

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.

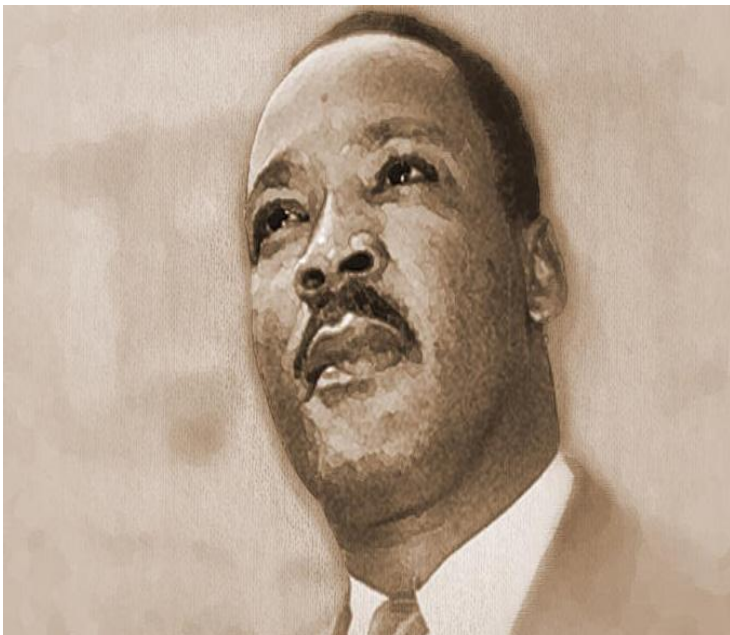
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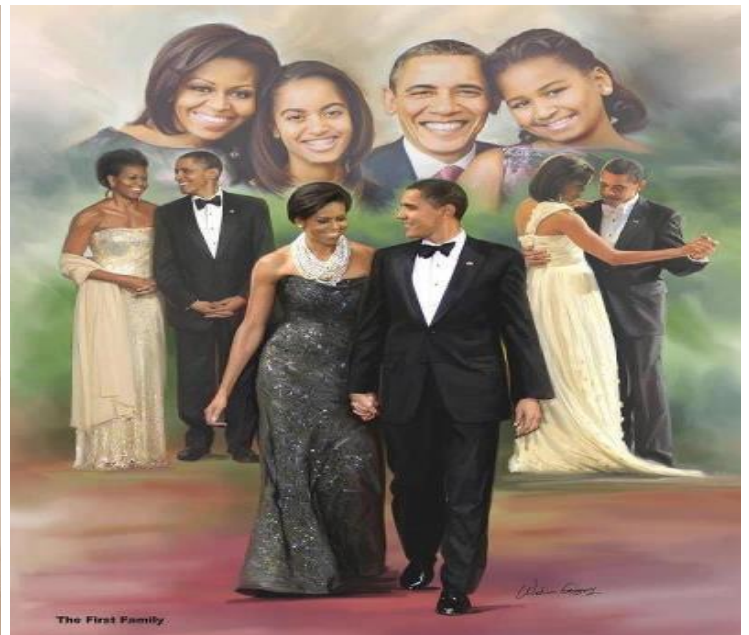
Building a way to bring our community together

**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**



**34th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Observance**



**Barack Obama Inauguration 2013**

**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.**

**The Department of Health & Human Services' Division of Health Flu Vaccination Clinics:  
Paterson Division of Health 176 Broadway, Paterson, NJ**

**FREE Childhood Flu Immunization Clinic  
Ages 4-18 years of age  
January 18, 2013  
12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**APPOINTMENTS ONLY FOR CHILDREN  
Please call 973-321-1277 ext. 2739  
All children must be accompanied by  
parent/legal guardian  
Please bring child's immunization records**



**FREE Adult Flu Immunization Clinic  
18 yrs of age and above  
January 24, 2013  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY FOR ADULTS  
Please bring Medicaid/Medicare card  
Door# 5**

**For more information, please call 973-321-1277 ext. 2780**



**Department of Health & Human Services: Division of Health Environmental Updates...**

**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.

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**.

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](mailto:vgood@patersonnj.gov)



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



**Congratulations to Mara Kettle, School Based student who was the first place winner of the Metropolitan New Jersey Planned Parenthood 2012 teen Summit essay contest.** (Topic- What Can You Do To Bring Positive Change To Your School).

