



PHA NEWSLETTER 2026

PHA CALENDAR

6/15/26– Board Meeting
Quarry Heights Community room at 3:30 pm

6/19/26– Juneteenth /OFFICE CLOSED

6/21/26– Happy Fathers Day / Summer Solstice

PHA MAIN OFFICE

Call Before Visiting: 860-342-1688

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm
& Friday: 8:30am-1:30pm

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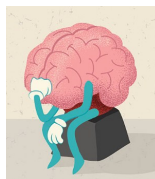
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Stop avoiding
Stop ignoring
Stop running
There is no growth without discomfort.
Personal development, learning and success require
stepping outside ones comfort zone.



Middletown Summer Youth at Work Program

Every year since 2006, the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce has placed students into constructive summer employment through the Middletown Summer Youth Employment Program.

The chamber has the capacity, to place youth into employment in a wide variety of professional fields for six weeks in the summer months working up to 20 hours per week.

Program host sites come from the public sector, the non-profit sector, and most notably, the private sector. Each year, this program teaches our young people not only the fundamentals of employment—such as getting to work on time and ready to contribute—but also about the pride that comes with putting in a solid work week and receiving a paycheck earned through hard, honest work.

This program is designed to provide opportunities for economically challenged youth in the community between the ages of 14 to 24, but all interested age eligible youth are encouraged to apply for consideration.

For more information, please contact Lorenzo Marshall at lorenzo@middlesexchamber.com

WORK ORDERS

Please be advised that non-emergency work order requests are generally addressed within 48 hours. While we always try to respond as quickly as possible, there may be times when unexpected emergencies arise at the other property we manage, which may require both maintenance staff members which can delay our response time.

We understand that delays can be frustrating; however, inconvenience alone does not constitute a maintenance emergency. We ask that residents please allow reasonable time for the Maintenance Department to respond and to complete work orders. In some cases, repairs may require outside contractors. The Housing Authority does not control contractor schedules, and it is not always realistic to expect same-day or next-day service.

We appreciate your patience and flexibility, especially as shipping delays and inventory shortages continue to impact the availability of materials and parts beyond the PHA's control.

Additionally, we have recently received an increase in calls regarding clogged toilets. If your toilet becomes clogged, **please do not continue flushing it, as this can cause the toilet to overflow and flood creating additional damage.** Instead, stop using the toilet immediately, allow the water level to go down, and try using a plunger with firm, steady pressure to clear the blockage. Avoid flushing toys, wipes, paper towels, feminine products, or excessive toilet paper, as these items commonly cause clogs. If the issue cannot be resolved after attempting to plunge the toilet, please submit a work order request for maintenance assistance.

Emergency work orders are issues that pose an immediate threat to the health, safety, or security of residents, or that could cause serious damage to the property if not addressed right away. Examples of emergency work orders include: no heat during cold weather, no electricity, major water leaks or flooding, sewer backups, a clogged toilet when there is only one bathroom in the unit, gas odors or suspected gas leaks, smoke or carbon monoxide detector issues, broken exterior doors or locks that affect unit security, fire or fire damage, and situations where electrical hazards or exposed wiring are present. Emergencies are prioritized for immediate response to prevent injury, unsafe living conditions, or major property damage. Issues such as dripping faucets, slow drains, appliance issues, cosmetic repairs, or general inconveniences are considered non-emergency work orders and will be addressed in the order they are received.

Please reach out to Waleska ext 115 to process your work order. We kindly ask that you refrain from contacting our maintenance staff directly. Please use the emergency line only for after-hours emergencies.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

RENTER'S REBATE

If you are participating in the Renters' Rebate Program, the PHA requests that you contact the office directly to obtain verification of rent payments made in 2025. Please note that the PHA will not be mailing rent ledgers, as not all residents participate in the program.



CONN NAHRO invites current undergraduate college students in Connecticut to apply for one of the available \$3,500 John J. Kelly Memorial Scholarships for students continuing their education. Annually, three or more scholarships are awarded to students who live in CONN NAHRO member housing authority communities or Section 8 housing who may not be able to take advantage of higher education opportunities due in part to their economic circumstances.

The application process is administered by the CONN NAHRO Scholarship Committee. Recipients are recognized at the Scholarship Luncheon during the CONN NAHRO Annual Convention in August.

When Is My Application Due?

Applications must be completed and received no later than 5:00 p.m. (EDT) on Wednesday, June 17, 2026. If interested please stop by our main office. Do **NOT** submit your application directly, the application **MUST** be reviewed and submitted by the housing authority.

Reminders for all residents : If you would like to share a photo, brag about a triumph or accomplishment, tell a personal success story, or send a photo of your pride and joy support animal, or even want to share information important to other residents, please reach out to the main office. The PHA loves to post resident news and information in the monthly newsletter.

We kindly ask all residents to be respectful of their neighbors' gardens, flowers, and personal property throughout the community. Please do not pick or take crops, flowers, or other items that belong to others. We also ask that parents remind children to respect other residents' belongings and personal space while playing outdoors.

In an effort to maintain a peaceful and enjoyable environment for everyone, please be mindful of noise levels and avoid playing music at a volume that can be heard throughout the entire property or neighborhood. Being considerate of one another helps create a positive community for all residents.



Wishing all the fathers and father figures a very Happy Father's Day!

Celebrate
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JUNETEENTH

Everyone Welcome

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