

Hoffman Pavilion Times

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WELCOME!!!

*Welcome to the first issue of the
Hoffman Times!!!*

This newsletter will be coming out quarterly, in order to give the residents of Hoffman Pavilion information about what is going on in the Housing Authority community and in the community of New Brunswick.

This newsletter is for you! If there is any information that you would like to see, or any questions about Housing Authority Policies you want answered, please let us know, and we will try to put them into the next newsletter!

To submit a question or suggest an article, please call Meredith Masin at 732-745-9110.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Resident Discussion Meeting
Monday January 27, 2003 2:00 PM

Come have Lunch with Executive Director John Clarke, and discuss issues that are important to you!

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Residents of Hoffman Pavilion,

Welcome to the first edition of the Hoffman Times! This newsletter will be brought to you quarterly by the Housing Authority and Hoffman Pavilion Tenant Council, so you can remain fully informed of the activities, programs, and events that are available within the Housing Authority and New Brunswick. You can look to future issues of this newsletter to bring you information about updates to Housing Authority Policy, events brought to you by the Tenant Council, and achievements of Housing Authority residents. This newsletter is one of the many new initiatives that the Authority is undertaking at all of its facilities and I am hopeful that you will read these news letters and continue to work with our staff as we make a better future for all our residents. With that in mid, I will be initiating a monthly coffee and donut meeting with property management, all residents of Hoffman Pavilion, and myself. Our first meeting will take place in early January 2003 and will continue each month for the year.

It is my hope that these meeting will help us more toward our goal of making the New Brunswick Housing Authority the best place to live in New Jersey!

We can only continue to improve if we work together, I hope you will join me in this effort and I hope you enjoy the first addition of your newsletter.

Sincerely,
John Clarke, Executive Director



Local Champion



When 12-year-old Anthony McLaughlin went to the New Brunswick Boxing Club with his friend three months ago, he went just to “check it out.” What Anthony didn’t know, was that just three short months later, he would be first runner up in his first boxing tournament.

“I was excited,” Anthony said. “I was really excited because that was my first fight.”

Anthony has been at the New Brunswick Boxing Club, located at 121 Jersey Avenue, learning how to box six days a week, three hours a day, for the last three months. At the school, he has been learning the rules of boxing and practicing for competitions.

All that practice paid off on October 25, 2002, when Anthony won a three round fight with another 12-year-old boxer in the Knights of Columbus Boxing Club in South River. Based on a points system, Anthony was determined First Runner Up and came home with a trophy.

Congratulations Anthony, and good luck in your next competition!

To share your success or the success of someone in your family, please call Meredith Masin at 732-745-9110.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



INFO-LINE 1-888-908-4636

To locate services within Middlesex County – clothing, food, furniture, transportation, etc.

GED & ESL Classes

Adult Learning Center
732-745-5300 x4100

HOTLINES

If you need to reach out for help, but don't know who to talk to, call one of these anonymous, toll free help lines.

Eldercare Locator

Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

1-800-677-1116.

Helps older adults and their caregivers find local services for seniors.

Medicare

Eligibility 1-800-772-1213

General info 1-800-638-6833

Managed care plans
1-800-638-6833

Replacement of lost cards
1-800-772-1213

Social Security
1-800-772-1213

Veterans Affairs
1-800-827-1000

National Alzheimer's Association
1-800-272-3900

AIDS Hotline
1-800-432-2437

HOTLINES

National Domestic Violence Hotline
Hable espanol
1-800-799-7233

Hope Line: National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependency
1-800-622-2255

Drug Abuse Treatment Referral
1-800-COCAINE
1-800-262-2463

Do you need a ride to your doctor's appointments?

Then call the

Middlesex County Area-Wide Transportation Service

At

1-800-221-3520

press 1 for a menu, then press 2 to schedule a trip!

For more information contact
Danika Ali at 732-745-2730

What is a social worker? Why do I need one?



Danika Ali is the social worker for Hoffman Pavilion and sections of Schwartz-Robeson Community. Since she works at two places, she spends 2 days at Schwartz-Robeson, and 3 days at Hoffman Pavilion.

You can page Danika Monday – Friday between the hours of 9AM – 5PM at 732-843-8944, or drop by her office hours:

Hoffman Pavilion:
Monday, Wednesday, and
Friday
12PM – 5PM
➤ Social Worker's Office
732-745-2730

Schwartz-Robeson:
Tuesday and Thursday
12PM – 5PM
➤ 149 Wright Place
732-246-7148



Danika's job is to help you! If you need assistance in completing paperwork, getting Meals-on-Wheels, calling your doctor to set up an appointment, or getting a home-health aide – Danika can help! In addition, Danika works with the Resident Councils to plan activities on both sites and trips to events like the movies.

So why don't you stop by Danika's office during her office hours to ask her a question, get some help, or just to say hi!