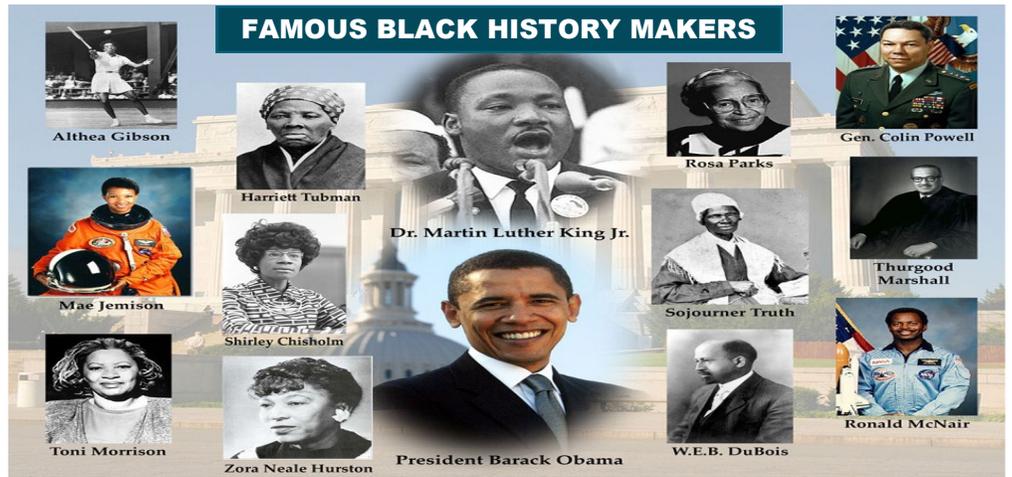
**February 1, 1960:** In what would become a civil-rights movement milestone, a group of black Greensboro, N.C., college students began a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter.

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

## BLACK HISTORY QUOTES



## FAMOUS BLACK HISTORY MAKERS





# Black Women In History

MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE  
AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER

MAE JEMISON  
FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO TRAVEL INTO SPACE

ALTHEA GIBSON  
FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TENNIS CHAMPION

CATHY HUGHES  
RADIO & BUSINESS PIONEER

DR. MAYA ANGELOU  
INTERNATIONALLY REKNOWN POET

SHIRLEY CHISHOLM  
FIRST WOMAN TO RUN FOR DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

ROSA PARKS  
CIVIL RIGHTS ICON

BEYONCE KNOWLES  
MOST NOMINATED FEMALE ARTIST EVER

CORETTA SCOTT KING  
CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER / WIFE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

OPRAH WINFREY  
MEDIA MOGUL / MOST SUCCESSFUL FEMALE EVER IN ENTERTAINMENT

TONI MORRISON  
PULITZER PRIZE WINNING AUTHOR / NOBEL LAUREATE

MICHELLE OBAMA  
FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN FIRST LADY

THE MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMEN OF THE CENTURY & AFRICAN AMERICAN PIONEERS



# 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 **Wednesday, March 10, 2021.***

Please return the completed form to your rental office or contact Mrs. Charlene Bowser at 757.928.6170 by Wednesday, March 10, 2021.



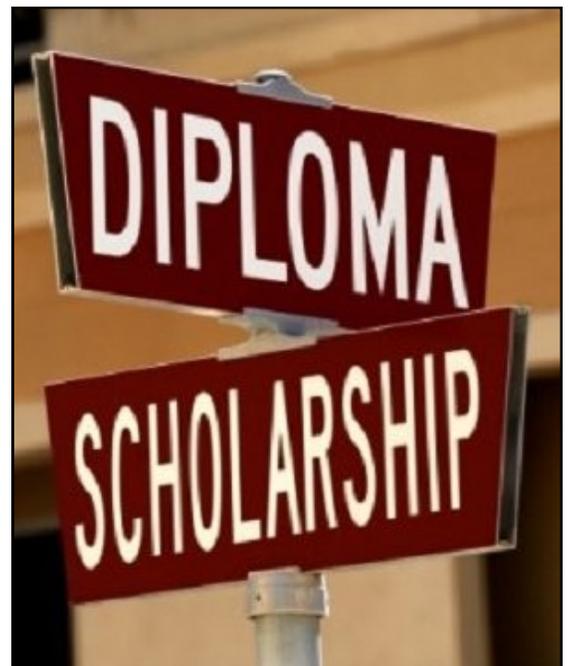
Are you a high school senior in need of money for college? Applicants must expect to graduate from an accredited high school in June 2021 with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better in overall academic courses.



