

Honorable Jeffery Jones, Mayor Presents

## Paterson's Quality of Life e-Newsletter

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### This Month's Features:

*March is National..*

*1916 - Margaret Sanger opens the first birth control clinic*

*1903 - Marie Curie is awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics for the discovery of radioactivity*

*1849 - Elizabeth Blackwell becomes the first American woman to receive a medical degree*

*1854-1860 - Susan B. Anthony crusades for women's rights in the United States and internationally*

*1928 - Women compete for the first time in Olympic field events*

*1966 - National Organization for Women (NOW) is founded*

*1920 - With the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, U.S. women get to vote*

*1542 - Mary, Queen of Scots is the first known female golfer*

*1969 - Golda Meir becomes prime minister of Israel.*

*2570 B.C. - Queen Nefertari rules Egypt, calling herself "God's wife."*

# Women's History Month

2013 Theme: "Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination"

## Department of Health & Human Services

### NEWS FROM DHHS...

#### *Drinking water update...*

Because we have so many youth engaged in programs at 60 Temple Street DOH was asked to test the water for lead levels. The water fountain on the second floor lead levels tested 24 – again 15 or higher means lead is present in the water. The water fountain was immediately shut down.

As a result of this finding we wanted to share that the Passaic Valley Water Commission does have lead water test kits available for \$17.00 – please call to make arrangements to purchase: 973.340.4300. This continues to be a precautionary message.

- ◆ The **Division of Planning & Program Analysis** announces the release of the FY 2014 Request for Proposals. The RFP's are available for non profit agencies providing services to Paterson citizens. Applications will be available @ 125 Ellison Street 1<sup>st</sup> floor and posted on the city website – [www.patersonnj.gov](http://www.patersonnj.gov) effective March 25, 2013 - March 28, 2013. For additional information please contact Cesar Lopez/Hilda Perez @ 973.321.1242.
- ◆ As per the request of our **seniors**, guest speakers have visited **DSS** throughout Black History Month: Mr. Al Moody, Ms. Nancy Grier, Council President Anthony E. Davis and Mr. Raheem (William) Smallwood). In addition the **seniors** have asked for Department and/or Division Directors to stop by and share their information. They have enjoyed the Paterson Fire Department's presentation and looking forward to hearing from: Office of Emergency Management, Paterson Public Library, Community Development and the Finance Department.
- ◆ The **Honorable Benjie E. Wimberly** has invited DHHS to attend and possibly give testimony during the FY 2014 Health & Human Services Budget Hearing...

## Division of Health

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

Monday - Friday from 8:30 am - 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 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 the **Division of Health** can provide a thorough investigation.

File a no heat complaint when: 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).

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.

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)

## Environmental

### *GOT A GOOD CAN?*

#### *"Garbage can that is!"*

One of the best ways someone can help keep the rodent population down is by having a good, tight sealing lid on a garbage can. **Rodents, raccoons, squirrels, cats, dogs and other creatures roam the streets** and look for "human food." Often they find it when garbage is placed by the curb in plastic garbage bags. They tear into it with their teeth or claws, call their friends and family and feast on whatever you've had as a meal in the past week. Rodents move in and eat the leftovers often hanging around for the next "free meal." Purchasing a well constructed garbage can with a tight fitting lid makes it difficult to open. Garbage cans that are difficult to open make the four legged scavengers move along to the next available "free lunch." A "Good Can" is a great investment! **If there is still a rodent problem in your area make sure to call Vermin Specialist John El-Amin at the Paterson Division of Health, 176 Broadway 973-321-1277 ext.2761.** He'll be happy to help you in any way he can.

## School Based Youth Services



On February 25, 2013 the **Positive Development for Family Workshop Coordinators and Buds (Brothers United Developing Spiritually) Male Rites of Passage Program** participated in the School-Based Youth Services Program 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Black History Month Poetry Program at the Paterson Public Library.

The Program consisted of praise dancing, singing, Libation, Black History Trivia, and Poetry. The event was supported by Students, Parents, Community Partners and Staff. All in attendance received a copy of the e-newsletter, SCSBYSP March 2013 calendar and Black History Month calendar.

The next e-Newsletter issue will provide you with a summary of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Patricia Harris Parent Summit held @ John F. Kennedy High School on March 9, 2013.

