NEWS AND NEIGHBORS

Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority

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HOLIDAYS OBSERVED DURING THE MONTHS OF

APRIL

APRIL FOOLS' DAY/ 4.1

EASTER/ 4.5

MAY

MOTHER'S DAY 5.10

MEMORIAL DAY 5.25

JUNE

JUNETEENTH 6.19

FATHER'S DAY 6.21



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IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

Dear Readers,

We would like to inform you of an important update regarding our publication schedule.

Beginning with this issue, the News and Neighbors newsletter will be published on a quarterly basis.

This change will allow us to focus on delivering more in-depth stories, enhanced features, and improved content quality for our valued readers...You.

Each quarterly edition will continue to reflect our commitment to accurate reporting, engaging articles and community focused upcoming events.

We appreciate you and look forward to bringing you our next issue in July, 2026.

NNRHA
Publication Staff

Message from the Executive Director



Lysandra M. Shaw
Executive Director

Help Make Your Neighborhood a Safer Place

You can make a difference by reporting any potential violence or any activity you suspect is illegal anywhere in our city using a Hot Spot card with a pre-addressed stamped envelope that is enclosed in each newsletter.

It can be dropped off at your rental office or mailed and is completely anonymous.

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

HOT SPOT CARD









Family Investment 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 757.928.3682 if your have questions regarding the programs offered.

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



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PROGRAMA LIBRE DE INSTRUCCION

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

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

Centrro de Trabajo
Para La Familia

Lunes—Viernes

8 de la manana-
4:30 de la tarde

757.928.3682 ingles
757.928.6146 espanol

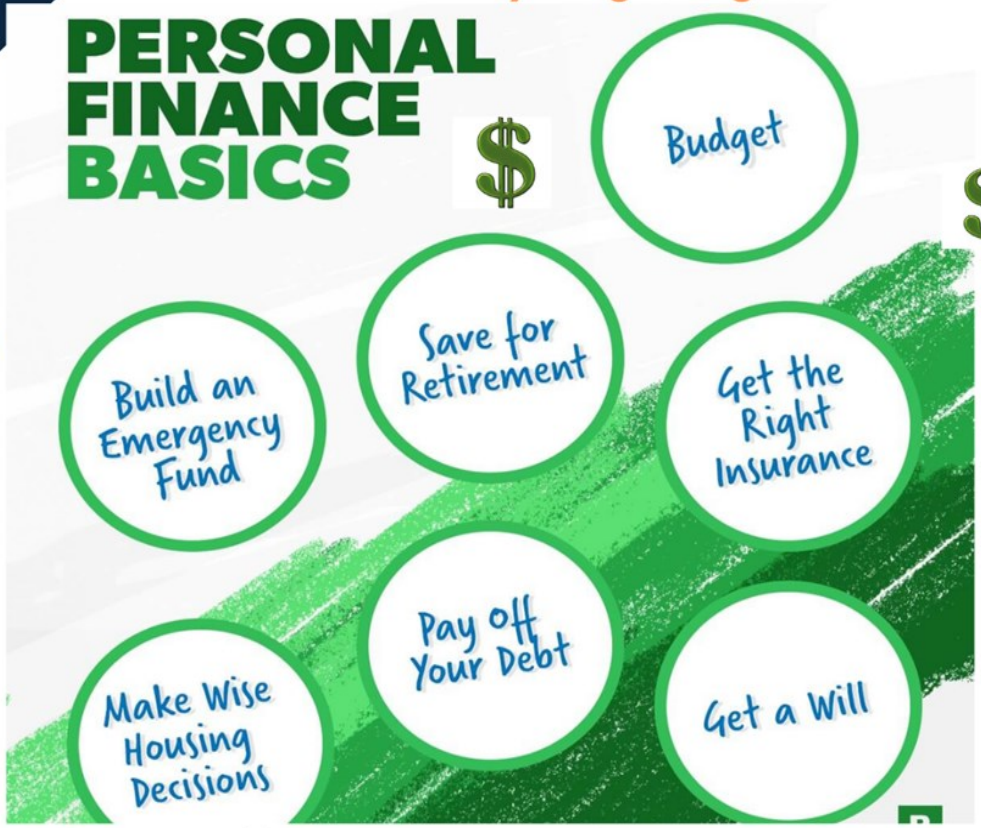
Great Training Opportunities...

Family Investment Center

Marshall Courts Recreation Center
3301 Marshall Avenue • Newport News, VA
Monday thru Friday
8:00 AM — 4:30 PM
757.928.3682

NNRHA

Play Budget Bingo & Win Prizes!



