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February 14

Valentine's Day

February 19

Presidents' Day

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National Black History Month

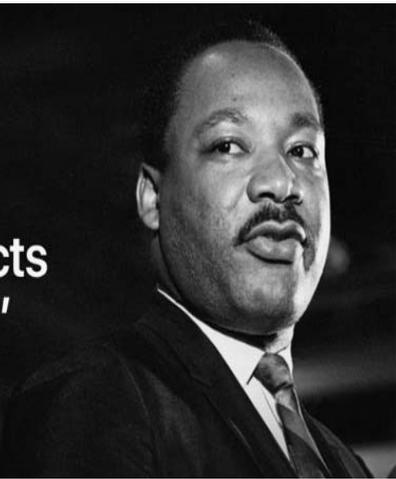
African Americans and the Arts

FEBRUARY



"Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

Today and every day, we honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Who Started Black History Month?

Black History Month began as "Negro History Week," which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted **African American** historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

BLACK HISTORY QUOTES



Our motto is: When they go low, we go high.

- Michelle Obama

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But while I may be the first woman in this office, I won't be the last.



Kamala Harris



'I did then what I knew how to do. Now that I know better, I do better.'

MAYA ANGELOU

However, February has much more than Douglass and Lincoln to show for its significance in black American history. For example:

February 23, 1868: W. E. B. DuBois, important civil rights leader and co-founder of the NAACP, was born.

February 3, 1870: The 15th Amendment was passed, granting black citizens the right to vote.

February 25, 1870: The first black U.S. senator, Hiram R. Revels (1822-1901), took his oath of office.

February 12, 1909: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded by a group of concerned black and white citizens in New York City.

February 1, 1960: In what would become a civil-rights movement milestone, a group of black Greensboro, N.C., college students began a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter.

February 21, 1965: Malcolm X, the militant leader who promoted Black Nationalism, was shot to death by three Black Muslims.

FAMOUS BLACK HISTORY MAKERS



Althea Gibson



Harriett Tubman



Rosa Parks



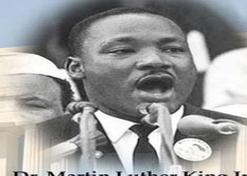
Gen. Colin Powell



Mae Jemison



Shirley Chisholm



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Sojourner Truth



Thurgood Marshall



Toni Morrison



Zora Neale Hurston



President Barack Obama



W.E.B. DuBois



Ronald McNair



FAMOUS BLACK LEADERS

ICONIC BLACK LEADERS

"OUR LIVES BEGIN TO END THE DAY WE BECOME SILENT ABOUT THINGS THAT MATTER."

- Dr. Martin Luther King

"YOU MUST NEVER BE FEARFUL ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING WHEN IT IS RIGHT."

- Rosa Parks

"WRONG IS WRONG, NO MATTER WHO DOES IT OR SAYS IT."

- Malcolm X

"THERE ARE YEARS THAT ASK QUESTIONS AND YEARS THAT ANSWER."

- Lorraine Hansberry

"TRY TO BE A RAINBOW IN SOMEONE'S CLOUD."

- Maya Angelou

"KEEP GOING."

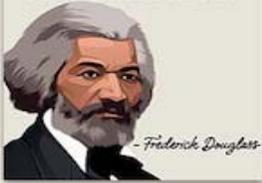
- Harriet Tubman

"IF YOU'RE WALKING DOWN THE RIGHT PATH AND YOU'RE WILLING TO KEEP WALKING, EVENTUALLY YOU'LL MAKE PROGRESS."

- Barack Obama

"IN RECOGNIZING THE HUMANITY OF OUR FELLOW BEINGS, WE PAY OURSELVES THE HIGHEST TRIBUTE."

- Thurgood Marshall

"IF THERE IS NO STRUGGLE, THERE IS NO PROGRESS."

- Frederick Douglass

"TURN YOUR WOUNDS INTO WISDOM."

- Oprah Winfrey

DREAM
LEAD
THINK
BUILD
SPEAK
WRITE
EDUCATE
BELIEVE
CHALLENGE

LIKE MARTIN
LIKE HARRIET
LIKE GARVEY
LIKE MADAM C.J.
LIKE FREDERICK
LIKE MAYA
LIKE W.E.B.
LIKE THURGOOD
LIKE ROSA





WHERE DREAMS BECOME A REALITY

NNRHA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2024



ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIAS

- Must be residents of NNRHA or hold a Section 8 Voucher
- Must graduate from an accredited high school with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better in overall academic courses
- Must be actively enrolled in an institution of higher education
- Scholarship awards are NOT being offered for graduate students

The Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority is fortunate to highlight over 40 years of providing educational scholarships to residents in public housing and the Section 8 housing subsidy program. Former scholarship recipients have attended schools such as Christopher Newport University, Norfolk State, Hampton University, Old Dominion, Virginia Peninsula Community College, University of Phoenix, University of Virginia, Virginia Tech and Virginia Commonwealth University with a variety of majors and degrees.

