



NEWS AND NEIGHBORS

Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

February 14

Valentine's Day

February 17

Presidents' Day
(NNRHA Offices Closed)

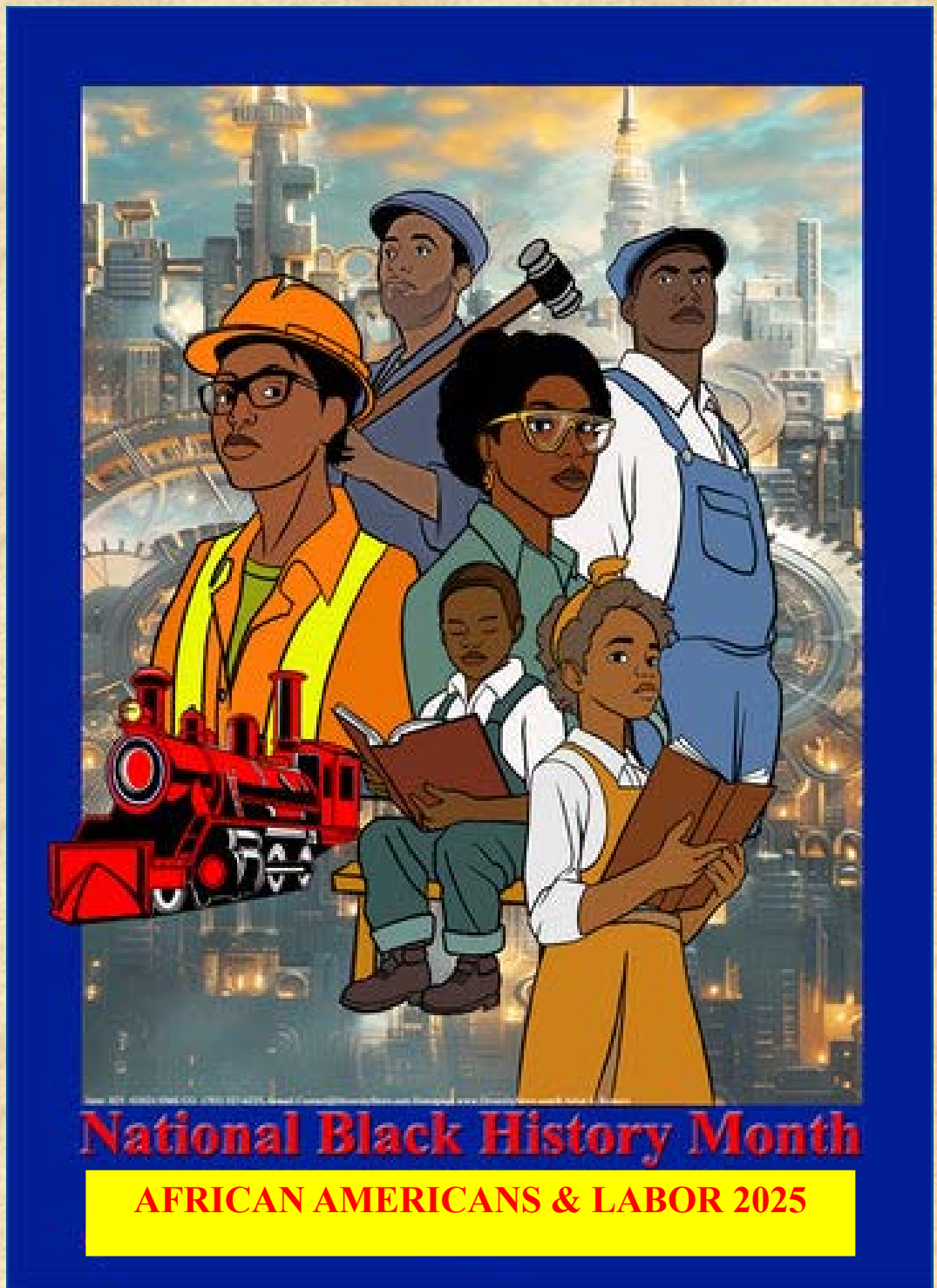
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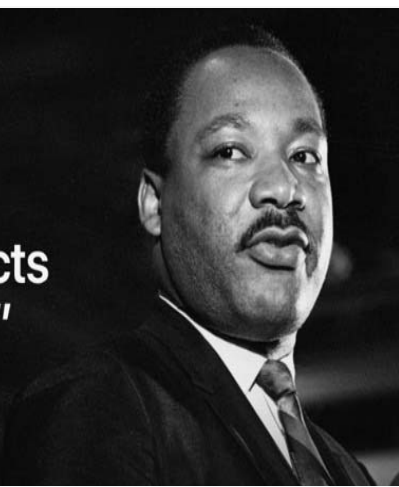