- Manage expenses and save money
- Reduce debt and grow savings
- Gain financial peace of mind
- Reach financial goals faster

- March 11th at 1:00 PM – Marshall Rec
- April 15th at 2:00 PM – Aqueduct Gym
- May 22nd at 2:00 PM – Marshall Rec
- June 17th at 2:00 PM – Aqueduct Gym

Contact: Brenda Jackson-Williams, Job Placement Manager
Phone:757-592-1654 or email:bjackson@nnrha.org

Light Refreshments Will Be Served

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MARSHALL COURTS REC
COMPUTER LAB

OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY 9AM - 11AM & 2PM - 4PM







- TAKE CLASSES • UTILIZE EMAIL
- JOB SEARCH • HOMEWORK • RESEARCH
- PRINT & MORE!

Visit our Computer Lab!

MARSHALL COURTS REC • 3301 MARSHALL AVE.

CONTACT:

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- Lora Jarrett at ljarrett@nnrha.org | 757-928-3681

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:
Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority
Representative: Monique Warren
P. O. Box 797
Newport News, VA 23607
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For training and employment opportunities contact:
Representative: LaSandra Wingate
Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority
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Phone: 757-928-2628

SECTION 504 REQUEST FOR A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

The Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) is committed to operating all of its housing programs in a fair and impartial way. All core programs are open to all eligible individuals and families regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status. NNRHA is committed to providing programs in a way that does not discriminate based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familiar status, disability or elderliness, source of funds, sexual orientation, gender identity, and military status. No otherwise qualified person will be denied housing or otherwise discouraged from obtaining housing at NNRHA because of his/her race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, disability or elderliness, source of funds, sexual orientation, gender identity or military status.

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, no qualified individual with disabilities will be excluded, solely on the basis of disability from participation in or the benefits of the program or activities administered by NNRHA. NNRHA will provide reasonable accommodations to all applicants, residents, and employees, who need such accommodations to be able to enjoy the housing and employment provided by NNRHA. In addition, reasonable modifications will be provided to the structure and features of the apartment and public and common use areas of the property should such modifications be necessary to provide full enjoyment to the premises if such modifications do not result in an administrative and financial burden to NNRHA.



NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

SECTION 504 REQUEST FOR A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION



RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR MANANGEMENT 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
____ Vision impaired
____ Grab bars
____ Door bell light signaler
____ Other accommodations, please explain:

____ Uses a walker
____ Hearing impaired
____ Audio visual smoke Alarm

_____
_____
_____





BE INFORMED!

Understanding Addiction



April 14, 2026

Guest Speaker

Refreshments
Prizes





COME JOIN US!

1:00 PM - 651 25th St, Newport News, VA



Contact:
Lora Jarrett,
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NNRHA PRESENTS

Dream It Plan It, Do It

Goal Writing & Vision Board Workshop

Hosted by the
Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA)

DATE: APRIL 2026 (TBD)

LOCATION:
Marshall Courts Recreation Center
3301 Marshall Ave
Newport News, VA 23607

@Event Purpose
Ready to turn your dreams into a plan?

Event Purpose

Ready to turn your dreams into a plan?

- Help residents define clear **personal and financial goals**
- Visualize future success with intention
- Create a custom vision board to stay motivated throughout 2026
- Build confidence and focus for the year ahead

This isn't just crafting — it's goal-setting **with purpose.**

Who's Invited?

ALL NNRHA Residents
Bring your goals.
Bring your vision.
Bring your determination.

More details coming soon!

Contact Information:
Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator
757-928-3680
cbarnes@nnrha.org

LOOK THE PART. FEEL THE PART. MEET EMPLOYERS WITH CONFIDENCE.

Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority
and Resource Partner
Department of Human Services City of Newport News

MARSHALL COURTS REC CENTER

3301 Marshall Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607

JOB FAIR

Igniting TANF Participants in the VIEW Program

Designed to move job seekers from readiness to results—quickly, confidently, and successfully



WEDNESDAY
MAY 27, 2026

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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NNRHA

Personal Care Aide Training

FREE



Program Benefits

JOB VACANCY

- A Certificate of Completion
- Job readiness and employability skills
- Referrals to local home health agencies
- Resume and application assistance
- Employment and education support after graduation

RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY

Take the First Step Toward a Rewarding Career in Healthcare!





Employment Opportunities

- Graduates are referred to local home health agencies and assisted with the application process. Many participants secure employment shortly after completing training.

What You Will Learn

- Hands-on and classroom training Personal care, safe transfers, and mobility support
- Infection control, vital signs, and emergency procedures and more.

RSVP SPACES ARE LIMITED — REGISTER TODAY.

Contact: Brenda Jackson-Williams 757-592-1654
bjackson@nnrha.org


NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT
AND HOUSING AUTHORITY
FAMILY FUN DAY
Vendor Exhibits
DJ & MUSIC
FOOD DRINKS
GAMES PRIZES
ESSAY CONTEST & MORE
Family Fun Day
JUNE
18-19, 2026
1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
LOCATIONS:
June 18 - Marshall Courts Rec Ctr | June 19 - Aqueduct Gym
Contact: Lora Jarrett @ ljarrett@nnrha.org
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PROGRESSIVE ROOFING

Local Employment Job Descriptions

As mentioned, Progressive Roofing is committed to hiring individuals who reside within or near the communities where our projects take place. The following job descriptions outline the positions we intend to offer, including scope of work, required qualifications, wages, ranges, and anticipated employment duration.

