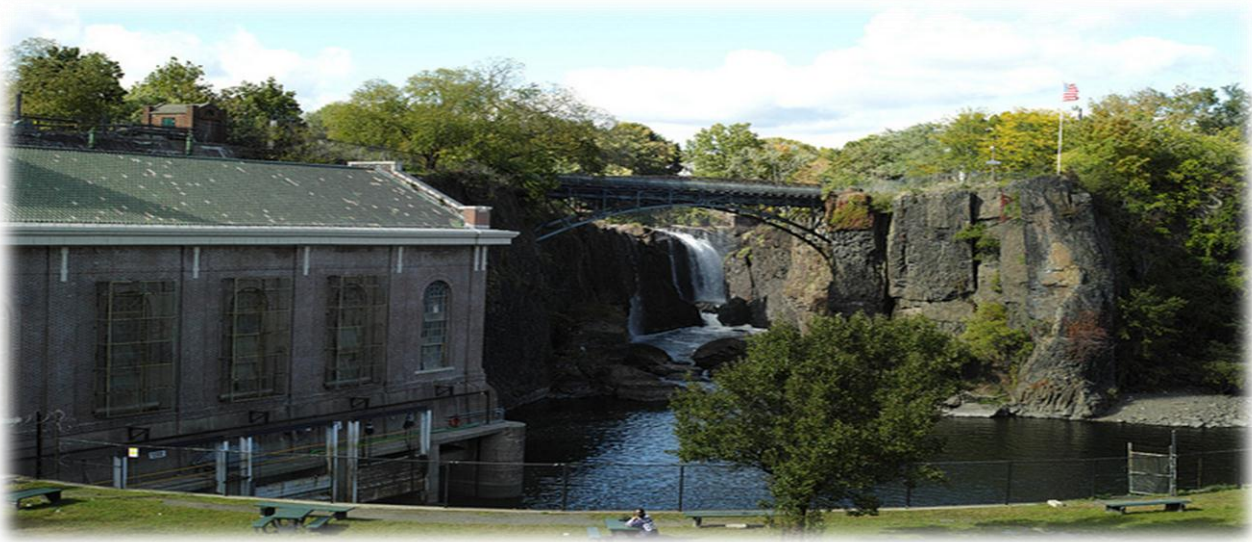


Honorable Jeffery Jones, Mayor Presents
Paterson's Quality of Life e-Newsletter

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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...

The Quality of Life Steering Committee would like to hear from you.

Look for us **"Paterson- NJ Quality of Life"** on Facebook



Like us on Facebook

Building a way to bring our community together

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.

This Month's Features



The **Director of DHHS'** Youth Service Bureau Division has retired effective November 30, 2012.

Our Director of YSB, Mr. Alonzo Moody has served the City of Paterson for over 30 years. He has informally closed a chapter; and now Chillin' for a minute as he prepares to open another chapter of serving.

Director Donna R. Nelson-Ivy refers to him as an Icon, an Institution...he has dedicated his life to working diligently with the youth throughout our County and City with a focus on having a positive impact on their lives.

Recently the Department of Children Protection & Permanency conducted a contract monitoring review of YSB and listed seven (7) achievements and accomplishments. One of the highlights reads as follows:

"...The Total Lifestyle and Support Program has been an important part of Passaic County for over 30 years. This is due to the dedication of the staff and the commitment made by the Executive Director and his staff..."

Mr. Moody has left the City of Paterson with a first rate program that is considered throughout the City, County & State to be a shining example of a "Best Practice."

On behalf of the citizens of Paterson, our Mayor Jeffery Jones, your colleagues and your DHHS family –
WE THANK YOU MR. MOODY FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS!

A Ceremony in Honor & Memory of:



**Helen Van Riper,
1/11/1939 – 3/27/2012**

**Sylvia L. Ulmer,
3/24/1933 – 6/19/2010**

Saturday morning, December 8, 2012 family, friends and colleagues came together to unveil street signs on the corners of 20th Avenue and East 34th Street & 20th Avenue and East 35th Street. The signs are at the end of Concerned Parents for Headstart where Helen Van Riper served as Board President for over 40 years and Sylvia L. Ulmer served as the Human Resource Director, former City Clerk and 3rd Ward Councilwoman. Attending this ceremony proved to be a special Saturday for all present!