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.



## **REVISED**

### **Department of Housing and Urban Development – COVID 19 Waivers**

#### **Waivers that Apply to Both the Public Housing Program and Housing Choice Voucher Program:**

1. PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan Submission Dates, Significant Amendment Requirements
2. Family Income and Composition; Delayed Annual Examination
3. Family Income and Composition; Annual Examination – Income Verification Requirements
4. Family Income and Composition; Interim Examinations
5. Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) Monitoring
6. Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Contract of Participation; Contract Extension Requirements
7. Waiting List: Opening and Closing; Public Notice
8. Uniform Financial Reporting Standard; Filing of Financial Reports; Reporting Compliance Dates
9. PHA Reporting Requirements on HUD Form 50058
10. PHAS, SEMAP and Uniform Reporting Standards

#### **Waivers that Apply to the Housing Choice Voucher Program:**

1. Initial Inspection Requirements
2. Project-Based Voucher (PBV) Pre-HAP Contract Inspections, PHA Acceptance of Completed Units
3. Initial Inspections: Non-Life-Threatening Deficiencies (NLT) Option
4. HQS Initial Inspection Requirement-Alternative Inspection Option
5. HQS Inspection Requirement-Biennial Inspections
6. HQS Interim Inspections
7. PBV Turnover Unit Inspections
8. PBV HAP Contract-HQS Inspections to Add or Subtract Units
9. HQS Quality Control Inspections
10. Housing Quality Standards; Space & Security
11. Homeownership Option-Initial HQS Inspection
12. Revisions to the Administrative Plan
13. Information When Family is Selected-PHA Oral Briefing
14. Term of Voucher-Extension of Term
15. PHA Approval of Assisted Tenancy-When HAP Contract is Executed
16. Absence from Unit
17. Automatic Termination of HAP Contract
18. Increase in Payment Standard under HAP Contract Term

## **REVISED**

### **Department of Housing and Urban Development – COVID 19 Waivers**

19. Utility Allowance Schedule-Required Review and Revision
20. Homeownership Option-Homeownership Counseling
21. Family Unification Program (FUP) FUP Youth Age Eligibility to Enter HAP Contract
22. SEMAP

#### **Waivers that Apply to the Public Housing Program**

1. Fiscal Closeout of Capital Grant Funds
2. Total Development Costs
3. Cost and Other Limitations; Types of Labor
4. ACOP: Adoption of Tenant Selection Policies
5. Community Service and Self-Sufficiency Requirement (CSSR)
6. Energy Audits
7. Over-Income Families
8. Resident Council Elections
9. Review and Revision of Utility Allowances
10. Tenant Notification for Changes to Project Rules and Regulations
11. Designated Housing Plans
12. Public Housing Agency Annual Self-Inspections
13. Extension of Deadline for Programmatic Obligation and Expenditure of Capital Funds
14. Over Income Limit: Termination Requirement
15. Annual Choice of Rent
16. 1 and 2-Year Substantial Improvement Requirements

#### **Mod Rehab Program Waivers**

1. Family Income & Composition: Delayed Annual Examinations
2. Family Income & Composition: Annual Examination, Income Verification Requirements
3. Family Income & Composition: Interim Examinations
4. Enterprise Income Verification Monitoring
5. PHA Inspection Requirement: Annual Inspections
6. Adjustment of Utility Allowances
7. PHA Reporting Requirements for Mod Rehab on Form 50058

#### **Mainstream Voucher Waivers**

1. Initial Lease Term
2. Criminal Background Screening
3. Mainstream Age Eligibility to Enter HAP Contract Statutory Authority