1. Roof Foreman

Scope of Work:
The Roof Foreman is responsible for overseeing all roofing activities on the project site. Duties include supervising crew members, coordinating daily tasks, ensuring compliance with safety protocols, verifying installation quality, communicating with project managers, reading and interpreting construction plans, managing materials, and ensuing work is completed on schedule. The Roof Foreman must demonstrate strong leadership, advanced roofing knowledge, and the ability to troubleshoot field conditions.

Required Qualifications /Certifications

- Minimum **10 years of professional roofing experience**
- Extensive knowledge of TPO, EPDM, modified bitumen, shingles, metal flashing, and roof related carpentry
- Ability to read construction drawings and specifications
- OSHA-30 certification preferred
- Valid driver's license
- Strong communication and leadership skills

Proposed Pay Range: $35.00 -$40.00 per hour, depending on experience and certifications
Expected Duration of Employment: 6 months to permanent, based on project needs and employee performance.

2. Roof Journeyman

Scope of Work:
The Roof Journeyman performs skilled roofing tasks including membrane installation, flashings, detail work, insulation layout, demolition, repairs and ensuring all work meets manufacturer and industry standards. Journeymen are expected to work independently on assigned tasks and assist foremen in completing daily production goals.

Required Qualifications /Certifications

- Minimum **3 years of professional roofing experience**
- Ability to install TPO/EPDM systems, modified bitumen, and perform detail flashing work
- Knowledge of hand tools, power tools, and roofing equipment
- OSHA-30 certification preferred but not required
- Ability to follow instructions and maintain safety practices

Proposed Pay Range: $25.00 -$34.00 per hour, based on experience and proficiency level
Expected Duration of Employment: 6 months to permanent, depending on project schedules and performance.

3. Roof Laborer

Scope of Work:
The Roof Laborer provides general support to the roofing crew. Responsibilities include material handling, debris removal, assisting with staging, preparing work areas, learning basic roofing techniques, and supporting skilled roofers as needed. This is an entry-level position with the on-the job training provided.

Required Qualifications /Certifications

- No **experience required**
- Must be able to lift 50+ lbs. and work outdoors
- Ability to follow directions and work as part of a team
- OSHA-30 certification is a plus but not required

Proposed Pay Range: $18.00 -$24.00 per hour, depending on experience and work readiness.
Expected Duration of Employment: 6 months to permanent, with career advancement opportunities.

For more information contact
Marion Wells
Progressive Roofing
301.877.6060
marion.wells@progressiveus.com

~THIS IS A SECTION 3 COVERED PROJECT~

UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

JULY

SUGAR SMART

Sweet Choices, Smart Swaps
Sugar Savvy!

AUGUST

GROCERY STORE SKILLS

Shop Smart Supermarket Tour
Cart Smarts: Grocery Skills 101

SEPTEMBER

FOOD SAFETY

Expired dates, Handwashing, Hot/Cold Foods

OCTOBER

GENTLE MOVEMENT & NUTRITION

Move & Nourish
Gentle Steps, Healthy Bites

NOVEMBER

SNACKS

Snack Attack: Healthy Edition
Smart Snacking Made Simple

DECEMBER

FAVORITE MEALS MADE HEALTHIER

Makeover Meals: Healthier Comfort Classics
Healthy-ish Favorites Workshop

Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority - Community Resources

Virginia Cooperative Extension Family & Consumer Sciences

For more information

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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.

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

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	4th 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



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 sub-stance abusers.	No fees
Hampton Roads Clinic Reflections 827-8430	Outpatient Counsel-ing I.V. Methadone Maintenance 30-45 day Residen-tial Facility	Sliding fee Scale Medicaid
Project Link 245-0217	Case management and coordination services for prenatal abuser	Sliding fee Scale Medicaid
Al Anon/Alateen 1-888-425-2666 **AA Hotline** 595-1212	Support group Alco-holism-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…

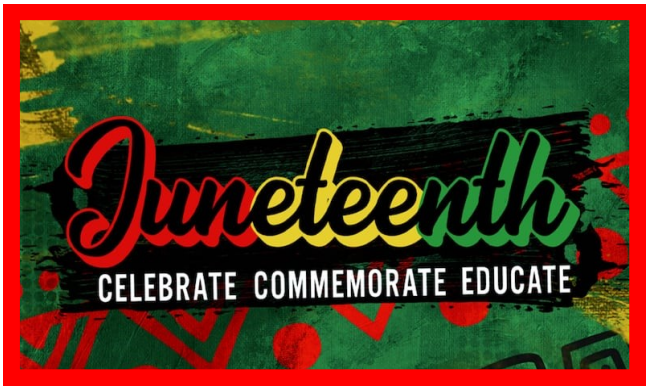
Here is the Customer Service Hotline Number:

757-928-6082 or 757-928-6060

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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