



# NEWS AND NEIGHBORS

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## HOLIDAYS OBSERVED DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE

Father's Day

June 16

Juneteenth

June 19

Summer begins

June 20



# CONGRATULATIONS! NNRHA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES 2024

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# ...and High School Graduates!



# 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.



## 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.***

## 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.



Know what to do before, during, and after a storm is headed your way. Visit [ready.gov/hurricanes](https://www.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](https://www.ready.gov/kit)**

# ~ J U N E T E E N T H ~



Juneteenth celebrates the freedom of enslaved people at the end of the U.S. Civil War, as depicted here by illustrator Thomas Nast. Long observed by African American communities, it is the first new federal holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was designated in 1983.



Observed on June 19, the holiday commemorates the end of slavery in Texas—which wasn't until two years after Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. The United States has a new federal holiday. President Joe Biden signed a bill into law that officially designates Juneteenth—observed each year on June 19—as an American holiday. Known to some as the country's "second Independence Day," Juneteenth celebrates the freedom of enslaved people in the United States at the end of the Civil War.

Juneteenth has gained awareness in recent years as activists have pushed for state and federal recognition. With the signing of this bill, those efforts will finally come to fruition.

ATTENTION!

# THE FAMILY INVESTMENT CENTER



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

## 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*

## PROGRAMA LIBRE DE INSTRUCCION

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

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

Centro de Trabajo  
Para La Familia

Lunes - Viernes  
8 de le mana - 4:40 de la tarde

757.928.3682 ingles  
757.928.6146 espanol

## The Family Investment Center

~ NEW LOCATION ~

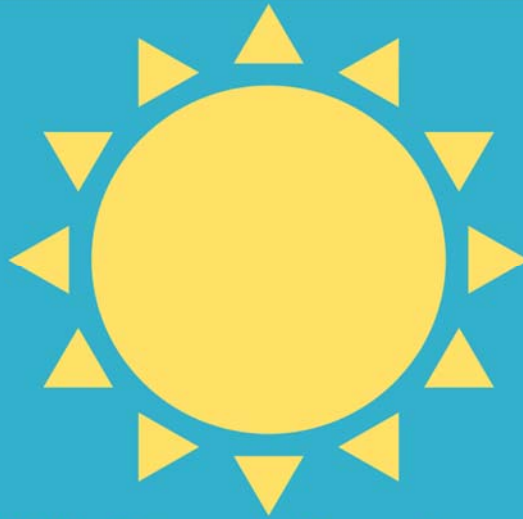
Marshall Courts Recreation Center  
3301 Marshall Avenue•Newport News, VA

Monday thru Friday  
8:00 am – 4:30 pm

757.928.3682

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NNRHA - HUD Strong Families Initiative

# SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

*Music, Food  
Games*

*Free Haircuts,  
Face  
Painting*

*Fun for Families*

BAYPORT CREDIT UNION  
NEWPORT NEWS POLICE DEPT  
ASHER UNIVERSITY  
C AND F BANK  
MENTAL HEALTH RESOLUTIONS  
BOOK GIVEAWAY  
FAMILY PHOTOS  
MEDICAID PHONES

*Raffles  
Give-a-ways*

**AQUEDUCT APARTMENTS**

**THURSDAY JUNE 27, 2024**

**MARSHALL COURTS**

**FRIDAY JUNE 28, 2024**

**12:00PM - 3:00 PM**

Marshall Courts Community Center  
3301 Marshall Ave



# Outdoor Grilling Safety Rules



- Electric Grills are still allowed for both indoor and outdoor usage.
- Propane Grills, Dual 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**
  - ✓Outdoor grills can be stored in the back of each housing unit when not in use.
  - ✓Outdoor grills can be stored in units in a clean and orderly manner, not blocking passageways and egresses and not in the utility closet.
  - ✓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.



