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## MONTH OF NOVEMBER

**Veteran's Day**

November 11

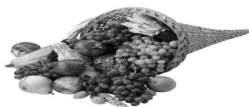
**Thanksgiving Day**

November 26



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# Election Day is November 3, 2015



## 5 AM - 7 PM

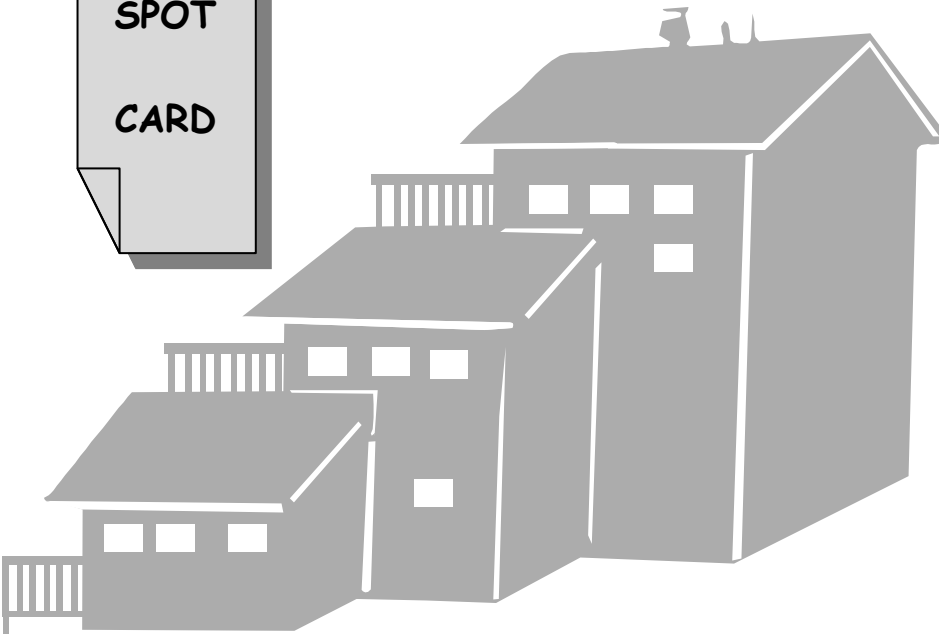
# Don't forget to vote!

# From the Executive Director...

HOT

SPOT

CARD



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## 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.



Karen R. Wilds  
Executive Director

You can resolve to make your neighborhood a safer place. A Hot Spot Card with a pre-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed in each newsletter this month. If you know about any past criminal, any potential violence or any activity you suspect is illegal anywhere in our City, please use this card. It is completely anonymous. It can be dropped off at your rental office or mailed.

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

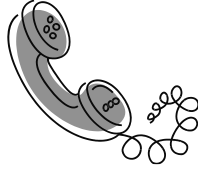


## FREE TRAINING PROGRAMS

The Family Investment Center offers free training in the following courses:

- Self-Paced Typing;
- Employability Skills Workshops;
- Resume' Prep;
- Job Lead Assistance;
- Homeownership.

### CONTACT:



Family Investment Center  
600 C Ridley Circle  
Newport News, VA

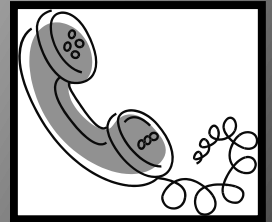
Monday thru  
Friday

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
757.928.3680

## PROGRAMA LIBRE DE INSTRUCCION

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

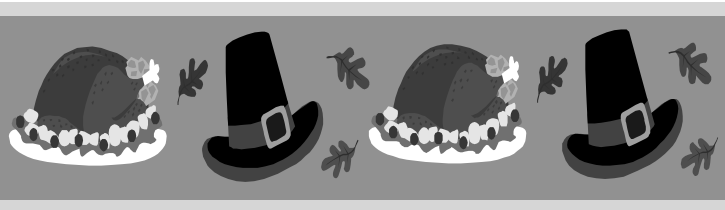
- Mecanografía;
- Habilidades de obrero;
- Ayuda con su resumen y su entrevista;
- Como se encuentra trabajo;
- Como encontrar y poseer una casa.



### CONTACT:

Centro de Trabajo  
Para La Familia  
600 C Ridley Circle  
Newport News, VA  
757.928.3680

Lunes-Viernes  
8 de la mañana  
4:30 de la tarde  
757-928-3680



## Do You Have A Job Interview?



Interviewing preparation is available. Call the Family Investment Center to make an appointment. The number is 757.928-3680.