# 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](mailto:thansbrough@hrfoodbank.org).

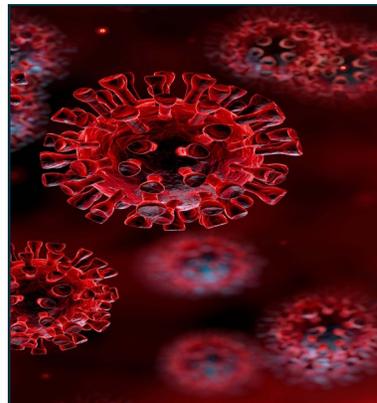
## NEWPORT NEWS HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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:

## Manager's Corner

### After Hours 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, Ridley 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.

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

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

# Coronavirus: Keeping you informed

## Why is it important to wear a mask?

Masks may help prevent people who COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Wearing a mask will help protect you and the people around you, including those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and workers who frequently come into close contact with other people (e.g., in stores and restaurants). Masks are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings. The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced when masks are used along with other preventive measures, including social distancing, frequent handwashing, and cleaning and disinfecting touched surfaces.

<https://www.cdc.gov/>



# Safety Corner

Although Suicide Prevention Awareness Month is recognized annually in September, we should attempt to take notice of family members, friends, and co-workers that may be showing signs of depression and other negative behavior as a possible cry for help. If you know anyone who has, or is beginning to show any of these signs, you should seriously consider this an opportunity to start a conversation on available resources for help..

Signs of depression and or suicide may consist of, but are not limited to the following:

- Sadness
- Guilt
- Irritability
- Loss of energy
- Loss of interest in activities
- Sleep changes
- Appetite changes
- Suicidal thoughts

For further information, please visit the Every Day Matters Foundation website to help you find information and resources to help someone who may be showing any of the above behaviors.

<http://www.everydaymatters.com/images/NC-Suicide-Prevention>

Should you have any safety or security questions or concerns please contact Safety & Security at 757.928.2660.

# REQUESTED WORK ORDERS

Marshall	928-6154
Ridley	928-6154
Spratley House	928-6187
Ashe Manor	928-6187
Aqueduct	833-5700
Pinecroft	269-4300
Orcutt Townhomes	928-6187

## \*USE ONLY AS AN ALTERNATE NUMBER

*Marshall	928-6181
*Ridley/Lassiter	928-2690

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



# Happy Valentine's Day

## EMERGENCY HEATING ASSISTANCE

Virginia Department of Social Services offers Crisis assistance, which is intended to meet a household's emergency heating need, when no other resources is available. Applications are accepted online at **Common Help**, by calling the Enterprise Customer Service Center at (855) 635-4370, and at local department of social services from January 4 through March 15, 2021.