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

## Hinchliffe Stadium Becomes A National Historic Landmark

Washington announced the designation of 13 new national historic landmarks, which includes our own **Paterson's Hinchliffe Stadium**. Hinchliffe Stadium is an exceptional example of a Negro league baseball stadium in 20th-century segregated America. The stadium served as home field for teams such as the **New York Black Yankees** and the **New York Cubans** during a period when the institutionalized practice of "**separate but equal**" facilities was the accepted norm. Eleven current members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame played at Hinchliffe Stadium.

Hinchliffe Stadium as well as the other national historic landmark designations span more than two centuries of our country's history which are nationally significant historic places that possess exceptional value and quality in illustrating and interpreting the heritage of the United States. To read the actual article go to...

<http://interior.gov/news/pressreleases/americas-great-outdoors-secretary-salazar-director-jarvis-designate-13-national-historic-landmarks.cfm>

## Office of Emergency Management



Paterson's Office of Emergency Management Team, Division of Health's Emergency Responders, Paterson Fire Department, Paterson Parking Authority and the Director of DHHS attended the Disaster Logistics LOG 101 and LOG 200 on March 5, 2013 at the Public Safety Academy, Wayne. All participants successfully completed both courses and received certifications accordingly.





City of Paterson, NJ - Department of Public Works



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## 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!**

## Drinking Water Update...

**Remember** 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!**

## 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 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.

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.

## 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;

**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;

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

**Mar. 16th** - Please join Assemblyman Benjie E. Wimberly and Paterson Team H.O.P.E. as we support the Paterson Department of Public Works and The Paterson Environmental Commission's Paterson Recycling Initiative at 1:00 pm, at NJCDC 32 Spruce Street 3rd Floor, Paterson, N.J. - For more info: **Dawn Moody 973-418-1820;**

**Mar. 16th** - **Cooking for a Cure Dinner Fundraiser Relay for Life 2013 Paterson** - 11am - till finish - Chicken/ Fish Dinners & Sandwiches - All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society's - For info, prices, orders & pick-up call **973-956-7938 or 973-978-1749** - Pickup location **235 Arlington Ave., Paterson, NJ;**

**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 more info: **Ms. Nancy Grier 973.321.1212;**

**Mar. 23rd** - African Heritage Parade Committee – Breakfast, @ Jacksonville \$12.00 For more info: **973-279-2333 ext. 231;**

**Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>** - Hats for Hope – @ Brunch, Hamilton & Ward \$30.00 for info: **973-851-2240;**

**Apr. 3rd & 4th** - Mayor Jeffery Jones presents: **Job Readiness Conference** – @ the Paterson Public Library - For info: **Ms. Sil Garcia 973-321-1600 ext. 2303;**

**Apr. 5th** - Luau for a Cure Presented by "Team Fires Fight Back" 7pm - 11pm @ the Brownstone House located 351 West Broadway tickets will be \$30 in advance & \$35 at the door - For more info call: **Phyllis 973-9781749, Patricia 862-368-0504, Tonia 973-790-6114 or Carla 973-956-0703** - All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life 2013 Paterson;

**Apr. 8th** - **1st Annual Public School #6 Hall of Fame Banquet** - @the Brownstone—351 West Broadway, Paterson - tickets \$45.00 For more info call **Mark Fischer Or Aliciner Jones at 973-321-1000 ext. 20651;**

**Apr. 13th** - Our Mayor and his **Emergency Management Team** are presenting a Disaster Preparedness Day, @ JFK High School 10:00am – 3:00pm For more info: **Ms. Sil Garcia 973-321-1600 ext. 2303;**

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

**Apr. 20th** - Paterson Public Library & Project H.O.P.E present: **Cinderella for a Day 3rd Annual Prom Dress Give-away!** Donate a Dress & Make a Difference! - 12-5pm @105 Church Street in Totowa, NJ - For more info & registration: Ms. **Natasha 973-393-7503** - [beingcinderella@yahoo.com](mailto:beingcinderella@yahoo.com) or Ms. **Michelle 973-321-1223** - [petrasek@patersonpl.org](mailto:petrasek@patersonpl.org);

**Apr. 21th** - Retirement Celebration for a Living Legend Alonzo "Al" Moody @ the Brownstone House 351 West Broadway , Paterson @ 6pm - Tickets \$75 - for more info: Sharon Easton 973-703-2387 - Make checks payable to Zatiti Moody;

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