Family Investment Center  
600 C Ridley Circle  
Newport News, VA 23607

## 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
<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.	No fees
	12 Step Program	No fees
<b>Peninsula Area Help Line</b> 875-9314	Narcotics Anonymous	No fees

## FILING A COMPLAINT...



Here is the Customer Service

Hotline Number:

757-928-6063 or 757-928-3680

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



**NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY  
SECTION 504 REQUEST FOR A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION**

**PUBLIC HOUSING**

**RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR  
MANAGEMENT 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

\_\_\_\_\_ Uses a walker

\_\_\_\_\_ Vision impaired

\_\_\_\_\_ Hearing impaired

\_\_\_\_\_ Grab bars

\_\_\_\_\_ Audio visual smoke  
Alarm

\_\_\_\_\_ Door bell light signaler

\_\_\_\_\_ Other accommodations, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# 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.

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.

## Who Are Section 3 Residents?

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:

The Office of Human Affairs  
Representative: Emmagene Slade  
392 Maple Avenue, P.O. Box 37  
Newport News, VA 23607  
Phone: 757-247-6747 Fax: 757-380-1269

#### For training and employment opportunities contact:

Representative: LaSandra Wingate  
Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority  
P. O. Box 797  
Newport News, VA 23607-0797  
Phone: 757-928-2628



# Essay Contest: If I Were Mayor

Each fall the Virginia Municipal League (VML) invites all **Virginia 7th Graders** to participate in its "If I Were Mayor" essay contest. The essays describe what the student would do as mayor to make their cities and towns great places to live.

Promoting good local government is important to VML, and this essay contest provides students the opportunity to reflect on the important role of elected officials in their own city or town.

Eight Virginia regional winners are selected. Winners receive a \$150 cash prize and plaque. One statewide winner is selected and receives a \$250 cash prize and plaque. The winners, along with their teachers, are recognized at a special ceremony in Richmond.

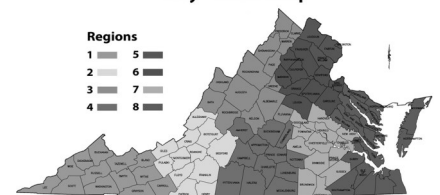
## Contest Rules

- The contest is open to all Virginia students enrolled in the 7th Grade during the 2015-2016 school year.
- Each entry must include the student's name, home address, telephone, school, teacher's name and teacher's email address.
- Essays must be typed.
- Essays must be 200 – 500 words.
- Essays must address the subject of what the student would do if they were elected mayor.
- Only one essay may be submitted per student.
- Essays will be judged based on the following: originality, persuasiveness, understanding of city, town and county services, and proper use of composition and written expression.
- Essays must be received at the VML office by Tuesday, Dec. 1. Winners will be notified in early January.
- Essays will not be returned.
- VML retains the right to publish essays along with the names of each student.
- Submit entries to: VML, Attn: 7th Grade Essay Contest, P.O. Box 12164, Richmond, VA 23241.

**If interested or for more additional information, please contact**

**Sheila Grant at 757-928-6079.**

Essay Contest Map



# 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, Ridley 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.

# Who Needs Renter's Insurance



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".

# Thanksgiving





## Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority partnering with the City Of Newport News Youth Gang and Violence Prevention



The Seeing Opportunities Within (S.O.W.) Program/Project was created to provide intensive intervention services to high risk and/or gang affiliated youth and young adults. As part of S.O.W, Street Outreach Workers are assigned to identify and engage gang members within the target area at the street and home level. Outreach are referred to as "street" outreach workers because their work is not office-based or even institutional- or school-based, but occurs primarily in the targeted neighborhoods, at the street and home level.

The effectiveness of Outreach Workers in building relationships with gang members and their families to reduce clients' bonds to gangs, to reduce gang-related conflict and violence, to support and assist gang members and their families in accessing social and educational services, and to provide a positive adult example is essential. The majority of an Outreach Worker's time is spent directly with gang-involved youth and young adults, identifying their needs and goals, and reporting back to the Intervention Team. The Intervention Team manages gang-involved youth to address their individual circumstances by creating a case management plan for each gang member to receive services, while simultaneously addressing social deficits and negative behaviors .

Please fill out the other side of this form and submit to your rental office.

## S.O.W. CLIENT REFERRAL FORM

FIRST NAME:	MI:	LAST NAME:	
AKA:	DOB:	AGE:	<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
ADDRESS:	ZIP:	PHONE:	CELL:
SCHOOL NAME:		GRADE:	
PARENT/GUARDIAN (if under 18 years of age):		PHONE:	CELL:

**ETHNICITY:**

- White/Anglo                       Hispanic/Latino                       Asian/Pacific Islander  
 Black/African American             American Indian/Native American     Other/Multiracial    Specify other: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL HISTORY:**

- Has history of suspensions  
 Has history of expulsions  
 Has history of school disciplinary problems  
 Has history of school violence problems  
 Decline in academic performance  
 Truant

**SCHOOL STATUS:**

- Attending school  
 Not Enrolled  
 H S graduate  
 GED/Voc Ed classes  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**CRIMINAL HISTORY STATUS:**

- No prior history    Don't Know  
 Pending Adjudication  
 Incarcerated:    Past    Present  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 On Probation/Parole:    Past    Present  
 Probation/Parole Officer & Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT/ACTIVITY:**

With 4 being the lowest and 1 being the highest, how would you rate this individual's level of gang involvement/association, or if the referral is not gang related, general delinquency status?

