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HOLIDAYS OBSERVED DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL

April 9
Easter Sunday

April 26
Administrative Professional's Day



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How do I Register to Vote?

Voter Information

Who can register to vote?



Where can I get a registration form?



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.



FINANCIAL LITERACY BASICS

Do you want to get ahead in the world? If Yes, then you need to understand MONEY and what to do with it (as well as what NOT to do).

JOIN US AS WE DISCUSS SAVING AND INVESTING, CREDIT CARDS AND BUILDING CREDIT, BUDGETING, MINIMIZING DEBT, AND MORE!

For more information, call 757-928-3680 or email bjackson@nnrha.org



Date: Thursday, March 16, 2023

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Marshall Court Rec Center

3301 Marshall Ave, Newport News, VA 23607

And

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Aqueduct Apt.

13244 Aqueduct Drive, Newport News, VA 23602

Speaker: Thomas Sentz

Program Manager, Housing and Financial Literacy Services



ATTENTION! **THE FAMILY INVESTMENT CENTER
HAS MOVED FROM RIDLEY
TO MARSHALL COURTS RECREATION CENTER**

**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 757-928-3680 if you have questions

PROGRAMA LIBRE DE INSTRUCCION

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

- Mecanografía;
- 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 mañana - 4:40 de la tarde

757.928.3680 ingles
757.928.6146 español

**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
8:00 am – 4:30 pm**

757.928.3680



REAC INSPECTIONS – COVID UPDATES AND INFORMATION



The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development initiated a Return to Inspection Operations in the June 2021. The Department worked closely with CDC and stakeholders to develop and implement a flexible protocol with controls and parameters in place to adjust and respond to COVID-19 related constraints. The protocols include a 28-day notification period to property management before an inspection to provide more preparation time. Residents may opt out of having their unit inspected and an alternate unit will be selected. Additional details are provided below.

As a RESIDENT, what can I do if I have concerns with COVID-19 and have been notified of an upcoming REAC inspection?

- ✓ Residents should communicate any health or related concerns to their property representative. The inspector will work with the property representative to select alternate units.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Residents who are home may elect to leave or stay in the unit during the inspection in alignment with their preference.
- ✓ Please review HUD's "Residents Rights and Responsibilities" flyer on inspections for further information. https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/DOC_12162.PDF

As a PROPERTY REPRESENTATIVE, what can I do if my property has COVID-19 related cases and I have been notified of an upcoming REAC inspection?

- ✓ You may communicate COVID related concerns at the 28, 14, and 2-day notification intervals established in the 2021-01 Inspector Notice. Ideally, concerns are addressed ahead of the inspection date via these checkpoints.
- ✓ If you have any additional questions, please coordinate with your inspector or you may reach out to HUD'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>



REAC Inspection Postponement/Adjustment Process

REAC works with properties and inspectors to analyze postponement requests on a case-by-case basis as outlined below. The process emphasizes flexibility and balances the risks of COVID against the risk of not conducting inspections. HUD factors in items such as available alternate units, local conditions, property elements, property designation status, etc. when adjusting inspection dates. As may be needed throughout the process, please contact the TAC and REAC will help facilitate any needed changes factoring relevant concerns of all parties involved. Core steps include:

Step 1: The inspector will reach out to the property to provide date options for the upcoming inspections. Once the date is set, the inspector issues the 28-day notification to the property.

Step 2: At the 14- or 2-day protocol-based check-ins, COVID concerns should be discussed so that the date is maintained or adjusted as needed. REAC will work with the property and inspector as needed to help frame out schedule adjustments.

Step 3: As part of the evaluation process, REAC will coordinate with MF/PH leadership to ensure it evaluates all relevant factors.

Step 4: On the day of the inspection, the inspector is required to report to the TAC the relevant COVID cases.

Step 5: TAC reviews the number of COVID related cases and documents units/bldgs. impacted and coordinates with the property and inspector if additional discussions are warranted.

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



FREE Tax Preparation Services

TIRED OF PAYING HIGH TAX PREPARATION FEES?

- College Students
- Part-Time Employees
- Teenagers
- Seasonal Employment

NEED HELP COMPLETING YOUR
TAX RETURN?

FREE Tax Preparation

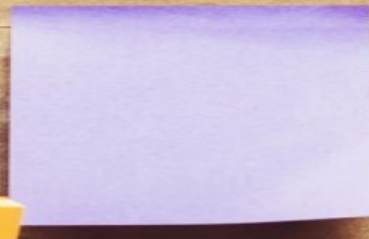
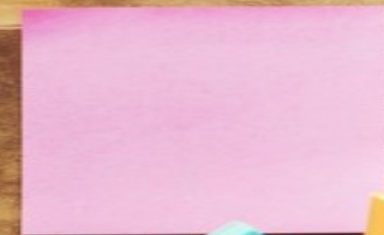
For more details on tax preparation, please call FIC at 757-928-3680

**Write positive affirmations
on sticky notes and leave
them around as reminders.**

www.thepathway2success.com

Today will
be a great
day.

I am
strong and
smart.



MEDICAID ALERT: State agencies are restarting full eligibility reviews.

Renew Your Medicaid or CHIP Coverage

As COVID-19 becomes less of a threat, states will restart yearly Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) eligibility reviews. This means your state will use the information they have to decide if you or your family member(s) still qualify for Medicaid or CHIP coverage.

