

IMPACT Day Held at Roodner Court



IMPACT Day is a celebration of Deloitte's commitment to local communities. Member firms around the world host IMPACT Day activities where Deloitte professionals spend the day volunteering. NHA thanks the Stamford branch of Deloitte for their dedication and time.

Diageo's Hospitality Program Trains Norwalk's Unemployed Residents

Learning for Life is a program designed to inspire and transform the lives of people throughout the different communities in which DIAGEO conducts business. Learning for Life provides tools, training and skills in four key areas related to our industry and value chain: Hospitality, Retail, Entrepreneurship and Bartending. Many graduates are employed as bartenders, where they earn phenomenal tips. Candidates interested in being considered for future LSFL programs in Norwalk can contact Danielle Robinson at 203-229-4398.

TD Bank Offers Banking Sessions

HOU and TD Bank will be hosting two sessions on opening and maintaining checking and savings accounts on Wednesday, July 22nd at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Leroy Downs Community room, 26 Monroe Street, Norwalk. Interested residents are encouraged to contact Abby Chamberlain from Housing Opportunities Unlimited at 860.559.6779 or via email achamberlain@housingopportunities.com



All Are Invited!

Who: You
What: NHF Scholarship Awards Ceremony
When: July 8th at 6:00pm
Where: Stepping Stones Museum, Matthews Park, 303 West Ave. Norwalk.
Please RSVP to Anabell at 203-838-8471 ext.140

Summer Picnic at the Senior Dinner Café!

Come out on July 2, 2015 at 5:00pm to the Irving Freese Community Center! The menu will be:

- ◆ Succulent and Tender BBQ Ribs
- ◆ Blazing Baked Beans
- ◆ Cool Cole Slaw
- ◆ Sensational Strawberry Short Cake
- ◆ Lip Smacking Lemonade

A \$2.00 donation suggested, but the amount is not required. Call 24 hour in advance for reservations at 203-241-2422. You can find the monthly menu at www.norwalkha.org under Senior Services. Come when your favorite meals are served. If you need a ride, call 203-852-1144 and press 0 to schedule a van ride.



Norwalk Farmers' Markets

Eat fresh and healthy, and support your local farmers, too! Some farmers' markets in Norwalk include: Norwalk Health Department, 137 East Avenue, Wednesdays 10 AM – 2 PM, through November 5th. Norwalk Rainbow Plaza, 205 Main Street, Wednesdays 11 AM – 3 PM; and First Congregational Church on the Green, Park Street, Saturdays 9AM – 2PM. Additional locations are frequently being added. For a listing of other farmers' markets in Connecticut, and for changes, visit <http://ctnofa.org/FarmersMarkets.htm>.



The WorkPlace Honors Lisa Roger!

Lisa Roger, NHA's Patnership Coordinator was selected by the Health Career Academy to receive a 2015 WorkPlace Advocacy Award on June 23, 2015 at 6:00pm in the Downtown Cabaret Theatre in Bridgeport. A reception was held for all of award recipients. Congratulations Lisa, NHA is very proud of you!





Coming Soon! FREE Summer Lunches in CT for Children

Throughout Connecticut, nutritious summer meals are free for students 18 years of age and younger. Go to the location finder at <http://www.ctsummerfood.org/> to find a location convenient for you.

FREE Festivities at Norwalk Community Health Center!

Join Norwalk Community Health Center for its first annual Community Health and Wellness day, 120 Connecticut Avenue - Norwalk, CT. **SATURDAY July 18th, 11AM – 4PM,**

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: Farmers Market (Wednesday), nutrition tips, free health screenings, games and activities for children, Community vendors and more. Come for the fun and for your health!



PROACT Prescription Discount Cards

The ProAct Prescription Discount Card Program was created to address healthcare needs of uninsured and underinsured residents across the United States. Prescription Discount Cards will be arriving in each household in the City of Norwalk very soon. Participants using the ProAct Prescription Drug Discount Card Program will receive some level of financial relief on their Prescriptions, Vision, LASIK, and Hearing Aid services. Participating pharmacies include CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aid, Stop & Shop, Big Y, and WalMart but not in conjunction with any type of insurance. One card covers an entire family.