# 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...



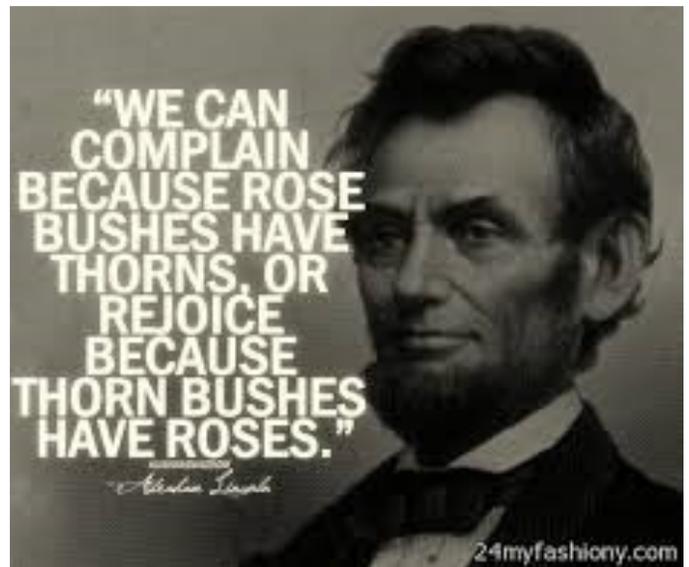
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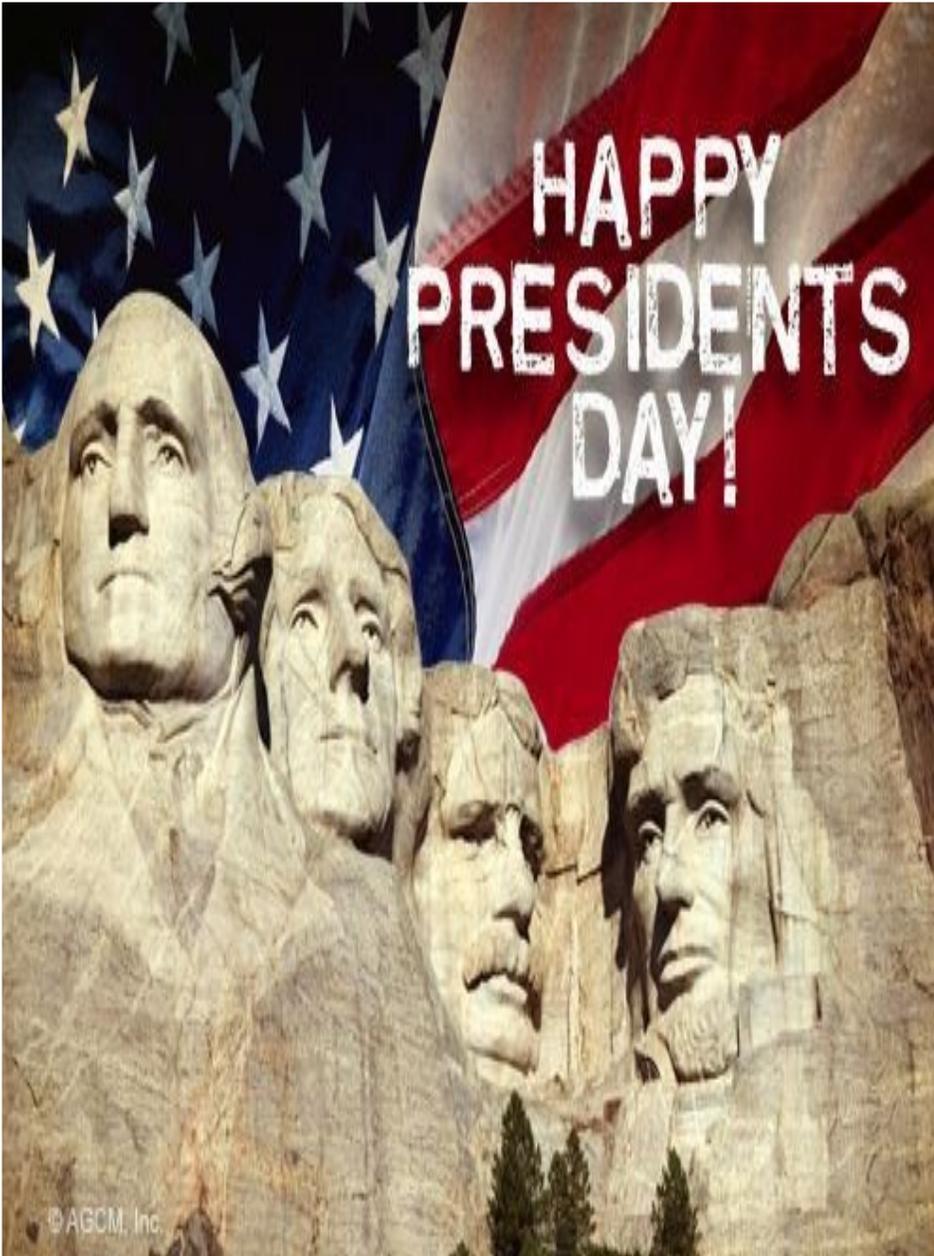
Hotline Number:

**757-928-6063 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.





### 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 than enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Newport News.



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?**

**Part-Time Employees**

**Seasonal Employment**



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