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**HOLIDAYS
OBSERVED
DURING THE
MONTH OF
JUNE**

June 20

Father's Day

Summer begins



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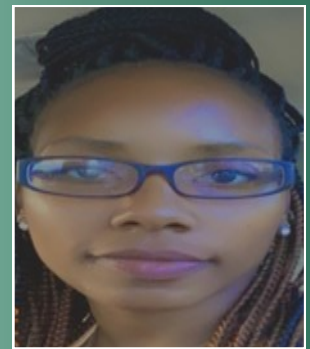
NNRHA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES 2021



Zion Smith



Jazyme Stanback



Nassia Mahammad



Janae Jackson



LaTonya Grandy



DeShara James

...and High School Graduates!



From the Executive Director...



Karen R. Wilds
Executive Director

You can resolve to make your neighborhood a safer place. A Hot Spot Card with a pre-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed in each newsletter this month. If you know about any past criminal, any potential violence or any activity you suspect is illegal anywhere in our City, please use this card. It is completely anonymous. It can be dropped off at your rental office or mailed.

If you would like to talk to someone about any concerns you have, you can call NNRHA Safety and Security Officer at (757) 928-2660.



PROPERTY & UNIT INSPECTIONS INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will substantially increase inspections of assisted properties and units on June 1st, 2021 to help ensure the overall health and well-being of HUD-assisted households. An inspector from HUD may inspect your home soon. Residents will be notified in advance by property management of their inspection date and time.

Resident Rights

- ✱ Residents should communicate any health-related concerns and the inspector will select an alternate unit to inspect.
- ✱ Residents have the choice to be present. If you are not home and your unit is randomly selected, the inspection will move forward.
- ✱ Residents who are home may elect to leave or stay in the unit during the inspection.
- ✱ The inspector and property representative will practice safe distancing and wear personal protective equipment (PPE) consistent with detailed HUD safety protocols informed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) most recent guidance.

Additional Details

- ✱ Not all residential units are inspected, and buildings and units are randomly selected on the day of inspection.
- ✱ If you have questions, please contact your property representative or HUD's Technical Assistance Center (TAC) at 888-245-4860.
- ✱ Residents of HUD Multifamily properties should review HUD's "Residents Rights & Responsibilities" for further information https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/DOC_12162.PDF
- ✱ To view the Secretary of HUD's statement on resuming inspections: <https://www.hud.gov/>

Real Estate Assessment Center Inspection Process and Cycle



Purpose: To make sure your home is being safely maintained physical inspections are needed from time to time. Inspections help ensure units are decent, safe, and sanitary.



Step 1: Notification

Property representatives will notify you of the pending inspection.

Step 2: Pre-Inspection

Contact your property representative with any questions you or your family may have surrounding the inspection with the property representative or HUD's Technical Assistance Center (TAC) at 888-245-4860.



Step 3: Inspection

Inspectors follow a detailed inspection protocol including wearing proper PPE and other related safety requirements. Inspectors will also review the property's common areas as well.

Step 4: Post Inspection

The property owner or manager will be notified of the inspection results. Contact the property representative if you have any questions about your unit's inspection.



Additional Information may be found at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/reac



Maximizing Opportunities & Transforming Lives

**EMERGENCY
SERVICES**



SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM



FREE
GRAB & GO

**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH
FOR SCHOOL-AGE
CHILDREN
EVERY
MONDAY-FRIDAY**

SAME GREAT SERVICE, BRAND NEW TIMES!

C4 Boxing Club - 1947 E. Pembroke Ave. Hampton

Beginning Monday, April 19th, 2021, 3:30pm-4:30pm

Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center - 2410 Wickham Ave. Newport News

Beginning Monday, April 19th, 2021, 12:15pm-1:30pm

Lift and Connect EnVision Center - 2501 Jefferson Ave. Newport News

Beginning Monday, April 19th, 2021, 12:15pm-1:30pm

Contact Us

(757) 247-0379 Option 1

Newport News Partners with Hampton Roads Transit to Provide Bus Passes for Travel to Vaccine Clinics

Program helps individuals overcome transportation barriers preventing vaccinations

The City of Newport News is partnering with Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) to make it easier for residents to travel to a vaccination clinic. Beginning today, residents experiencing transportation issues can call the city's 311 Contact Center or visit nnva.gov to request a pair of HRT bus passes to use to get their first and second shot at any vaccine clinic in Hampton Roads.

"Access to reliable transportation is a barrier preventing some people from getting the COVID-19 vaccine," said Newport News Fire Chief Jeff Johnson. "The city's partnership with Hampton Roads Transit ensures everyone has the ability to access a shot, whether they travel to a Community Vaccine Clinic, pharmacy, doctor's office, or a clinic sponsored by a church or group. By offering this transportation assistance, we are protecting the lives of our residents and are one step closer to moving out of the pandemic."

To receive the pair of HRT passes, residents should call the city's 311 Contact Center at 311 or (757) 933-2311 or complete a form on the city's website, www.nnva.gov. Residents should not contact HRT for passes.

When requesting passes, individuals will need to provide their name, address, phone number and indicate if they have already scheduled an appointment for the vaccine. Residents do not need to have a pre-scheduled vaccine appointment when requesting the pass, as many clinics are now offering walk-in vaccinations.

