

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

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JUNE FEATURES...



Migraine Awareness, Men's Health Awareness,
Aphasia Awareness, Brain Injury Awareness,
Myasthenia Gravis Awareness, Sun Cancer Awareness,
Potty Training Awareness, Sickle Cell Awareness Day,
HIV Testing Awareness Day, National Cancer Survivors Day...

SUPPORTING THE FIGHTERS, ADMIRING THE SURVIVORS,
HONORING THE TAKEN & NEVER GIVING UP HOPE!

Department of Health & Human Services

NEWS FROM DHHS...

**Happy Father's Day to the Dad's, Uncles, Grand Dad's, Brothers, Cousins, Nephews, etc.
We celebrate our Father's!!!**

- ◆ **DHHS** is scheduled to have our **Quality of Life** follow-up meeting with the **2nd Ward Association** Wednesday, June 26th @ 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Silk City School Based Program presents & HONORS...**

Mashielly Gonzalez -Academy of Business Technology Marketing & Finance @ **JFK** is a **Junior graduating with the 2013 Class** – she works at Boy's & Girls Club since 2011; one of the **founding members** of the North Jersey Federal Credit Union JFK Bank (Castle); also an employee - as intern) – **Awards:** Excellence in Business June 2013; Verizon NEA Education Empowerment Program, June 2013; the School-Based Youth Services Program Outstanding Service Award-June 2013; UMOJA Leadership Award - 2013; School-Based Youth Services Program Student of the Month November 2012; 2012 SCSBYSP Women Recognition Youth Leader Award; North Jersey Federal Credit Union Scholarship (\$1000) School-Based Youth Services Program Book Award (\$100)...

CONGRATULATIONS & CONTINUED BLESSINGS ARE EXTENDED TO MS. MASHIELLY GONZALEZ!!!

Division of Health

**THE PATERSON DIVISION OF HEALTH
WEST NILE VIRUS ACTIVITIES HAVE BEGUN
THE WEATHER IS WARMER, THE RAIN IS COMING DOWN!
STAGNANT WATER COMPLAINTS ARE BEING INVESTIGATED
AND PREVENTION IS KEY!**

WHAT IS WEST NILE VIRUS?

- ◆ Occurs in late summer or early fall, but can be year-round in milder climates
- ◆ Viral disease spread by mosquitoes that feed on wild infected birds
- ◆ Not transmitted person to person
- ◆ Often causes no symptoms, or flu like symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, swollen lymph glands
- ◆ Can cause inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) and of the spinal cord (meningitis), usually of the elderly, infant or immunosuppressed patients
- ◆ Can infect horses and occasionally other small mammals

Prevention is targeted by mosquito control and addressing the habitats where they like to breed:

Dump standing water in containers such as, tires, buckets, wading pools,
pet dishes, flower pots, bird baths, and watering cans.

Please contact the **Environmental Health Office** for complaints related to standing water
and mosquitoes at **(973) 321-1277 Ext. 2756 / 2762**

**COOLING INFO HOTLINE
973-321-1277 Ext. 2757**

- ◆ **South Paterson Library** located at 930 Main Street: **CALL BEFORE YOU GO—973-357-3020;**
- ◆ **Totowa Branch Library** is located at 405 Union Ave: **CALL BEFORE YOU GO—973-942-7198;**
- ◆ **Division of Senior Services – Riverside Vets** is located at 165 5th Ave: **CALL BEFORE YOU GO—973-653-5932;**

Stay Safe and Enjoy the Summer Season!

School Based Youth Services



School Based Youth Services Program - Positive development workshops for Parents: (Rights, Responsibilities & Joys of Parenting) Male Mentoring & Fatherhood Workshops (Free)

The School-Based Youth Services Program staff, John F. K Kennedy H.S. staff, Teen Mothers/fathers (PLP Program) and community partners honored thirty-five seniors at the 14th Annual Teen Center Senior Award Brunch on June 4, 2013. On May 31, 2013, the seniors spent a fun filled day at Medieval Times dinner and show.

THE NEXT FAMILY EVENT WILL BE: June 14, 2013 the School-Based Youth Services Program staff will honor 23 members of the SCSBYSP clubs for their commitment and dedication to the program as well as the Paterson community. The program is free and parents and community partners are invited.

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.

TRAILBLAZERS Summer Camp Tour



TRAILBLAZERS and our Division of Planning & Program Analysis provided an opportunity for Paterson youth ages 8 – 18 to attend a **TRAILBLAZERS** camp site tour, Saturday, June 8, 2013. **Silk City School Based Program and Community Neighborhood Assistance program** are working to provide this incredibly wonderful **TRAILBLAZERS** camp experience to as many Paterson youth as our Social Services grant and other contributors will allow.

