



EGHA TODAY

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CLASSIC CAR CRUISE NIGHTS ARE ROLLING BACK IN TOWN!

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The East Greenwich Housing Authority is pleased to announce that they will be sponsoring Classic Car Cruise Nights again this year in an even bigger lot on Main Street.

The success of last year's event earned funding that enabled the EGHA to enhance its Family Self Sufficiency Program.



Over 60 vintage restored vehicles will be on display in the parking lot at 500 Main Street.



This year, Classic Car Cruise Nights will continue its mission of benefiting the FSS Program and holiday fund with additional support that has been pledged by Gammons Realty. Cruise on down every Friday night, 5pm – 7:30 pm, from May 7th through September 24th for cool fun where every week there will be music from a live DJ, a 50/50 raffle, trophies, and more!

TAKE THE FIRST STEP FORWARD WITH FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY

One of the many opportunities the EGHA provides for its tenants is the Family Self Sufficiency Program. The goal of FSS is to enable families to reach their educational, career, and life skills goals in order to obtain financial independence through employment.



Support Network RI will host two upcoming events that will include informative seminars with a focus on parenting. Parenting Wisely: The Teen Years will be held on Thursday, April 29 at 6:00 pm and Parenting Wisely: Childhood will be held Thursday, May 27 at 6:00 pm. A parent with a wealth of knowledge, Laurie Topozada, will be speaking at both of these events.

Contact Liz Bode to find out how simple it can be to take the right step for you and your family.

COMMISSIONER PROFILE: HECTOR VARGAS

In this edition we place focus on Resident Commissioner Hector Vargas. Vargas, a full-time employee of engineering firm, The Maguire Group, immigrated to the United States from the Dominican Republic at the age of 10. An alumni of Central High School and CCRI, this single father of two has lived as a resident of the EGHA in Marlborough Crossing for over four years and has held the position of Resident Commissioner for the past two and a half years.



Bringing a resident's point of view to the table, as well as recently being reappointed as Resident Commissioner for the next five years, Hector Vargas is an integral part in dealing with budget issues, following issued regulations, and developing the long-term planning of the EGHA.

Hector, the sole resident of the five appointed commissioners, acts as a spokesperson for the residents of the housing authority. He highlights the key strengths of the Housing Authority as having nice units that are well kept, a top notch maintenance crew and staff, and friendly residents - all while having the opportunity to reside in an excellent community that he's always dreamed of. Hector hopes to see more units in the EGHA within the next 20 years and says it will depend on the federal government and where funding will go. With expensive prices of land in the East Greenwich community it will be a challenge, but by no means impossible.

HAVING A BLAST ... FROM THE PAST!



Always a nice time at Shoreside Apartments, residents recently got the chance to reminisce on their golden days. The picture shown is from an event that was held on February 17th called "Time Warp." Tenants were invited to bring down their baby pictures and reflect on their early days. Shoreside regularly treats its tenants to events like this and other activities such as Scrabble, movie time, arts and crafts, and more!



OUTSTANDING YOUTH SPOTLIGHT: ASHLEY RIVERA

It's always a joy to see the positive impact the EGHA has on the lives of the youth it serves throughout the community. In this edition we put the spotlight on East Greenwich High School student, Ashley Rivera. A lifelong resident of East Greenwich, Ashley and her family have been served by the EGHA for over thirteen years. With nothing but great things to say about the EGHA, Ashley loves her community - highlighting the excellent school systems as well as the friendly and safe environment.



This sixteen year old is currently in the ninth grade and excelling in many areas. With nothing but A's and B's, Ashley enjoys English, Math, and Art. An avid cheerleader for her school, Ashley also enjoys basketball, softball, football, and anything else that can get her active in any of the community's excellent outdoor parks. Expressing career interests in nursing and education, Ashley's main priority as of now is to keep doing well in school and to remain an exceptional cheerleader. With such and outstanding youth being served by the EGHA, we will all be cheering Ashley on.

ATTENTION PARENTS:

Summer Jobs for teens!

Get information and pick up applications at the EGHA main office.

Or visit the East Greenwich website:

www.eastgreenwichri.com

Click:

- 1. Municipality***
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EGHA LENDS A HELPING HAND FOR HAITI

The East Greenwich Housing Authority took part in the community-wide effort sponsored by Cardi's Furniture to provide unused wheelchairs and walkers to the people of Haiti. On February 19th, EGHA maintenance staff Pete Demers and Mark Quirico transported items to the central Cardi's collection point.



A MESSAGE FROM MANAGEMENT

- Please be sure the EGHA has a current, active phone number. Most times, a brief clarification is all we need to answer a question,,, or to stop a small problem from turning into a bigger one!
- Your lease requires you to provide us with the current registration and proof of insurance for automobiles belonging to members of the household.
- The good news is that the public housing excess utility fee (\$44 a month for an air conditioner) will not be increased this year. You do need to be current in order to install A/C in 2010, so now is the time to plan for that.
- Some recent events have reminded us of the value of renters insurance. Please take the time to look into purchasing a policy that could help you replace your possessions in the event of tenant-caused damages.
- CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS! We verify they are working every time we inspect, but if you think they have stopped working, call in a work order to **885-2610 IMMEDIATELY!**
- And finally, if you are considering moving out, we ask that you review the lease provision that requires you give us 30 days written notice.

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WELCOME SPRING!



Shoreside Apartments Manager Jenn Gallagher at the nearby Bleachery Pond Falls just after a period of heavy rain in March.