After completing a request, residents will be called and given information on where and when they can pick-up their bus passes. Pick-up locations will be at city buildings and facilities that are easily accessible to those requesting the passes.

The passes are valid for use on all HRT transit modes and routes to provide residents with numerous options on where they receive the vaccine. Residents age 16 and older experiencing transportation barriers are eligible to receive two bus passes, but they must be used to travel to and from a vaccination clinic.

HRT already provides a Vaccination Access Transportation Program that offers Paratransit customers free trips to and from vaccination appointments. All certified Paratransit customers are allowed up to four free trips to receive their vaccines. To use this service, individuals should call Paratransit Reservations at (757) 455-8010 after registering and scheduling a vaccination appointment. Under this program, trips will only be scheduled to and from known vaccination locations.



For more information, contact Teresa Jones, at The Family Investment Center for more information regarding bus tickets at (757) 928-3680/3681.

Coronavirus: Keeping you informed

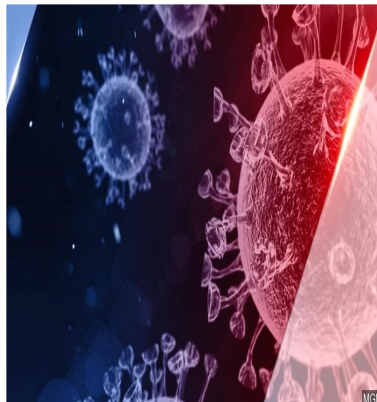
Coronavirus Update from the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank

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.**



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.



HRCAP AND PARTNERS INVITE YOU TO REGISTER FOR A FREE VIRTUAL EMPOWERMENT SERIES WORKSHOP!

APRIL

Fair Housing Past, Present and Future: Chasing the Dream - Training series for professionals on Fair Housing (*particularly for local stakeholders, board members, case managers, housing advocates etc.*)

27th: History of Fair Housing and Homeownership

28th: Fair Housing Training for Case Managers, Community Advocates and Professionals

29th: Panel Discussion: Equity Lens, Housing and Wealth Building



MAY

Honoring Veterans and Community Servants - Educational series providing homeownership tools and credit guidance for veterans and members of the general public who work as first responders or community advocates.

18th: Veterans Homeownership Class

19th: Fair Housing for Landlords and Local Stakeholders

20th: Building Better Credit Work session (*free credit reports with scores for attendees*)

JUNE

Homeownership Past, Present and Future: Having a Stake - Exploring the history of homeownership and the current climate of the housing market. Session will conclude with a panel discussion on the impact that homeownership has on creating inclusive communities and community resources.

22nd: History of Homeownership: Past and Present

23rd: Home Buying Basics for Case Managers, Community Advocates and Professionals

24th: Panel Discussion: Homeownership and Mobility



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT TERRI FRANCIS AT 757.643.4086.



**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:

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

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:

757-928-6063 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 48 HOURS REGARDING YOUR CONCERNS.

THANK YOU


HAMPTON ROADS REGION
GREATER PENINSULA REGION

FUTURE OF WORK GRAND CHALLENGE





THE HAMPTON ROADS WORKFORCE COUNCIL IS RECRUITING **700** PARTICIPANTS TO JOIN THE FUTURE OF WORK GRAND CHALLENGE!

THIS IS A NO COST PROGRAM WITH 3 TRAINING TRACKS TO CHOOSE FROM:
MANUFACTURING, COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE, AND CONSTRUCTION

OPEN TO JOB SEEKERS WITHOUT A COLLEGE DEGREE WHO ARE EITHER UNEMPLOYED OR UNDEREMPLOYED.

THIS NATIONAL COMPETITION IS DESIGNED TO DEVELOP NEW TRAINING APPROACHES TO HELP JOB SEEKERS AND DISPLACED WORKERS IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC RAPIDLY BUILD NEW SKILLS AND MOVE INTO HIGH-WAGE CAREERS.

APPLY TODAY!

<https://tinyurl.com/JFFGrandChallenge>

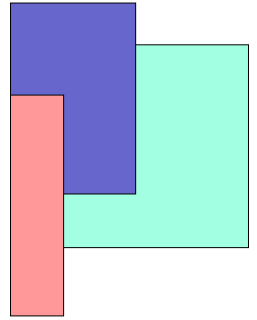
General Overtime Guidelines

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, Ridley 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.

Manager's Corner



After Hours Guidelines

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



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



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



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.

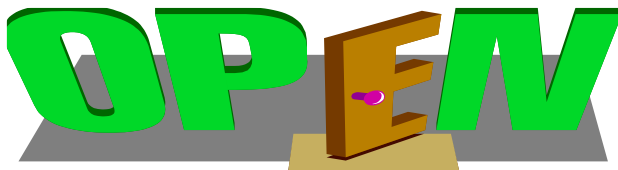


GET CONNECTED

Providing Internet for Public Housing Residents

The FCC announced eligible households will be able to apply for the Emergency Broadband Benefit. You may apply three ways:

1. Contact your preferred participating broadband provider directly to learn about their application process.
2. Go to GetEmergencyBroadband.org to apply online and to find participating providers near you.
3. Call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application, and return it along with proof of eligibility to: Emergency Broadband Support Center, P.O. Box 7081, London, KY 40742.



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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