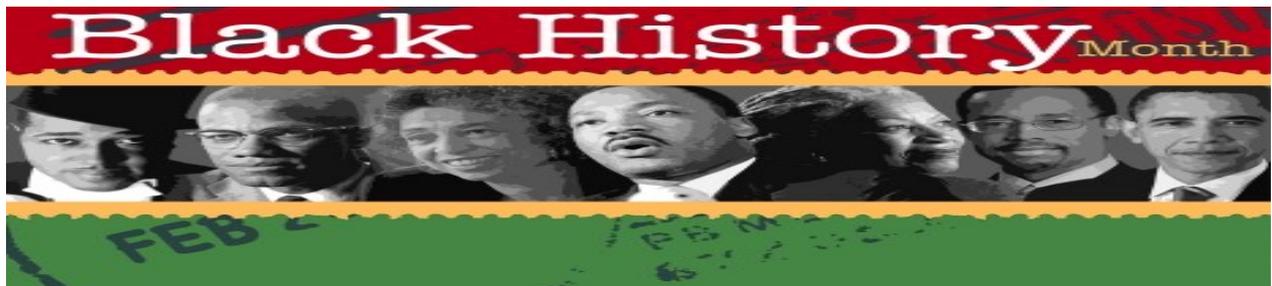


Honorable Jeffery Jones, Mayor Presents
Paterson's Quality of Life e-Newsletter

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This Month's Features



President's Day Feb. 18 (George Washington's & Abraham Lincoln's Birthdays)



February is also National American Heart Month;

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13;

Valentine's Day Feb. 14;



Department of Health & Human Services

NEWS FROM DHHS...

- ◆ The **Division of Senior Services** is in the process of planning extension of services to our Veterans;
- ◆ The **Seniors** that participate in the DSS program are currently working on forming a 501(c)3 organization so they can raise money to offset the cost of their program desires;
- ◆ The **Division of Planning & Program Analysis** has received authorization from our Mayor and the Council to process the grant awards to our successful applicants representing some of our Paterson social service agencies;
- ◆ **Welcome Mr. LaQuan Hargrove**, he has been selected to serve as our new Youth Services Bureau Director – **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**;
- ◆ The **Division of Health** is exploring funding options to expand services to include a mental health clinic;
- ◆ **Paterson's DHHS, Quality of Life Steering Committee** recognized three Paterson Residents for their contributions to the city. Through their hard work, dedication and unselfish actions, they have left a positive and infinite mark on this city. Recipients of the 2013 Quality of Life Recognition Awards were:
Alonzo Moody ~ Marie Magda-O'Keeffe ~ Gloriese Zimmerman

Division of Health

To file a "No Heat Complaint"

Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm call: 973-321-1277 Ext. 2756 or 2762

After 4:30pm and on weekends and holidays, please leave a message on the "**Heat Hotline**": 973-321-1277 then when prompted 12757

When calling be ready to provide:

Full name, address, telephone number where you can be reached, apartment number and/or floor number so that the **Division of Health** can provide a thorough investigation.

If you are still cold and the temperature in your **home** is 68 degrees **Fahrenheit** or below and the **outside** temperature is 55 degrees **Fahrenheit** or lower during **daytime hours** (6:00am-11:00pm) you may file a **no heat complaint**.

During **night-time hours** (11:01pm and 5:59am) if the temperature of your **home** is 55 degrees **Fahrenheit** or lower and the **outside** temperatures 40 degrees **Fahrenheit** or lower you may file a **no heat complaint**.

For more information call the **Environmental Health Office** at (973) 321-1277 dial 1 and Ext. 2756 or 2762

You can also email vgood@patersonnj.gov

School Based Youth Services

On January 24, 2013 the Positive Development for Family workshop coordinators and Buds (Brothers United Developing Spiritually) Male Rites of Passage Program held a father/Son day to kick off the 2013 program, (14) fourteen Parents and their sons attended the meeting. At the meeting, parents discussed strategies and tips to help their son's excel in School and life.

THE NEXT FAMILY EVENT WILL BE: Father/Son field trip to see the **Movie (Death by Design)**, **February 28, 2013, 7:00pm at the Fabian Movie Theater in Paterson.**

For more information on Positive Development Workshops for Parents contact: **Mr. William "Raheem" Smallwood 973-321-0541** located at **JFK High School, Preakness Avenue, Paterson, NJ.**



Community Improvements

A Drug-Free School Zone



Drug-free zones around schools offer communities one way to give students a place where they can play and talk without being threatened by drug dealers and drug users. Federal law and many state and local laws increase penalties for drug-related activities in drug-free school zones. It is a law and a community-wide commitment to reduce drug use among young people. For more information call **Ms. Nancy Grier at 973-321-1212 ext. 2233.**

We need you to get involved! Together we can secure safer streets, community spirit, stronger relationships with law enforcement and so much more. Participate in Neighborhood watch, become an active group, contact your Neighborhood Assistance Office 125 Ellison Street 2nd floor **Ms. Nancy Grier at 973-321-1212 ext. 2233 or Sgt. Sharon Easton, PPD at 973-321-1272.**

To ensure our advertisings are offering a look of professionalism, please call **Mr. GianFranco Archimede at 973-321-1355 to help with patrolling and reporting signage-commercial/business windows.**

Please call **Ms. Kathy Easton at 973-321-1233** if you are interested in helping with Paterson's Re-development plan as we continue to address vacant & abandoned property.