# 10 Tips To Save Energy When Air Conditioning Is A Must

There are ways to keep cool without turning on your air conditioner, but when the summer temperatures start the 90 (or 100) degree mark daily, sometimes air conditioning is a must. Stay cool and save money with these energy saving tips:

1. **Keep the AC Lower at Night:** Try turning your AC temperature up (so it is running less) during your sleep hours.
2. **Close Off Vents:** By closing the vents, you're forcing all the air up top first, cooling as it comes down.
3. **Rearrange Your Furniture:** Furniture that obstructs air conditioning vents means you could be cooling the back of a chair or the bottom side of your sofa. You would rather have that chill for yourself. Rearrange your furniture, even if only temporarily.
4. **Try 78 Degrees:** That is a good point for an air conditioner to run at its optimal performance level.
5. **Lighting:** Turning lights off can help reduce your heat, but paying attention to how much light you let in from open windows can also play a significant role. Opening and closing your shade everyday with the changing of the sun, it makes a huge difference in how much heat your air conditioner is competing against.
6. **Don't Forget The Fan:** We rely on air conditioners to keep things cool, but having the help of a few supplemental fans doesn't hurt. They use less energy than your air conditioner unit, so having them as back-up is a great idea.
7. **Don't let the water run:** Don't let the water run while brushing your teeth or cleaning the bathroom.
8. **Report all Leaks:** Report all leaks and running toilets.
9. **Use Microwave:** Use your microwave oven instead of a conventional electric or gas range or oven.
10. **Take Showers:** Take showers instead of baths to reduce hot water use. A five minute shower uses a third of the water it takes to run a bath.





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Shipbuilding

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Over  
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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](http://buildyourcareer.com)

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YOU need Renter's Insurance if your apartment is damaged by a fire, flood, or burglarized. Your personal property is not replaced unless you have rental insurance. Sofas, beds, toys and clothes are covered only if you buy this type of insurance.

Renter's Insurance can also help if you move out of your apartment temporarily due to a fire. It can help you even if the problem is not in your apartment.

Look under "Insurance" in the yellow pages of the telephone book for companies located in the Newport News area. Don't take chances with your belongings.!

According to Section II, 9-C of the Resident's Lease "Management will not be responsible for any of Tenant's personal belongings which are damaged or destroyed by natural disaster or other circumstances which are beyond the control of Management".



Protect your items with affordable renter's insurance.

## Shining a Light on Community Resources

The postal carrier, Tim, at Aqueduct Apartments was impressed as he watched the posting of flyers on each of the mailboxes for the upcoming Meet & Greet at Marshall Courts and Aqueduct Apartments. Tim shared how impressed he was to see staff in the community continually showing support to the tenants. He also mentioned feeling safer delivering the mail now that cameras are recording throughout the community. Initially, he was concerned about the men hanging around the mailbox and stated this no longer happened since NNRHA installed cameras. Tim commented, "The cheerful demeanor and dedication of the Community Resources staff and other NNRHA employees positively impact my day."



### 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.



## 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.

## 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	2nd Wednesday Community Room	3:00 pm Community Room

# Manager's Corner

## 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

**\*USE ONLY AS AN ALTERNATE NUMBER**

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

## 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
<b>Tidewater Area Hot Line</b> 459-8467	Narcotics Anonymous	No fees
<b>Narcotics Anonymous VA Regional Hot Line</b> 1-800-777-1515	Support group for recovering substance abusers.	No fees
<b>Hampton Roads Clinic Reflections</b> 827-8430	Outpatient Counseling I.V. Methadone Maintenance 30-45 day Residential Facility	Sliding fee Scale Medicaid
<b>Project Link</b> 245-0217	Case management and coordination services for prenatal abuser	Sliding fee Scale Medicaid
<b>AI Anon/Alateen</b> 1-888-425-2666 <b>AA Hotline</b> 595-1212	Support group Alcoholism-friends/relatives and teens.  12 Step Program	No fees  No fees
<b>Peninsula Area Help Line</b> 875-9314	Narcotics Anonymous	No fees
<b>Advanced Recovery Systems</b>	Alcohol, Eating Disorders and Substance Abuse	Private Insurance

## FILING A COMPLAINT...



Here is the Customer Service  
Hotline Number:

**757-928-3680 or 757-928-6170**

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



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