National Black History Month

AFRICAN AMERICANS & LABOR 2025

"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



CELEBRATING AFRICAN AMERICANS IN U.S. LABOR HISTORY



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



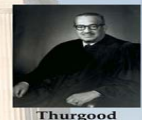
Shirley Chisholm



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Sojourner Truth



Thurgood Marshall



Toni Morrison



Zora Neale Hurston



President Barack Obama



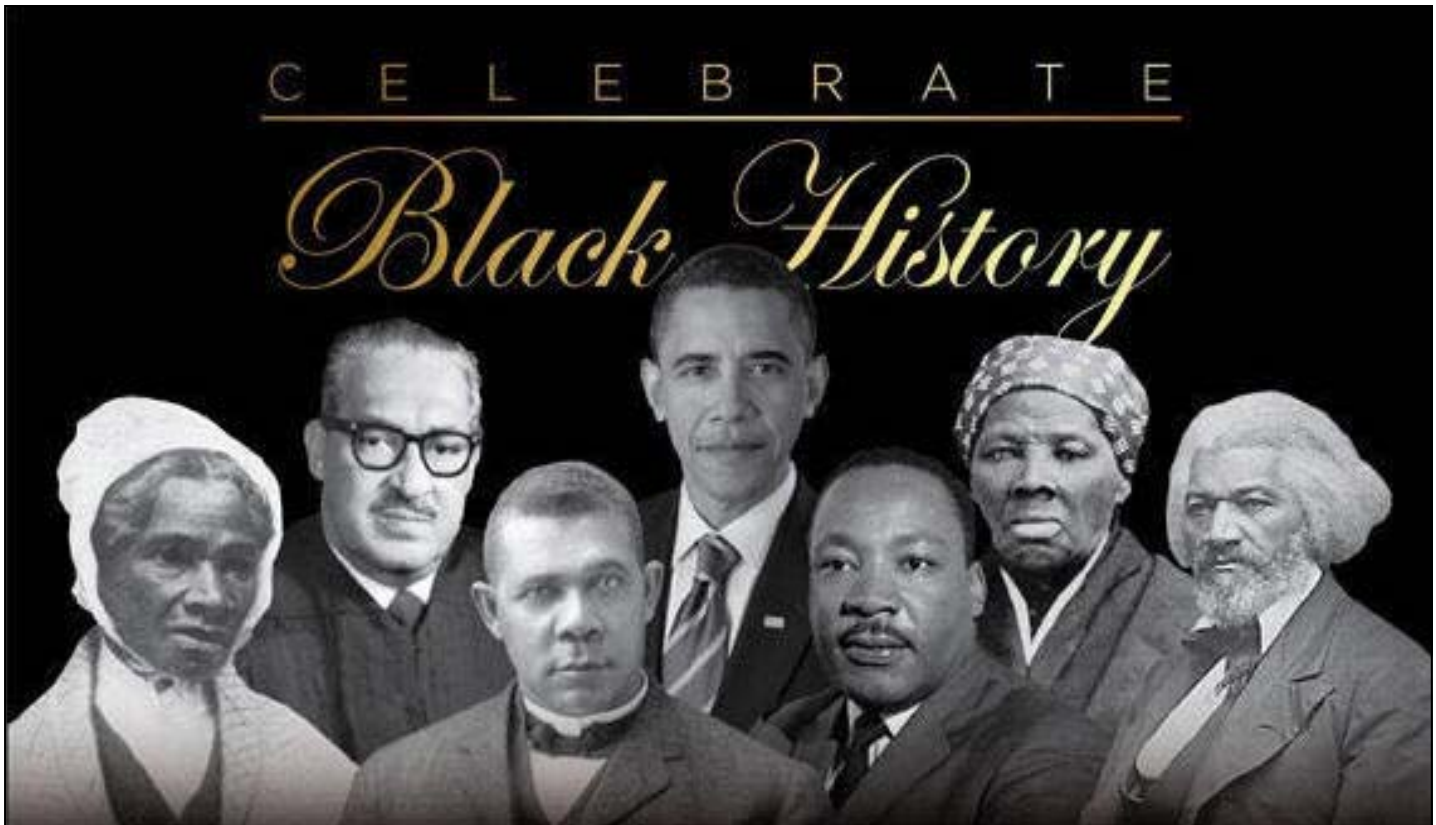
W.E.B. DuBois



Ronald McNair



FAMOUS BLACK LEADERS



A people without
the knowledge of
their past history,
origin and culture
is like a tree
without roots.

Marcus Garvey

Black History Month



Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority
Community Resources
Presents

GO RED FOR WOMEN



February 27, 2025 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM

**Guest Speakers * Light Lunch * Healthcare Vendors
Best Dress, Hat, and Shoes Contest**

A day to raise and spread awareness in hopes to help eradicate heart disease and stroke in millions of women all over the nation.

Location:

Marshall Courts Rec Center
3301 Marshall Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

RSVP To:

Lora Jarrett or
757-928-3681
ljarrett@nnrha.org

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Toll Relief



EXPANDED PROGRAM



Use the Downtown or Midtown Tunnel? You could save 50% on tolls!



