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HOLIDAYS
OBSERVED
DURING THE
MONTH OF
OCTOBER

October 14

Columbus Day

October 31

Halloween



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Voter Information

How Do I Register to Vote?

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 interven ing 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 engage in providing services to persons 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 15, 2024 by 5:00 p.m. (in person),
If registering online must be submitted by 11:59 p.m.**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

An Early Breast Cancer Detection Plan should include:

Beginning at age 20: Performing breast self-exams and looking for any signs of change.

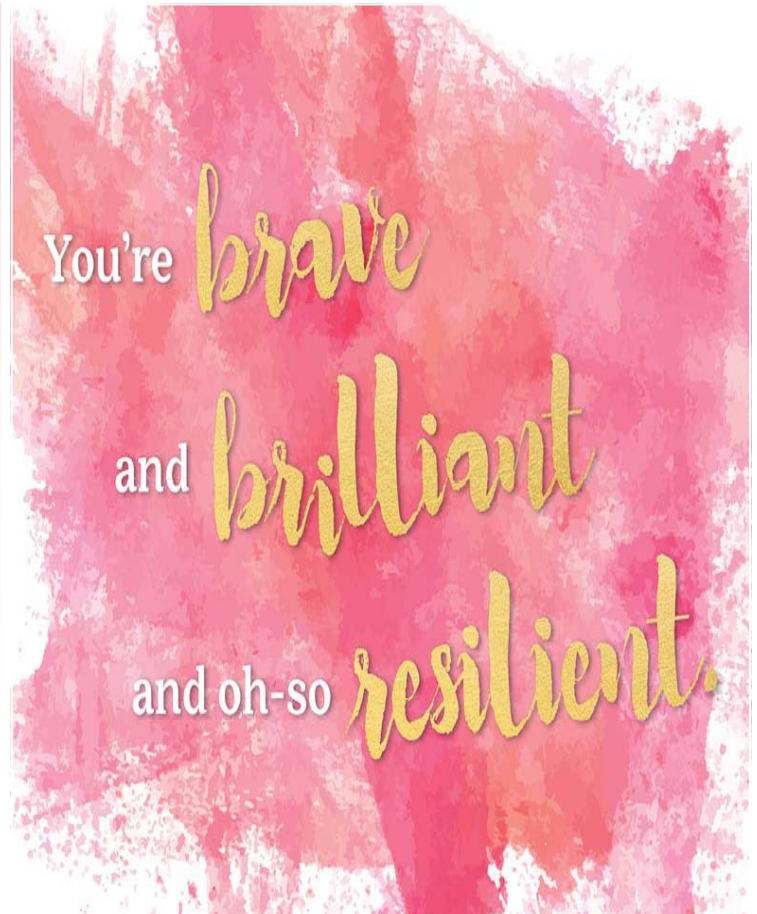
Ages 20 to 39: Scheduling clinical breast exams every three years.

Ages 40 to 49: Having a mammogram every year or two years depending on previous findings.

Ages 50 and older: Having a mammogram every year.

Recording personal exams, mammograms and doctors appointments on a calendar or in a detailed file.

Maintaining a healthy weight, followed by a low-fat diet, getting regular exercise, quitting smoking and reducing alcohol consumption.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INFO SESSION



SELF DEFENSE DEMONSTRATIONS



HOW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AFFECTS US ALL
WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?
MYTHS AND MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT DV
THE CYCLE OF ABUSE
WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE GOING THROUGH DV OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS EXPERIENCING IT?
RESOURCES THAT CAN HELP
QUESTION/ANSWERS

Give-a-ways and Refreshments

AQUEDUCT GYM
13244 AQUEDUCT DR
OCTOBER 21, 2024
11AM

MARSHALL COURTS REC
3301 MARSHALL AVE
OCTOBER 28, 2024
11AM

PINECROFT APARTMENTS
75 WELLESLEY DRIVE
OCTOBER 30, 2024
11AM



THE FAMILY INVESTMENT CENTER (FIC) 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 regarding programs offered.