**Gang Involvement**

- 4    3    2    1    Don't Know

**Delinquency Level (Not Gang Related)**

- 4    3    2    1

**POSSIBLE GANG INDICATORS:**

- Admits gang involvement  
 Sibling of known gang member  
 Associates with gang members  
 Frequents known gang area  
 Wears gang attire  
 Involved in gang related incident(s)  
 Gang Related Tattoos/Piercings

**GANG NAME:**

**DELINQUENCY INDICATORS:**

- Behavior/discipline issues at home  
 Suspected/known drug/alcohol use  
 Aggressive/anti-social attitude  
 Runaway  
 Violent actions  
 Access to weapons  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

REFERRING PERSON AND TITLE:	AGENCY AND CONTACT INFORMATION:
REASON FOR REFERRAL (Use back if more space is needed):	REFERRAL DATE:

EMAIL TO MECHOLS@NNVA.GOV – OR – FAX TO OFFICE (757) 926-3514

**ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES – FILLED OUT BY PROGRAM STAFF**

REFERRAL ASSIGNED TO: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE ASSIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

CLIENT MEETS CRITERIA:  YES  NO IF NO, WAS CLIENT REFERRED TO ANOTHER AGENCY?  YES  NO

AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_ SERVICES: \_\_\_\_\_

COORDINATOR'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



# Safety Corner

As we enter into the holiday shopping season, it has become increasingly important to review and use good personal security strategies to prevent you from becoming a victim of crime. Therefore we would like all NNRHA residents and their families to review and consider the following safety tips.

## Security Considerations

**Time of Year:** Robberies and burglaries increase in the summer and again in November through January 1st.

**Time of Day:** Burglaries primarily happen in the day when suspects believe no one is home. Robberies occur primarily during the evening and night.

**Dress:** Expensive clothing and jewelry make you a preferred target.

Local media coverage (television and print): informs us of types of crimes being committed in a certain area, so stay tuned.

## Personal Security Measures

- ⇒ Shop early during daylight hours.
- ⇒ Shop in pairs or with family.
- ⇒ Use credit or debit cards.
- ⇒ Practical clothing (pants and comfortable shoes).
- ⇒ Observe outside activity prior to walking out.
- ⇒ Lock vehicle doors and utilize seatbelts.
- ⇒ Park in highly visible areas, and secure and leave your vehicle in an expedient manner.
- ⇒ Don't leave any valuables visible in your vehicle.
- ⇒ Visibly check area around your vehicle as you leave shopping areas or other locations.

*Should you have any safety or security questions or concerns please contact Safety & Security at 757.928.2660.*



## MASTER DISASTERS

**PREPARE NOW!**

Disaster's may force you to evacuate or strand you at home. Assemble disaster supplies to last up to a week.

- ⇒ Bottled Water (one gallon per person, per day)
- ⇒ Canned or Packaged Food
- ⇒ Blankets/Sleeping Bags
- ⇒ Flashlight with Extra Batteries
- ⇒ Prescription Medications
- ⇒ Non-Electric Can Opener
- ⇒ Battery-Operated Radio with Extra Batteries
- ⇒ Toiletries
- ⇒ Special Items for Infant, Elderly or Disabled Family Members

*For information, contact your local emergency management office or the Virginia Department of Emergency Management at (84) 987-6510.*

FLOOD  
TORNADO  
HURRICANE  
FIRE  
WINTER STORM  
LIGHTNING



# FOOD BANK



## DISTRIBUTION SITES

### East End

COMMUNITY	DISTRIBUTION FOR ALL SITES	DELIVERY DATE
Ashe Manor	Agape Hands Cathedral 757-247-0090	3rd Tuesday after 4 pm
Spratley House	Christian Union Church 757-244-3819	2nd Thursday 12 noon –1 pm
Lassiter Courts	A Road Ahead 757-245-6098	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 am -1:30 pm
Ridley Place	L.I.N.K. 757-595-1953	Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm
Marshall Courts	L.I.N.K. 757-595-1953	Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm
Orcutt Townhomes	L.I.N.K. 757-595-1953	Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm

### North End

COMUNITY	DISTRIBUTION FOR ALL SITES	DELIVERY DATE
Aqueduct	Kids Café, Foodbank 757-596-7188	2-3 times per week
Brighton	Kid's Café' Foodbank 757-596-7188	Summer and Fall
Oyster Point	Foodbank 757-596-7188	Summer and Fall
Cypress Terrace	New Beech Grove Baptist Church 757-877-4114	United Way (757) 594-4636 for referral
Pinecroft	Foodbank 757-596-7188	3rd Friday 11 am
Great Oak	Foodbank 757-591-3282	3rd Tuesday 11:30 am



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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