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We hope to see
you there!

- *Housing Task Force Meeting on Tuesday, September 19th at 3 p.m. Location: Family Investment Center, 600 Ridley Place*
- *Neighborhood Task Force Meeting on Tuesday, September 19th at 6 p.m. Location: Jim's Local Market*
- *People Task Force Meeting on Wednesday, September 20th at 10 a.m. Location: Family Investment Center, 600 Ridley Place*
- *Community Workshop on Thursday, September 28th at 6 p.m. Location: Marshall Early Learning Center, 743 24th Street*

What's Going On in September?

Over the summer, the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) task forces and committees have been working on developing goals and action items for the Housing, People and Neighborhood parts of the Transformation Plan. They will meet again in September to wrap up their discussions and finalize their recommendations. The results of their work over the past year will be presented to the community on September 28th. Preliminary neighborhood design concepts will also be presented at the workshop.

The community workshop will be held at Marshall Early Learning Center from 6 to 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Transportation is available for residents of Ridley Place, Lassiter Courts, and Marshall Courts. To arrange transportation, please call 926.8761.

Have a say in the future of your community. Join us on Thursday, September 28th! For more information, contact Garrett Morgan, Senior Planner at gmorgan@nnva.gov or 926.3834.

Ridley Place Book Bag Giveaway

On Friday, September 1st, the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) partnered with the City of Newport News and several



Ridley Place families pick up community services information, book bags, and school supplies at the Book Bag Giveaway event.

nonprofit organizations to distribute book bags and school supplies to students living at Ridley Place. Book bags and basic supplies were provided to elementary school-aged children to prepare them for the new school year. This was the second giveaway this summer, and was made possible through a donation from Walmart.

The event was held at the Family Investment Center and hosted by Teresa Jones, NNRHA Coordinator for the facility, with support from NNRHA staff and the Newport News Choice Neighborhoods Initiative team. Carlton Ransom, the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Coordinator, was available to provide updates on CNI-related activities and encourage residents to participate in the planning process and the upcoming community workshop. The



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Residents explore the beach at King-Lincoln Park. The subcommittee is exploring ways to enhance and promote this community asset.

Department of Human Services, Youth Service Division, Self-Identify LLC, and Sister-to-Sister were on hand to provide information on available programs and services for children and families to help build stronger and healthier communities.

Smart Smiles at the Dentist

Imagine trying to concentrate in class when your whole jaw is vibrating with the pain of a bad cavity, or worse. Not easy to do! Smart Smiles at the Dentist can help youth who need a trip to the dentist. Smart Smiles is a partnership between Delta Dental and Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula that provides FREE dental care to Club members that do not have dental insurance.

If you are interested in this program, please call the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula at 223.7204 or email Noelle Mangus at nmangus@bagclub.com.

Whom Do I Call for...?

Street Light Complaints

Did you know that Dominion Energy is responsible for most street lights in Newport News? That means they are responsible for responding to outages and other calls for service. You can call them directly at 866.366.4357. You can also contact the City of Newport News to report the outage for you at 933.2311. The 311 Contact Center will log your complaint and pass it on to Dominion Energy.

What Else is Happening This Month?

Movie Night at King-Lincoln Park

Bring friends and family and join your neighbors at King-Lincoln Park on Saturday, September 23rd for Movie Night. The event starts at 5 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m. In addition to a children's movie, there will be games and children's activities, food trucks, and free popcorn. If it rains, the event will be held at Heri-

tage High School. For more information call 926.1400.

Pearl Bailey Library

Don't forget to check out the calendar of events at Pearl Bailey Library! In addition to Tech Tuesdays, the library offers many activities for kids and teens. Join your neighbors and bring your friends for Family Movie Night on Monday, September 25th at 4 p.m. to watch The Lion King.

What's Happening in October?

Newport News Fall Festival of Folklife

The 44th annual Fall Festival of Folklife will take place on October 7th and 8th at Newport News Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The craft show will feature over 200 vendors, entertainment, food vendors, and children's activities. For more information call 926.1400.

9th Anniversary Concert

Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center hosts its 9th Anniversary Concert on October 7th from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Singer/songwriter Eric Roberson will be joined by pianist Matthew Whitaker on the Ella Fitzgerald Theater stage. For more information stop by Downing-Gross, call 247.8950, or email downing-gross@nnva.gov.

What we are working on this month...

Early Action Activities Subcommittee: The subcommittee continues to work on project scopes for the early action activities. Early action activities are physical neighborhood improvements that enhance the neighborhood. These projects are intended to get people energized, mobilized and organized for neighborhood transformation. As directed by the Steering Committee and task forces, the subcommittee is focusing on projects that celebrate the history and culture of the community through art.

To volunteer, please call Carlton Ransom at 757.926.8081 or email him at cransom@nnva.gov.

Community Workshop: The task forces and committees are wrapping up their recommendations for the Housing, People and Neighborhood parts of the Marshall-Ridley Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan. Their work and neighborhood design concepts will be presented to the community on September 28th at Marshall

Early Learning Center. Join us! For more information, call Garrett Morgan at 926.3834 or email at gmorgan@nnva.gov.

Draft Transformation Plan: The draft plan is due to the Department of Housing and Urban Development at the end of December. The Planning Team is working with the committees and task forces to complete the draft. More information on the draft plan will be available next month.