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
600 C Ridley Circle
Newport News, VA 23607

Lunes—Viernes

8 de la mañana - 4:30 de la tarde

757.928.3682 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
Monday thru Friday

8:00 AM—4:30 PM

757.928.3682

STAFF NUMBERS AT THE FIC

Chrystal Barnes	PH FSS	757-928-3680
Lora Jarrett	Main Number	757-928-3681
Brenda Williams	Job Search	757-928-3682
Tara Johnson	504 Request	757-928-3684
Kim Blowe	Tenant Relations	757-928-4302

FLU/COVID Vaccine Clinics

Vaccines Provided: Flu, COVID-19 (Pfizer)

LOCATIONS & DATES:

Pinecroft Apartments

Thursday, October 10th 1:00 – 3:00pm

Great Oak Apartments

Thursday, October 24th 1:00 – 3:00pm

Spratley House

Tuesday, October 29th 12:30 – 2:00pm

Ashe Manor

Tuesday, October 29th 2:00 – 3:00pm

TIME TO
VACCINATE

Please sign up at one of the locations or call Kim Blowe at 757-269-4302 to register. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred to ensure enough vaccines.

Please remember to bring your ID and insurance card. If you are uninsured, please call Kim Blowe to discuss options available to assist.



RESIDENT COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER
NOMINATION FORM

I, _____,

residing at _____ / _____
(print apartment number and street address) / (phone#)

do hereby nominate _____
(print nominee's name)

who resides in the community of _____

for the officer position of _____
(print title of office for Resident Council)

Available Positions for Election and Terms of Office:

President (3) | Vice President (2) | Secretary (3) | Treasurer (3) | Sergeant-At-Arms (3)

Eligibility—I hereby state that my name is on a NNRHA lease, I am at least 18 years of age, compliant with the lease, able to perform the duties of the office for which I am running, and if this nominee is someone other than myself, I state that I have permission from him/her to file this form.

I understand that campaigns may begin immediately and that voters for this candidate must reside in the candidate's same NNRHA community, cannot be employed or contracted by the NNRHA and be willing to participate in a training session, or certify that they reviewed training materials including the description of the responsibilities for the position on the Board that they are seeking.

I acknowledge that elections will be hosted by NNRHA staff and witnessed by a third-party non-profit organization.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____
(resident)

ADDRESS: _____ / _____
(phone#)

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____
(nominee if other than self)

Resident Council Election Day

November 19, 2024

**Nomination forms due date
October 4, 2024**

**Candidates are needed for the
following communities:**

Aqueduct
Ashe Manor
Brighton
Cypress Terrace
Great Oak
Lassiter Courts
Marshall Courts
Pinecroft
Oyster Point
Orcutt Townhomes I & III
Spratley House

**Please return the forms to your
local rental office for interoffice
delivery to**

Lora Jarrett, ROSS Grant Coordinator

Ph: 757-928-3681

Email: ljarrett@nnrha.org



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RESIDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

*Join us for an Election Event and take the first step towards
impacting your community!*

• VOTING LOCATIONS

- Aqueduct
- Ashe Manor
- Brighton
- Cypress Terrace
- Great Oak
- Lassiter Courts
- Marshall Courts
- Pinecroft
- Oyster Point
- Orcutt Townhomes 1 & 111
- Spratley House

9:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

VOTING DAY
**NOV
19**

What to Bring?

- Valid ID

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

For more information, visit contact Lora Jarrett
at ljarrett@nnrha.org or call 757-928-3681.

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Resident Council Officer Positions

PLEASE NOTE: The term of office for specific positions has changed to conform with HUD recommendations.

President: The President shall preside over meetings and serve as the official representative of the community. The President also has the authority to delegate tasks to others to serve the community better (3 Year Term)



Vice-President: The Vice-President performs the duties of the President when the President is absent or unable to do so and assists the President (3 Year Term)



Secretary: The Secretary is responsible for recording minutes of all meetings, maintaining attendance records, and ensuring proper notice of meetings (3 Year Term)



Treasurer: The Treasurer's responsibilities include keeping financial records, signing authorized checks, ensuring two signatures on each check, and providing regular income and expenditure statements annually (3 Year Term)



Sergeant-at-Arms: The President appoints the Sergeant-at-Arms to ensure the orderly conduct of the meetings. The President will review all applications submitted for this position and make a selection (3 Year Term)





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 renter's 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.

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.

Manager's Corner



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	3rd Wednesday Community Room	11:00 am Community Room

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

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 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	Alcohol, Eating Disorders and Substance Abuse	Private Insurance

FILING A COMPLAINT...

Here is the Customer Service Hotline Number:

757-928-6063 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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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)