Paterson Public Library: Northside Branch Library Update...



Paterson Public Library

Update on the Northside Branch Library

In August of 2011, Hurricane Irene greatly affected much of the Northside of Paterson; the First Ward Branch Library was severely flooded, causing the loss of all books, furnishings and equipment inside and damaging the interior. An engineer's study offered recommendations if the choice was made to reoccupy the building, but the main point of the study is that the building is still in danger of future flooding.

Flood insurance covered the loss of the building and the materials. And, the Board of Library Trustees, after much discussion, decided not to reoccupy the building at 54 North Main Street. Instead, the **Library is contracting the Paterson Housing Authority to occupy a room in the Christopher Hope Community Center at 60 Temple St.** The intent is to offer library services there for the immediate future, while further research is done regarding a permanent home for the Northside Branch Library.

The insurance funds have made it possible to create a new book collection; approximately \$32,000 has been spent, to date. New technology in the form of laptop lockers, have been received and are ready to be moved in. New furniture was selected and the city's purchase process has finally been completed; the furniture has just been ordered and is expected to be installed in about four weeks, or mid-January. At that time, the Northside Branch Library will have a grand opening and we look forward to welcoming back all our patrons! We will keep you posted.

For more information contact:

Cindy Czesak, Library Director at 973-321-1332

**Health & Human Services: If you have a child in a Paterson
Day Care Center/Paterson Public Schools;**

**If you dine in Paterson's restaurants, shop in our grocery stores/bodegas; Center City Mall and
Downtown area you are a beneficiary of Paterson's Department of Health and Human Services.**

Baby it's Cold Outside...and Maybe Inside!!!

Does your apartment or rental unit feel like the ice cream case in the supermarket? Do you wear thermal underwear while watching television or surfing the web in your own home? Before you call the Division of Health Heat Hotline and lodge a complaint there are a few steps you as a tenant can make.

1. Make sure radiators or "heat sources" are not blocked or covered. Move furniture away. Make sure drapes or curtains are long enough to cover the windows, but not long enough to cover the heat source.
2. Cover drafty windows with plastic secured by duct tape.
3. Invest in insulated drapes or window covers. You can find inexpensive deals in local "gently used" stores.
4. Keep drapes open during the day when there's sunlight. Close the drapes in the evening when the sun goes down.
5. Seal around doors with foam. Home Depot stocks insulating items.
6. Do **not** use your kitchen stove as a heat source. This is dry heat and will make those suffering with Asthma worse. It is also a fire hazard.
7. If you use electric heaters to supplement the heat, keep them away from furniture, curtains, etc. and make sure there's a three foot distance "all the way around them".
8. Keep all children away from heaters.

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** temperature is 40 degrees Fahrenheit or lower you may file a **no heat complaint**.

To file a **"No Heat Complaint"**

Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm call:

973-321-1277 Exts. 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.

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

**OUR FOOD DRIVE PARTNERSHIP...
DHHS/CUMAC/PHA**

The **City of Paterson/Department of Health & Human Services** is incredibly appreciative for the food donations received to help touch the lives of some of our Paterson folks impacted from Hurricane Sandy...

Department of Community Development - Deputy Director Joyce Gregory Hunt, Marcia Sotorrio, Cultural Affairs Division Director and Director Chris Coke and his DPW team...answered the call immediately – they collected contributions from area Bodegas and delivered them to CUMAC;

Department of Health & Human Services

Office of the Director – Chickens – 200 lbs
Silk City School Based Division – Canned Goods - 54 lbs
Division of Health – Canned Goods – 180 lbs
Youth Services Bureau Division – Cornish Hens – 247 lbs

Paterson Great Falls Rotary Club - \$1,600

Paterson Housing Authority – 6 Turkeys

Office of Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly – 10 Turkeys

Positive Development Workshops for Parents: (Rights, Responsibilities & Joys of Parenting) Male Mentoring & Fatherhood Workshops (Free)



On **November 16, 2012**, the School-Based Youth Services Program's staff, Males to Men Fatherhood Program (M.M.) participants, students, community partners and invited guest **celebrated the Holiday Season at the 15th Annual School-Based Youth Services Program "FAMILY DAY."** The event was held at John F. Kennedy H.S., where the staff and students (UMOJA club- Young Lady Leadership Group) served and entertained all those in attendance. The parents and invited guest watched a DVD highlighting the program activities and accomplishments throughout 2012, while staff outlined the goals and mission for 2013. The event was well attended with eighty seven (87) parents, students and guest bringing in the Holiday Season together. All parents signed up for the e-newsletter, and received Department of Health & Human Services Programs/agency brochure.

