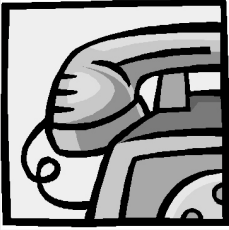
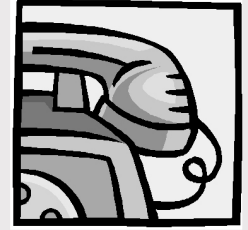


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Norwalk Housing Authority Newsletter

New Collaboration to End Veteran Homelessness

The Norwalk Housing Authority recently entered into an agreement with the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACOLA) to allow HACOLA to administer Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers in the City of Norwalk.

HACOLA currently has 1,518 VASH vouchers. The vouchers are for homeless veterans referred by the local VA hospital to HACOLA for rental assistance. In order to expand housing opportunities and remove barriers for homeless veterans, HACOLA requested permission to administer VASH vouchers within the City of Norwalk through an interagency agreement. The Norwalk Housing Authority Board approved the interagency agreement on April 19.

Under the agreement, if a VASH voucher holder locates a unit within the City of Norwalk, HACOLA will handle the inspection, Contract, and payments to the landlord. The Norwalk Housing Authority will not be involved in the tenancy in any way. The tenant will remain the client of HACOLA and report to HACOLA's main office in Alhambra.

The VASH tenant may also be eligible to receive assistance with application fees, security and utility deposits, appliances, furniture, and other moving costs.

The housing authorities of the City of Los Angeles, Pasadena, and Inglewood have also entered into interagency agreements with HACOLA.

Please be advised that regular vouchers from HACOLA will continue to be processed through portability and be administered by the Norwalk Housing Authority. Only VASH vouchers will remain with HACOLA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (562) 929-5588.



May Raffle Winners

Every month, the Housing Authority holds a Landlord Appreciation raffle. Landlords will receive a raffle ticket with each new Section 8 Contract. Just sign and return the raffle ticket and Contract, and you will be entered into the next drawing.

The winner of the May raffle is:

- ♥ Miracle Mile Properties, LP:
\$25 Lowe's Gift Card

Help Fight the Zika Virus

The Zika Virus is a rapidly growing public health concern that can have serious effects on pregnant women and babies, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Mosquitos are the primary cause of Zika infection and with summer upon us, now is the time to act. As a property owner, you can take steps to prevent the spread of the Zika Virus and other mosquito borne viruses, such as West Nile Virus, in your community by focusing your pest control efforts on these important activities:

1. Control mosquito breeding grounds by eliminating standing water:

- Remove containers that collect standing water, such as potted plant trays, open grills, trash cans, bird baths, old tires, etc.
- Keep pool water treated and circulating.
- Remove accumulations of yard debris.
- Enforce and/or create house rules concerning items that tenant's are permitted to keep outside that may collect water, such as plastic chairs, plastic covers, toys, etc.
- Repair sources of standing water, such as leaky pipes, hose bibs, and irrigation.
- Clean all gutters and downspouts to remove leaves and debris.
- Follow the Environmental Protection Agency's mosquito control guidance for pesticides. This can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/mosquitocontrol>

2. Prevent mosquito bites by repairing or replacing broken window screens.

3. Reduce adult mosquito resting sites by keeping vegetation trimmed and tall grass cut.

Vacancies Wanted

We have approximately 30 voucher holders currently seeking new rental units in the City of Norwalk. We invite you to list your future vacancies with us. For many of these voucher holders, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to receive help with their rent. Offer your vacancy to a voucher holder and make a difference by calling the Housing Authority at (562) 929-5588 or complete the enclosed Vacancy Referral and fax it to (562) 929-5537.



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