Application DEADLINE:
February 29, 2024

EMAIL US:
tgibson@nnrha.org

For more info contact:
Ti'Juana Gibson
757-928-6170

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Scholarship Information

STUDENT AND ADULT LEARNERS

NNRHA SCHOLARSHIP INTEREST FORM

Student Name _____

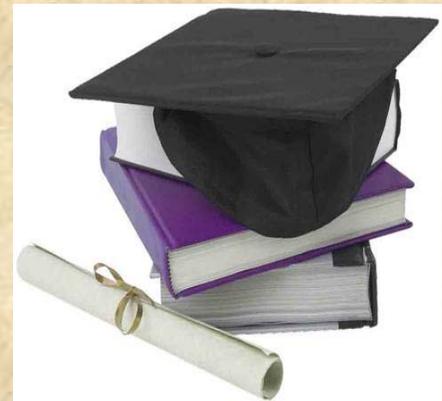
Student Address _____

Housing Community _____

Student Contact Number _____

High School _____

Current GPA (Grade Point Average) _____



All interest forms are due by **Friday, March 15, 2024.*

Please return the completed form to your rental office or contact Ms. Tara Johnson at 757.928.3684 by Friday, March 15, 2024.



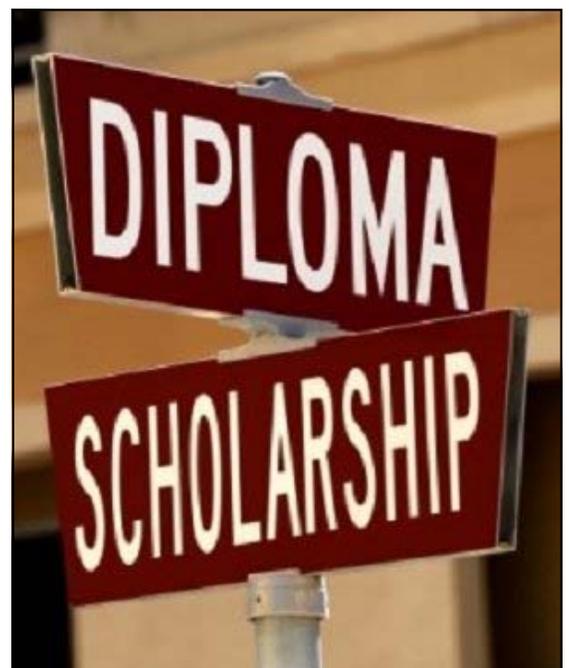
Are you a high school senior in need of money for college? Applicants must expect to graduate from an accredited high school in June 2024 with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better in overall academic courses.



Are you an adult interested in going to college, but lack the resources? Well, look no further, NNRHA may have money for you.



Simply complete the Scholarship Interest Form and return it to your rental office. A Scholarship Consultant will contact you.



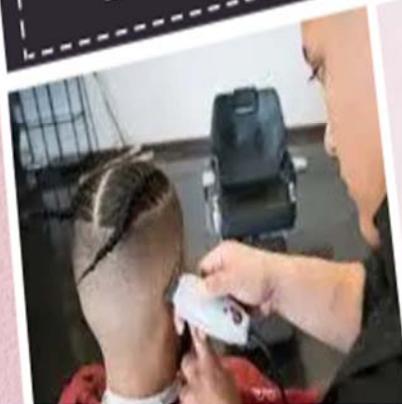


Start your *Glamorous* new career today!

If beauty is something you're passionate about, then join us to become a licensed barber/cosmetologist. We offer affordable programs and payment plans, hands-on training, flexible schedule, and job placement available. We also book clients for styling, cutting, shaving, and hair coloring at better rates than any salon or barber shop in the area!



Join us for
FREE
Haircuts!
Financial assistance
is available



Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024
Time: 2 PM - 5 PM
Location: 3301 Marshall Ave.
Newport News, VA 23607



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

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.

The Family Investment Center

Monday thru Friday

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
757.928.3682

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.

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-
4:30 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
3303 Marshall Avenue • Newport News, VA
Monday thru Friday
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
757.928.3682

Manager's Corner

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 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.



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

After Hour Guidelines

Public Housing

Marshall	(757) 928-6154
Spratley House	(757) 928-6187
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

***USE ONLY AS AN ALTERNATE NUMBER**

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

Positive Mind
Positive Vibes
Positive Life

National Wear Red Day

What is the Meaning of Wear Red Day?

The first Friday in February, February 2, 2024 is National Wear Red Day. On this day, which is considered American Heart Month, **everyone across the country dons the color red in order to raise and spread awareness in hopes to help eradicate heart disease and stroke in millions of women all over the nation.**

Together, we can continue to wear red, share and rock our red, all to help save more lives.



