



Main Office Closed to Public Until Further Notice

As a precautionary measure during the COVID-19 public health emergency, Norwalk Housing Authority is implementing the following measures to ensure the safety of all residents and staff.

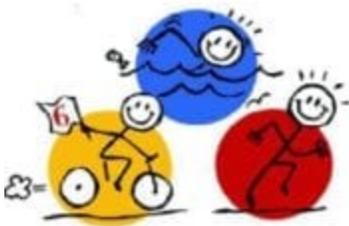
1. There will be no walk ins during business hours, all NHA staff will be available via telephone and email. You can contact the office at 203-838-8471.
2. All paperwork for recertifications, income change must be placed in the box which is in the vestibule at the entrance. Clearly mark on the provided envelopes who you want the papers to go to.
3. All requests for meetings will be conducted via telephone.
4. You are still responsible for reporting changes and submitting all required paperwork.

Thank you for your cooperation. Stay healthy.

Race 4 Chase Triathlon Program Application

FREE Summer Camp

Registration is for children ages 5-13 years old wishing to participate in the Race 4 Chase Triathlon Program. This program provides youth with a fun, skill building, life-changing experience by introducing them to the sport of triathlon.



This free program runs for 6 weeks in Norwalk beginning June 22, 2020 and ending August 1, 2020. Program times are 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. daily, Monday – Friday. Race day is on Saturday, August 3, 2019. All participants must compete in a Youth Triathlon on this day and be accompanied by an adult.

Due to limited enrollment, applications will be evaluated based on several factors. Selection priority will be given to first time registrations, a demonstration of need, and those indicating a sincere desire to participate for the complete duration of the program.

You will be notified if your child has been selected into the program. If selected, completion of a registration packet is required.

Applications can be picked up at NHA's CNI Office at 149 Water St., 2nd floor; or downloaded from the CNI website bulletin board, <http://norwalkcni.org/news/bulletin.html>

Deadline for applications are due back to:

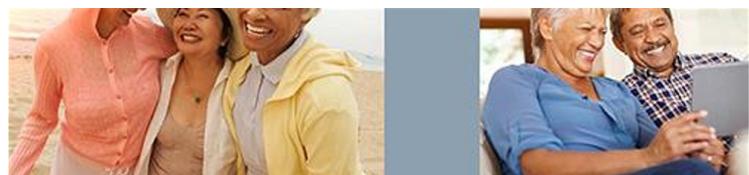
Lisa Roger, NHA CNI Office, 2nd floor, Norwalk CT 06854, no later than April 8, 2020.

Social Security 101 on May 21st, 10AM

Are you planning to 'retire' in the not-to-distant future? Do you have questions on how to go about it? How do you qualify for SSI (Supplemental Security Income) or SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance)?

NHA has invited a representative from the Social Security Administration (SSA) to present this benefits seminar where answers to the following questions will be covered:

- Who qualifies for a benefit?
- What benefits are available?
- When should I file for benefits?
- Where do I file my claim?
- How "secure" is Social Security?



Social Security 101
Everything you wanted to know.

NOTE NEW LOCATION: This seminar will be held at NHA Resource Center, 30 Day Street, Norwalk. Pre-registration is required. Call 203-838-8471 X186 Conzuelo or X681 (Nadine) to register for the information session.

FREE TAX PREPARATION IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

It's your money. You earned it. Now claim it.

Did you know that many families are eligible for valuable tax credits every year? Whether or not you owe any income tax, you could get **thousands of dollars in tax benefits**. To get these credits, you **MUST** file a tax return. Individuals taking advantage of the e-file program will receive their refunds in half the time compared to returns filed on paper – and even faster when tax refunds are deposited directly into the bank accounts. IRS-certified trained volunteers at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites offer **FREE Tax preparation and e-filing services** for low-to-moderate-income through mid-April 2020. Dates and times vary by site. *This alone represents a savings for each filer an average of \$200.* Visit a VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) site at one of the upcoming 2020 **Norwalk locations through mid-April 2020:**

Walk-in sites:

South Norwalk Library, 100 Washington St, Fridays 12PM – 4PM & Saturdays 9AM – 2PM