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an Abertis company



VDOT

vdottollrelief.com

APPLY IN-PERSON FOR TOLL RELIEF

You must enroll every year to continue to receive toll relief discounts. To enroll, visit one of our service centers. New E-Z Passes are available with an initial balance of \$20 for those without an existing Virginia E-Z Pass account. You must bring the following documents with you when you enroll in person.

One accepted proof of income:

- W-2, 1099-MISC, or IRS 1040
- Pay stubs (one month)
- Notarized Employer's Statement
- Self-declaration of no income
- Social Security Statement

One Accepted proof of residency:

- Driver's license
- Mortgage or Lease
- Utility bill
- Military orders

ENROLL AT YOUR NEAREST E-Z PASS SERVICE CENTER

Norfolk E-ZPass Service Center
1701 Church St., Norfolk, VA 23504
Monday-Friday: 9 am-7 pm
Saturday: 8 am - 1 pm

Portsmouth E-ZPass Service Center
4010 Victory Blvd., Portsmouth, VA 23701
Monday-Friday: 9 am - 7 pm
Saturday: 8 am - 1 pm

DriveERT Customer Care Center
309 County St., Portsmouth, VA 23704
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8 AM - 5 PM

The 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.

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...

The Family Investment Center

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

Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

COMPUTER LAB IS OPEN FOR LEARNING

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE

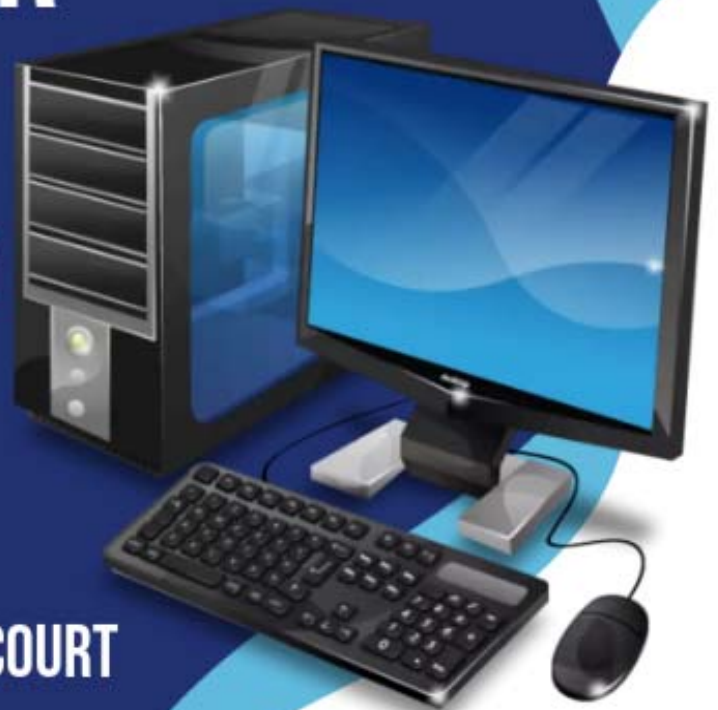
- GED
- Resume Assistance
- Job Search Strategies
- Interview Skills
- AND MORE...

LOCATION: 3301 MARSHALL COURT

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FREE TAX PREP SERVICES

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.

Bethel AME Church, Christopher Newport University, Hampton University, HRCAP, Six House INC, United Way of Virginia Peninsula

CALL TODAY

Brenda Williams-Jackson



757-928-3682 or 757-592-1654



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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.

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**



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



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	11:00 am Community Room



FIC STAFF MEMBERS

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Tara Johnson	504 Request	757-928-3684
Kim Blowe	Tenant Relations Advisor	757-928-4302
Tiawanna Peterson	Tenant Relations Advisor	757-928-6170



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.

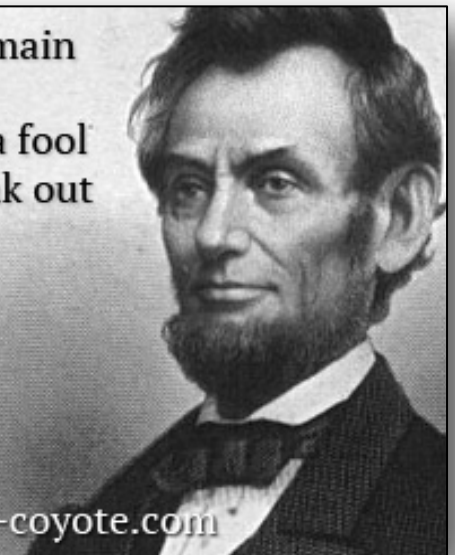
WE WILL CALL YOU BACK WITHIN 72 HOURS REGARDING YOUR CONCERNS.

THANK YOU-



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

Abraham Lincoln



www.quote-coyote.com

2025 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Eligibility Criterias

- Resident of NNRHA public or assisted housing
- GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Plan to enroll full -time at an accredited college, university, vocational/technical institute, business school
- Adults and high school seniors

*Application
Deadline*

February 28, 2025



For more information: **TIAWANNA PETERSON**
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tpeterson@nnrha.org



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