RESIDENT 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



REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE



If you or anyone you know and love is affected by substance abuse help is available.

We all know the heartache and devastation that drugs can bring to our families.

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 1-888-338-1433	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.

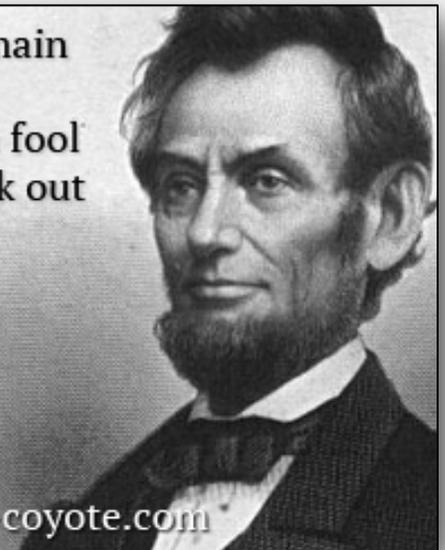
WE WILL CALL YOU BACK WITHIN 72 HOURS REGARDING YOUR CONCERNS.

THANK YOU-



Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.

Abraham Lincoln



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**TAX
TIME**

**SAVING
MONEY**

IS HARD

LET US MAKE IT EASIER. GET BACK YOUR MONEY EASY AND QUICK!

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program
(VITA) provides free tax advice, tax preparation, return filing
and
other tax assistance to members of the Hampton
Roads community**

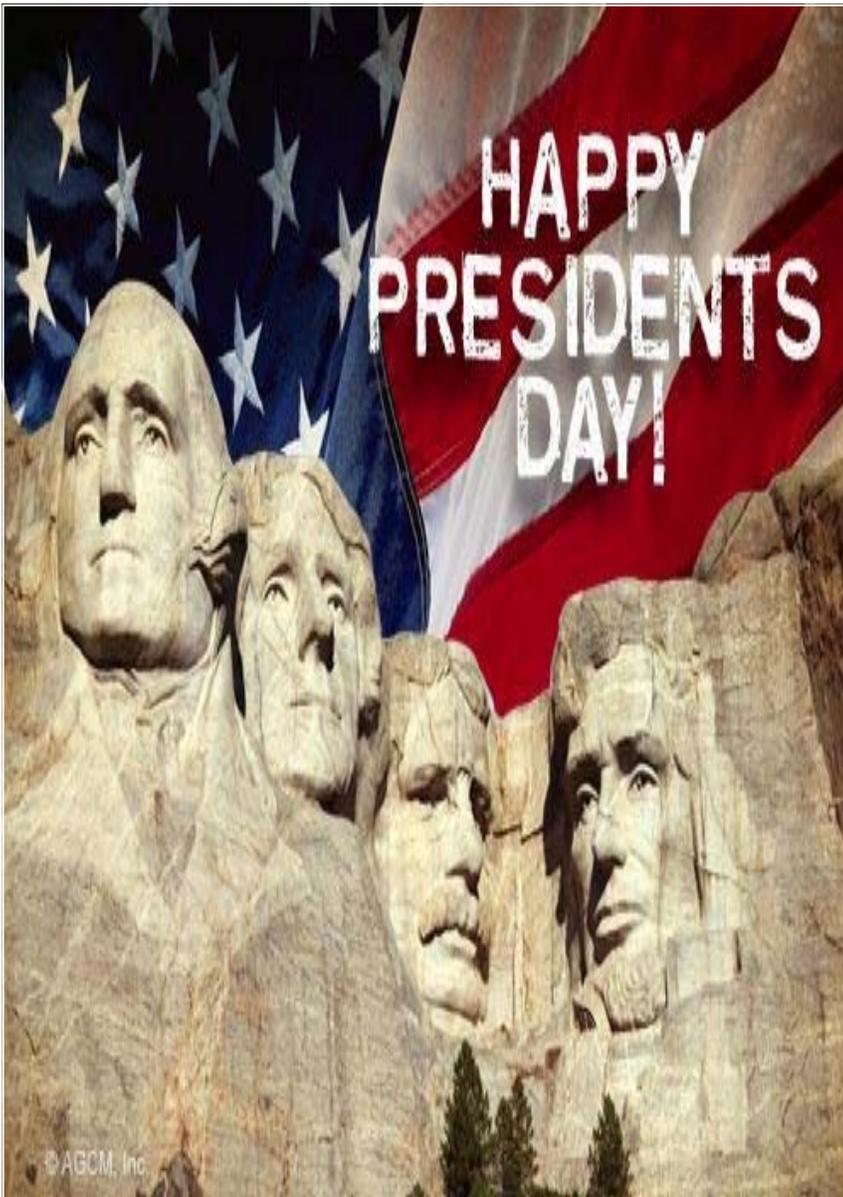
Learn how to get the most out of your tax refund?

bjackson@nnrha.org

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Happy Valentine's Day

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.



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