**On December 18, 2012, the School-Based Youth Services Program's staff, Males to Men Fatherhood Program (M.M.), Head Start, community partners and invited guest attended the Christmas Holiday Celebration hosted by PLP (Parent Linking Program), Teen Mothers & Fathers, the event was held at John F. Kennedy H.S. and was coordinated by Mrs. Jacqueline A. Jones (Grads-Teacher). The event was filled with fun activities, food, and pictures with Santa Claus. At the end of the celebration, the Grads-Students and children received gifts from **New Beginning's Christian Ministries staff, Phenomenal Grandmothers and the Board of Education.** All who attended the celebration had a great time kicking off the Holiday season together.**

**The SCSBYSP Staff, parents and students volunteered on Christmas day at the Annual Christmas Celebration at the Masonic Temple.** The volunteers arrived at 7:30 a.m. and helped in the following areas: Setup, separating gifts and feeding needy families. The students and staff stayed all day and helped to make the Holiday season more festive.

**THE NEXT FAMILY EVENT WILL BE: Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, Monday, January 21, 10:00 am....**

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

**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**

## **A Drug-Free School Zone is More Than a Law and a Sign**

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## **Six Steps To Take...**

1. Build a drug-free school zone coalition that includes representatives from law enforcement, schools, parent groups, civic clubs, youth organizations, businesses, religious institutions, local government, drug treatment centers, other social service agencies, public housing authorities, and the courts.
2. Mobilize the community — talk to key people, build partnerships, assess the community's drug problems.
3. Create a shared vision of a safe and drug-free environment for children. Set goals and design strategies to meet them.
4. Establish the drug-free school zone by researching laws and establishing formal partnership agreements with school administrators, city officials, and law enforcement. Name a coordinator, measure and map the zone, post signs (check with law enforcement and city officials regarding wording and placement), and publicize the project. Kick off with special school assemblies, a parents' organization meeting, a proclamation, and press conference.
5. Mobilize the community — talk to key people, build partnerships, assess the community's drug problems.
6. Celebrate successes with award ceremonies, family events, posters, publicity, and T-shirts. Have young people plan and run a drug-free celebration.

*Don't stop at the school's boundaries. Expand your drug-free zone efforts to any area besieged by problems associated with drug and alcohol abuse.*

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For more information contact your Neighborhood Assistance Office 125 Ellison Street 2<sup>nd</sup> floor **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



**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**

**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!**

## This Month's calendar of Events:

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

**Jan 21, 2013-** 7th Annual Dr. MLK Jr. Youth Recognition Awards Brunch (and watch the Presidential Inauguration too) at 11 am at the Brownstone, Paterson, NJ - To RSVP, please contact Manny Martinez at phone: 973-413-1627, or e-mail: [mmartinez@njcdc.org](mailto:mmartinez@njcdc.org) or contact Eddie Gonzalez at phone: 973-413-1641, or e-mail: [egonzalez@njcdc.org](mailto:egonzalez@njcdc.org).

**Jan 21, 2013** – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at 10:00am – Hosted by Pastor Fredrick LaGarde, with Keynote Speaker Dr. Vernon C. Walton and Special Musical Guest Elder Lorraine Stancil as well as other Special Guests at Community Baptist Church of Love located at 535 Broadway, Paterson, NJ. For more info call: 973-742-9119;

**Jan. 24, 2013** – The NJ Dept of State Office of Faith Based Initiatives in collaboration with the US Dept of Health and Human Service, Administration for Children and Families (HHS/ACF) and the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) presents a **free** Grant Writing Workshop. To register for this free interactive grant writing workshop please go to: <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/4986045396> If you have any questions or are having difficulty registering please contact Ms. Christine Celinski at 609-984-2360 or email at [christine.celinski@sos.state.nj.us](mailto:christine.celinski@sos.state.nj.us);

**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](mailto:fire235@verizon.net) or [beverly.provido-sahu@cancer.org](mailto:beverly.provido-sahu@cancer.org) – Mark your calendar Relay for Life of Paterson on May 18, 2013 at Barkley Park – [www.relayforlife.org/patersonNJ](http://www.relayforlife.org/patersonNJ);

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

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

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

**First Time Moms** – call 973-942-3630;

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

**Team Updates due the 10<sup>th</sup> monthly via e-mail: [hperez@patersonnj.gov](mailto:hperez@patersonnj.gov)**

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