Are YOU ready to finish what you started?



What: FREE ESL and GED (in English) program for Adults

When: Monday through Friday, 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. noon from June 29 through July 22

Where: Brien McMahon High School, 300 Highland Avenue, Norwalk

Registration: June 24 and June 25 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. **If you have any questions, please call the Adult Education office at 203-854-4115.**

Financial Management Tip of the Month: Summer Money Saving Tips

Be mindful of your air conditioning usage. Be aware of the weather so that you can maximize efficiency and save money by using it only when needed. For example, turn off the air before going to bed if it's going to be a cool night and open some windows. **Replace your air conditioner filters.** A dirty filter can restrict airflow and efficiency of the air conditioner, increasing cooling costs. Filters are cheap, so replace them regularly.

Employment Tip of the Month: Summer is a Great Time for Job Searching

Many people believe that summer is a bad time of the year to look for employment, because everyone is focused on vacations. *This is a myth!* Summer is a great time to start or continue your job search. While the interview process may take longer due to summer vacation schedules, companies still need to hire even when it's 90 degrees outside. In addition, organizations will hire temporary help during the summer months to fill extended vacations and leaves of absence, which may ultimately turn into permanent positions.

Employment Opportunities

Pharmacy Tech Trainee/Pharmacy Service Associate

Work as part of the Pharmacy Team to ensure that each customer has a positive shopping experience at CVS and to ensure customer satisfaction by serving each customer according to our company Values. The Pharmacy Technician Trainee is a **training position** where you can move to a Pharmacy Technician upon successful completion of CVS Pharmacy Technician Training Program and per local state pharmacy guidelines. High School Diploma or equivalent and previous retail experience preferred.

Multiple Norwalk locations: 281 Connecticut Avenue, 6 Willard Rd., 696 West Ave., 327 Main Avenue. Also locations in Darien and Westport!

For more information and to apply, go to <http://www.cvshealth.com/careers>

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Free Tour of SoNo Public Art



20 West Art Program student Fedjanaika Estime, lead a free tour of SONO Public Art Saturday sponsored by the Norwalk Arts Commission. During the tour, students shared interesting stories about the art and artists dating back to New Deal as well as murals from the 1980's.

Cinco De Mayo Family Night Celebration



Meadow Gardens residents Auris Garcia and Samantha Garcia, Joshua Garcia and Ulysses Flores pose for a fun photo at Cinco DeMayo Family Night.

Family Night is a time when students, families and staff come together to have fun, play games, enjoy delicious food and win prizes. Since, Cinco De Mayo is a very merry holiday, part of the fiesta included a dress up Photo Booth. Each family had lots of fun playing dress up with silly moustaches, sombreros, lays, maracas and other goofy props. Afterwards, the photos were given to each family as keepsake. As the celebration continued; staff members played Cinco De Mayo Trivia, held a raffle with lots of cool prizes and the students had a terrific time playing, "Hit the Piñata".

It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength. Dr. Maya Angelou

Norwalk Summer Reading Challenge Raffle prizes include Kindle Fires, gift cards, Lego sets & more!

Children Ages 5 and under who need someone to read to them:

* Win a prize & raffle ticket for every 15 books read!



Children Entering Grades 1 through 5 who can read on their own:

* Win a prize and raffle ticket for super prizes every 5 books read!

Teens entering Grades 6 through 12:

*Read what you want, when you want and win prizes all summer.

*Win a prize & raffle ticket for every 5 books you read: the chance to win a Kindle Fire, an Amazon gift card, NY Comic Con tickets, and more!

Adults:

*Explore new genres or interests.

*Model lifelong reading and learning

*Win a prize & raffle ticket for each book read and reviewed: the chance to win a Kindle Fire, an Amazon gift card and more!

Join us for our Free Family Festivals:

* July 18, 11am-2pm, Shady Beach

• August 1, 11am-2pm, Union Park

The last day to log books: August 30, 2015
www.norwalkpubliclibrary.org

International Night Held at Colonial Village Learning Center!

Colonial Village held its annual Family Night with parents, students and staff!