RENT LEVELING

Attention Landlords/Homeowners:

Please be advised that pursuant to Section 381-4 K of the Paterson Rent Leveling Ordinance, a registration form must be filed if your property has two (2) or more residential rental units.

Stop by or contact the office to get a form at 125 Ellison Street, 1st Floor.

For more information contact: Mrs. Amelia Jimenez @ 973-321-1242 ext. 2285

Recycling

ATTENTION PATERSON RESIDENTS YOU CANNOT PUT ELECTRONICS IN TRASH...

This includes: COMPUTERS, TV'S, ELECTRONICS, WHITE GOODS/METALS



As a result of **New Environmental Laws**, TV's, computers, and other electronics can no longer be collected with **regular household trash**. Do not put electronics out on your normal scheduled garbage pick-up day as it will not be picked up. Instead, these items must be placed on the curb after you place a call to the Recycling Office to arrange a pick-up. Note: That refrigerator doors must be removed prior to placing on the curb for pick-up. Failure to do so may result in a littering fine.

- ♦ **For TV'S and Electronics Pick-up call 973-321-1490**
- ♦ **For White Goods/Metals Pick-up call 973-321-1393**

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!**

Community Development

WHAT DOES BEING SAFE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD MEAN TO YOU?

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 at 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 advertisements 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.

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"



Hilda Perez at 973-321-1242 ext. 2416.

This Month's Calendar of Events:

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

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;

Every Wednesday—Senior Wellness Aerobics - Free low impact aerobics class—All ages are welcome. United Presbyterian Church, 375 Van Houten Street 11:30AM - 12:30PM call 973-742-9755;

Every First Saturday of Each Month — Souper Saturday Free Community Meal - from 12 noon - 2PM United Presbyterian Church, 375 Van Houten Street Call 973-742-9755;

Every Friday & Monday, Every 3rd Thursday & Every 3rd Friday - Food Pantry sponsored by **Grandparents Relatives Care Resource Center, Inc.** for more info call 973-553-2091 or stop by 224 17th Avenue;

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

June 15th - Annual African Heritage Parade—Celebrating Our Pride - Kickoff at 10am Sharp - Participants must arrive at 224 Martin Luther King Way by 8:30 am & Sign up by 9:30 am - For information Vendors call Mo 862-668-3166 & Parade call Ada 862-823-5483 - No registrations on the day of parade!!!;

June 15th - The Paterson Great Falls Rotary Club proudly salutes our U. S. Armed Forces as we celebrate Flag Dag at Jacksonville, 325 Grand St. Paterson, NJ Dinner/Dance 6pm-10pm - Music by MOJO - \$45 Donation for more info call Sharon Smith for tickets at 973-881-8572 or email scs1950@aol.com;

June 19th - Grandparents As Parents invites you to its Annual Picnic hosted by William Paterson University at 1600 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ 07470 from 11am—1:30pm Free Parking & Bus Pick-up Available at 10:15am for more details call 973-720-3690 or email osinskim@wpunj.edu;

June 23rd DeVita's 1st "We R Family" Cookout - Food, Fun & Entertainment!!! DeVita St. Joseph's Paterson at 11 Getty Ave, Paterson, NJ (Parking Lot)

July 6th—Downtown Paterson Fireworks Extravaganza Presented by the Businesses and Merchants of Downtown Paterson starts at 12noon Fireworks Launch 8:30pm for details call 973-881-7300;

July 13th - Free Teens 15th Annual Purity Ball - Bethwood at 38 Lakawanna Ave. Totowa, NJ - Admission \$50/\$40 Free Teen Members & Parents for more info call Tamika Wiggins 973-816-7890 or Wanda Phillips 862-686-8410 or purchase online at www.FreeTeensYouth.org;

July 22nd - Citywide Weight Loss Challenge Kick Off!!! Join Us as Paterson Fights Back Against Obesity—Kickoff/Weigh In at Paterson Division of Health at 8:30am call 973-321-1277 ext. 2737

Aug 3rd—Rev. Dr. Frank Napier, Jr. 5K Run/Walk - Eastside Park, Paterson, NJ for full details call Paterson Recreation at 973-321-1313;

Aug 6th - 2013 National Night out—Save the Date "It's America's Night Out Against Crime!" 5pm - 1st Ward & Clinton—If you live in the 1st Ward please come out!

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

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK(8255) Suicides are quickly becoming a major concern in our community & on a national level.