The SCSBYSP Staff, parents and students volunteered at the Annual Feed the Homeless/Family day, on Thanksgiving morning. Over (40) forty-two volunteers arrived at 7:30 a.m. - helped in the following areas: Setup, separating clothes, donations, cooking, and greeting. Some of the Staff, parents and students stayed the entire day; others attended the **Annual Eastside vs. Kennedy Thanksgiving game.** The day was sunny and bright, and no one remembers the final score...

School-Based Youth services Program staff, parents and students donated 54 pounds of food to CUMAC for the Holiday give away and St. Paul's CDC donated two Holiday Baskets to the Males to Men - Fatherhood Program (M.M.) participants.

THE NEXT FAMILY EVENT WILL BE: Kwanzaa Celebration and SCSBYSP student and staff Holiday Ceremony on December 21, 2012, 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm.

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

The Paterson Fire Department Wishes You a Fire-Safe Holiday Season



The use of Holiday Decorations such as Christmas trees, garlands, electric lights and candles can increase the incidence of holiday fires.

Following a few simple fire safety tips can help ensure that you and your loved ones have a fire-safe holiday season:

- **Holiday Lighting:**

Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet.

- **Candle Care:**

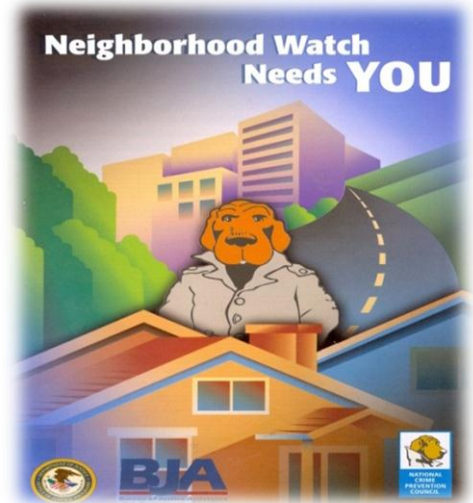
Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles. If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders, and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily.

Community Improvement: Primary focus is to improve housing conditions; improve public facilities; and improve and enhance the quality of life for Paterson Residents.

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: Striving to keep Paterson's Streets, Parks and historical *areas* clean and safe for our residents and visitors.



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!**

Recreation Afterschool Program/Evening Center 2012: Mission is to promote excellence in the lives of each resident in the city academically, athletically and socially by providing programs that offer services for enrichment and social awareness. By adopting imaginative ideas, we will begin the regeneration of our community...



Afterschool Program/Evening Center provides the following;

- Homework Center
- Open Gym
- Arts & Crafts
- Field Trips
- Lecturers Workshops

For Information call 973-321-1313

After
School
Activities

Happy Holidays



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;

Dec. 19 – Eastside High School, Paterson Division of Recreation, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. & Team Hope Presents; **21st Annual Holiday Dinner for the Needy** at 4:30pm Eastside High School Cafeteria 150 Park Avenue, Paterson NJ * Food * Toys * Music;

Jan. 26, 2013 – Relay for Life of Paterson Kickoff Celebration – Come learn about Relay for Life and join in on the FUN at the Christopher Hope Building on 60 Temple Street, Paterson, NJ – for more info call 201-457-3418 ext. 2231 or email fire235@verizon.net or beverly.provido-sahu@cancer.org – Mark your calendar Relay for Life of Paterson on May 18, 2013 at Baurle Park – www.relayforlife.org/patersonNJ;

Helpful Tips: Paterson Task Force offers the public assistance for PSE&G – for more information call 973-279-2333

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