They gathered together to celebrate culture, diversity and creativity! Each family that contributed a dish enlightened us about where the dish came from and what it meant to their culture. The most raved about dishes were the jerk chicken, black rice, and empanadas. The countries represented included Columbia,

Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Puerto Rico and more! Students and families also had a chance to make a flag of the country where they came from. Once all flags were completed, they were hung up around the Learning Center. Music, games, and food helped fill the night with joy, laughter, and fun!

WELCOME PROFESSIONALS

The “Welcome Professionals” series is through Norwalk Housing Authority’s Bridge to College & Career program for middle and high school students. It consists of college-related programming that is fun, varied and involves self-exploration to identify skills and talents that could lead to future careers. The programming focuses on the skills needed for college applications and scholarships and college. Skills include essay writing, application answers, journaling and group discussions with guest speakers. Career professionals from varied backgrounds speak to students about their careers and how they got there. From chefs, to financial advisors, to educational consultants, to librarians, to dentists, to lawyers, to entrepreneurs, to photographers, to artists, to you name it, professionals share their story and career paths from high school to their current careers. We welcome any professionals who would like to share their educational and career journeys to help inspire the NHA youth. Please contact Learning Center Director, Wendy Gerbier @ 203.852.1144 x103 or wgerbi@norwalkha.org for more information and to sign up as a guest speaker.



Washington Village Learning Center Names Star Scholar Darby Jean Hughes

Darby Jean Hughes a 5th grader from Side By Side Charter School took the crown of Star Scholar! Darby is a great leader and his peers admire him. He takes pride in himself and enjoys helping others including staff members around the center. The Washington Village staff are very proud of Darby and knows that he will keep up the good work this coming fall!

Limited Head Start Space Available! Sign up Today!

The NHA Head Start /School Readiness Program is currently accepting applications for children ages 15 months to 4 years old. The program also offers comprehensive services to the entire family based on the families’ needs while encouraging parent participation in their children’s education and encouraging them to become advocates for their children. Come to the Head Start/School Readiness Program at 11 Ingalls Ave. (203-956-6216) or at 165 Flax Hill Rd (203-939-9712) to pick up an application or call for details!!!

NCC FREE Summer Bridge Intensive Math Program

Did you know that Math is the number 1 subject that students struggle with? Are you starting at Norwalk Community College in the fall and want to improve your math skills before you start school? NCC is offering a FREE intensive math program for students seeking to improve their mathematical skills and enhance overall preparation for entry into NCC in fall 2015. The program will run July 6-July 31, Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 12:15pm. For more information, contact Kim Hein at khein@norwalkha.org or 203-838-8471 x190.

First Job Interview for Mayors Youth Summer Job Program



Shamar Askew, a student at the 20 West Ave. Learning Center strolled into the center’s lobby dressed very distinguished on May 11, 2015. Normally, Shamar can be found wearing jeans and a tee shirt, but on this day he was wearing a maroon printed bow tie, white button down shirt and a grey suit jacket. A staff member noticed his new look and asked, “Shamar why are you dressed up today?” His reply, “I had a job interview today with the Mayors Youth Summer Job Program”. The staff member thought, what great news; and asked him to pull up a chair, so he could chat about his interview. Shamar explained, if hired he would be placed to work at a particular summer program in Norwalk. During the conversation Shamar shared one of his responses to one of the many questions he was asked during his interview. The question asked was, “Why should we hire you?” His response was, “You should hire me because I am respectful, honest and persevering” Shamar exclaimed!

Free \$2,846 IT Training Opportunity

The Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board is accepting applications for IT training scholarships. To find out more you’re invited to attend information sessions at the UCONN Stamford Campus. The information sessions are held at 11am on the first Thursday of every month:

- July 2, 2015
- August 6, 2015
- September 3, 2015

Eligibility:

- 18 years or older
- Currently unemployed and/or underemployed (part-time)
- Contract workers
- Some college credits
- Connecticut residents only



Training is offered at the UCONN Stamford Campus. To reserve a seat, contact CITI at 203-251-9516 or go to www.citi.uconn.edu and contact us!