Norwalk Main Library, 1 Belden Ave., Thursdays 9AM – 8PM

Norwalk City Hall, 125 East Ave., Tuesdays 1:30PM – 8PM

NCC, 188 Richards Ave. Rm. W138 and Rm. W140,

Tuesdays & Thursdays 7PM – 9:30PM; Saturdays 10AM – 3:30PM

By appointment only sites:

Family & Children's Agency, 140 Water St., Call for appointment 203-523-5336, Tuesdays 5:30PM – 9PM

Norwalk Senior Center, 11 Allen Rd, Call for appointment 203-847-3115, Fridays 9AM – 4PM

Please Note:

Be sure to check the website <https://uwc.211ct.org/taxhelp> or dial 2-1-1 (available 24/7) for updates on tax site hours and locations, more information including additional free tax prep site locations and schedules throughout Connecticut, to book a free tax appointment, and to get information about other tax services and credits.

You will need to bring these documents:

- Valid photo ID

- Copy of last year's Federal & State returns
- Social Security numbers or ITIN (Individual Taxpayer identification) numbers for you and anyone else on our tax return
- Documentation for ALL income, Social Security or pensions, including forms W-2, 1099-R
- Education Expenses and student loan payments, 1098T
- Payments for childcare. Bring day care provider's address and tax ID number
- Bank routing and accounting numbers to direct deposit your refund
- Mortgage 1098 form and receipts of property and car taxes paid, mortgage expenses and/or interest paid
- Access Health CT forms, 1095A, copy of health insurance form 1095 B or C
- Identity theft PIN # if applicable





Tar Beach

As enrichment for Black History Month, students watched a YouTube video of artist Faith Ringgold reading her children's story "Tar Beach." Faith Ringgold is known for her narrative quilts consisting of people who fly to places that may be too difficult to travel to for whatever reason, whether it be far away or because of the prejudices of others. Many students identified with her imaginative 8-year-old-self and the ingenious way she went to places that grown-ups told her were off limits. Students were asked to take a story from their lives and create a book cover of what their story might look like.

The Pout-Pout Fish

What a wonderful time students had at 20 West on March 4, 2020. Jenny Nelson from The Westport Country Playhouse joined us to read to our K-2nd grade students. She read the book, *The Pout-Pout Fish*. The book was about a fish who lives with a constant pout on his face. ...After he is kissed, the Pout-Pout fish becomes the Kiss-Kiss fish, giving all of his sea friends kisses and making everyone as happy as he is. Students enjoyed the read-aloud and the fun activity of making their very own Pout Pout fish or should I say the Kiss-Kiss Fish now!



2020-2021

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children who are age 5 on or before September 1, 2020 are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten!

Come register your child, Monday through Friday between April 13, 2020 through July 31, 2020 at the King Kennedy Learning Center ~ 43 Chestnut Street

Call (203) 644- 4720

jcharlot@norwalkha.org for more information

In order for your child to be registered for kindergarten for the 2020- 2021 school year, please bring:

Original Birth Certificate

Proof of Residency (Current Lease, Renter's Letter from Landlord, Driver's License)

PLEASE READ: IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Dear Learning Center Parents:

NHA is committed to the health and safety of children and staff. We are following the guidance of the Norwalk Health Department, Norwalk Public Schools and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to ensure we are doing our part to stop the spread of COVID 19.

The coronavirus pandemic has been a major concern for all of us. While it is our mission to support children's learning in academics, enrichment and social-emotional learning, we feel it's just as important to remain informed and to communicate with all families as quickly as possible when we have new and accurate information.

Please be advised that if Norwalk Public Schools are closed, the Learning Centers will be closed as well. During this time, no outside programming will take place, including rehearsals at Music Theatre of Connecticut (MTC).

We highly encourage families to practice the following:

- Avoid taking children to public places
- Practice social distancing – avoid being in places where there are a lot of people
- Clean your hands often
- Avoid close contact
- Stay home if you're sick
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Wear a facemask if you are sick
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces

We hope everyone remains safe and healthy and hope for a swift conclusion to the current crisis. We will continue to inform you if and when we have relative new information.

Stay safe,

Wendy Gerbier

Director of Learning Centers

Norwalk Housing Authority

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