If your state needs more information from you to make a coverage decision, they'll send you a renewal letter in the mail. Most children can still be covered through the Children's Health Insurance Program. For details, check your Medicaid notice or contact your state Medicaid office at [1-833-522-5582](tel:1-833-522-5582).

Get ready to renew now

Here are some things you can do to prepare for the renewal process:

1. **Update your contact information** - Make sure your state has your current mailing address, phone number, email, or other contact information. This way, they'll be able to contact you about your Medicaid or CHIP coverage.
2. **Check your mail** - Your state will mail you a letter about your coverage. This letter will let you know if you need to complete a renewal form to see if you still qualify for Medicaid or CHIP.
3. **Complete your renewal form (if you get one)** - Fill out the form and return it to your state right away to help avoid a gap in your coverage.

Busch Gardens, Water Country USA Hiring More than 1,500 for 2023 Season

Busch Gardens Williamsburg and Water Country USA are looking to fill more than 1,500 positions with immediate effect.

Interested applicants can apply online now at BGWjobs.com. According to Busch Gardens Williamsburg, noting select entry-level positions start at \$15 an hour, with opportunities in ride operations, food and beverage, security, lifeguarding, entertainment and more.

Team members receive benefits including free admission, in-park discounts, exclusive employee ride night and other perks. This year will see the opening of DarKoaster, North America's first all-indoor straddle coaster, and Riptide Race, Virginia's first dueling pipeline.



Newport News Shipbuilding

We Build More than Great Ships | We Build Careers

Starting Pay Over **\$22** per hour

WE ARE HIRING TRAINEES

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.

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!

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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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 (757-596-7188) prior to visiting to confirm hours of operation, as distribution plans change quickly and without much notice.

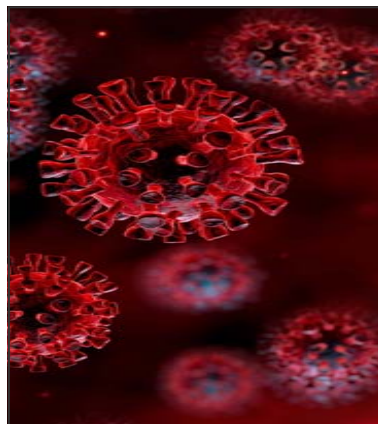
Due to the increased demand for food in grocery stores, the Foodbank has seen a significant decrease in food pick-ups and store donations, which means personal donations are even more important. You can still drop food donations off at their Hampton headquarters at 2401 Aluminum Avenue. All donations 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 COVID 19 to your loved ones and friends.

Coronavirus:
Keeping you informed

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 AA Hotline 1-888-425-2666 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 1-888-338-1433	Alcohol, Eating Disorders and Substance Abuse	Private Insurance



Important Numbers



Marshall	(757) 928-6181
Ridley	(757) 928-2690
Spratley House	(757) 928-2680
Ashe Manor	(757) 928-6187
Aqueduct	(757) 833-5700
Pinecroft	(757) 269-4300
Orcutt Townhomes	(757) 928-6187
Community Resources	(757) 928-6063
Family Investment Center	(757) 928-3680
Facilities East	(757) 247-0484
Facilities North	(757) 247-0585

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.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

One-time grant amount between \$500 and \$3,500



TRAINING

- Counseling Sessions
- Small Business Outreach



SUPPORT

- Technical Assistance
- Business Plan Development
- Ongoing guidance

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:

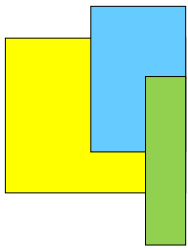
Visit www.nnva.gov/development or

Contact Priscilla Green at:

Phone: (757) 509-2587

Email: greenpa@nnva.gov

Newport News
Where Great Things Are Happening



Manager's Corner

Requested Work Orders

Public Housing

Marshall	(757) 928-6154
Ashe Manor	(757) 928-6187
Aqueduct	(757) 833-5700
Pincroft	(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



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 Pincroft, 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.



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.

FILING A COMPLAINT...



Here is the Customer Service

Hotline Number:

757-928-6060 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.



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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.



APRIL IS STD AWARENESS MONTH

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recognizes April as Sexual Transmitted Diseases (STD) Awareness Month, an annual observance to raise awareness about the impact of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) on the health of Americans and the importance of individuals discussing sexual health with their healthcare providers and, if sexually active, their partners.

STDs affect people of all races, ages, and sexual orientations, though some individuals experience greater challenges in protecting their health. People who struggle financially may end up in circumstances that increase their risk for STDs. For example, those who can't afford the basic necessities may have trouble accessing and affording quality health care, making it difficult to receive STD testing and other prevention services.

Regardless of community affiliation, personal decisions and actions regarding condom use, partner choice, and drug or alcohol abuse also affect a person's risk for STDs. When risk behaviors are combined with barriers to quality health information and STD prevention services, the risk of infection increases. To ensure that individuals have the opportunity to make healthy decisions, it is essential to address both the individual and social dynamics that contribute to their risk for STDs.

Should you have any safety or security questions or concerns please contact Safety & Security at 757-928-2660.