Recycling

Public Works: Clean Communities will continue hosting **City Clean-up Events - For information or to sign up please call 973-321-1393.**

Recycling - Electronics, White Goods and Televisions can no longer be put out with your regular garbage you must call **973-321-1490 or 973-321-1393** and arrange for pick up. Failure to do so may result in a littering fine.

Our citizen litter, recycling and/or park patrol team is being led by Diane Polifronio and she can be reached at 973-321-1393 Community volunteers are needed to help patrol our streets and report findings accordingly.

See someone dumping illegally, take a photo or jot down their license plate # and call it in to DPW. A summons will be mailed to the owner of the vehicle! **With your help we can stop illegal dumping!**



Drinking Water Update...

As you will recall the Passaic Valley Water Commission completed a routine water sampling and November 2012 it was reported that elevated levels of lead was found in Paterson's water. Of the **23 Paterson** homes tested one home was found to have elevated lead levels. The water test results of **15** or higher means that lead is present in the water – the one home with positive results tested **60**. **This is a precautionary message:** Our homes/pipes are old therefore it stands to reason that we have lead in our pipes. Please continue to run the cold water for 2 minutes every morning and whenever you have standing water in your pipes for any length of time. **It is always better to be safe than sorry!**

This Month's Calendar of Events:

In addition to previously mentioned events...please look to support the following:

No Heat Complaints: Contact Heat Hotline 973-321-1277 ext. 2757;

2nd Thursday Monthly – Pregnant & New Mothers' Group 3:30pm – 4:30 pm Paterson Public Library 3rd floor;

4th Thursday Monthly – Pregnant & New Mother's Group 3:30 pm – 4:40 pm Hispanic Multi-Purpose Center 2nd floor;

First Time Moms – call 973-942-3630;

Afterschool Program/Evening Center provides; Homework Center; Open Gym; Arts & Crafts; Field Trips; Lecturers Workshops. For Information call **Paterson Recreation at 973-321-1313;**

Feb. 16th - Persian Mediterranean Valentine's Day Party! Special performance by Star Singers Khalid Masri, Roozbah & dancer Stephanie, 8:00pm *Riverside Manor Restaurant & Banquets* 27 East 33rd Street Paterson, NJ 07514 on RT. 20 N for more info call or text **Wafaa Saad at 973-766-2406** for tickets \$35 for Adults/\$15 for Children;

Feb. 24th—Passaic County Community College (PCCC) invites **students/families who need money for college or other post-high school education to attend NJ College Goal Sunday (CGS)** - It's free event at 1:00 pm - One College BLVD (entrance at Broadway/Memorial Drive). For info: **call 973-684-6100** or visit www.pccc.edu;

Feb. 20th— City of Paterson Ryan White Grants Division presents Medical Entitlements Workshop 10am - 2pm @ Passaic County Community College (PCCC) located at One College BLVD (entrance at Broadway/Memorial Drive in Paterson Room) For info: call **973-321-1242 ext. 2282** - submit registration to: jrodriguez@patersonnj.gov;

Mar. 21st - Heart of Hannah Women's Center is presenting the ***Timeless Women Award's*** During Women's History Month @ Paterson Museum 2 Market Street 5:30pm For info: **Ms. Nancy Grier 973.321.1212;**

Apr. 3rd & 4th - Mayor Jeffery Jones presents: **Job Readiness Conference** – at the Paterson Public Library - For info: **Ms. Sil Garcia 973.321.2303;**

Apr. 13th - Our Mayor and his Emergency Management Team are presenting a Disaster Preparedness Day, at JFK High School 10:00am – 3:00pm For info: **Ms. Sil Garcia 973.321.2303;**

Apr. 18th - Passaic County Community College is hosting a Job Fair Day at the college 10am -1pm – For info: call **973-684-6100** or visit www.pccc.edu;

Paterson Task Force offers the public assistance for PSE&G – For info: **call 973-279-2333**

This e-newsletter provides information about upcoming activities, projects and meetings as it relates to addressing our Quality of Life issues throughout the City of Paterson.

Please join the areas that interest you...

In our efforts to increase the level of communication throughout the community QOL has designed a Facebook page. Here you will find current information on local events, employment opportunities and so much more. We welcome all residents, organizations and businesses to be part of this media collaboration.



Look for us & be sure to like us on Facebook



“Paterson- NJ Quality of Life”

Please call Michael Goodwin Chairperson, QOLI Steering Committee at 973-321-1242 ext. 2798 (Mon and Wed only) or Hilda Perez at 973-321-1242 ext. 2416.

Team Updates due the 10th monthly via e-mail: hperez@patersonnj.gov
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