

Directions to Brennan School, 200 Wilmot Road, New Haven, Connecticut:

Directions to Statewide Meeting

From Stamford/Bridgeport Area and Points South: Take I-95 N to Exit 38 toward CT-15/Merritt and W. Cross Pkys. Merge onto Milford Pky. Merge onto CT-15 N/Wilbur Cross Pky toward New Haven/Hartford. Take Exit 59 which is CT-69 toward CT-63/New Haven/Woodbridge. Turn right onto Whalley Ave./CT-69. Continue to follow Whalley Ave. Turn left on Blake St. Turn left on Springside Ave. Turn Sharp Right onto Wintergreen Ave. Turn Sharp Left on Wilmot Road.

From Hartford Area and Points North: Take I-91 South to Exit 17 onto CT-15 S/Wilbur Cross Pky. Take Exit 60 the CT-10 exit toward Hamden/New Haven. Turn right onto Dixwell Ave./CT-10. Turn right onto CT-10/Arch St. Continue to follow CT-10. Turn right on Wintergreen Ave. Turn slight right onto Wilmot Rd.

From New Britain Area: Take Route CT-9 South toward Middletown. Merge onto I-91 South via Exit 20-S toward New Haven/NY City. Merge onto CT-15 S/Wilbur Cross Parkway via Exit 17. Follow Hartford directions above from CT-15.

From Ansonia Area: Take Route CT-15 N/Wilbur Cross Pky toward New Haven. Take Exit 59 which is CT-69. Continue to follow Whalley Ave. Turn left onto Blake St. Turn left onto Springside Ave. Turn sharp right onto Wintergreen Ave. Turn sharp left onto Wilmot Road.

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•PLEASE CHECK OUT THE INSIDE OF THIS EDITION FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON OUR STATEWIDE MEETING, SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2005!!

◆For more information on o"Let's Talk!" please email us at: PHRN@ct-housing.org or call us toll free at: 1-888-415-2564.

"Let's Talk!" Statewide Resident Meeting Agenda

" Let's Talk! - Residents Uniting as One"

May 14, 2005 from 11 am to 2 pm • Katherine Brennan School, New Haven

Opening Prayer

Welcoming Address

Introduction of Board Members

Legislative Update on Public Housing Policy (State and Federal)

Keynote Speaker

Questions and Answer

Adjournment Followed by Light Lunch and Networking

•The Keynote Speaker for the event is Dr. Edward Williams. Dr. Williams is President of the national public housing residents organization Everywhere and Now Public Housing Resident Organizing Nationally Together. Dr. Williams is a public housing resident in Far Rockaway, New York.

"Let's Talk" is free and open to the public. However, we are requesting pre-registration to insure that adequate food and materials are provided. Please fill out the information below and fax to us to RSVP.

You may also call us toll free at 1-888-415-2564 with this information.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ EMAIL: _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING (INCLUDE SELF) _____

WILL YOU NEED SPANISH TRANSLATION? _____

WILL YOU NEED CHILDCARE AT THIS MEETING? _____

*****PLEASE FAX TO: 860-529-5176**

The Connecticut Public Housing Resident Network Board

The Connecticut Public Housing Resident Network is a statewide resident council. Its members are primarily residents of federal and state public housing. The group has adopted bylaws and holds monthly board meetings. They also will be hosting periodic statewide meetings and training such as "Let's Talk." Pictured to the right is Patricia Johnson (third from the left), president of the Network. She is pictured with her children at the Connecticut Housing Coalition's 2004 Annual Conference.



President: Patricia Johnson. Patricia is also President of the Stamford Citywide Residents Council and the President of the Stamford Scattered-Sites Resident Council.

Vice President: Yul Watley. Yul is President of the Westville Manor Tenant Resident Council in New Haven. He also serves on the board of the Connecticut Housing Coalition.

Treasurer: Rose Price. Rose is the President of the Bowles Park Tenant Association in Hartford.

Secretary: Nancy Pica. Nancy is the President of Chamberlain Heights Resident Council in Meriden. She is also the Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator for the Meriden Housing Authority.

Sergeant-at-Arms: James White. James is the Resident Commissioner for the Meriden Housing Authority. He is also a resident of Chamberlain Heights.

•June Downer is a Vice President of the Bowles Park Tenant Association in Hartford.

•Ethel Fuller is Vice President of the Oval Grove Resident Council in New Britain.

•Lynne Ide is the Associate Director of the Connecticut Housing Coalition.

•Maritza Pelletier is Vice President of the Dutch Point Tenant Association in Hartford. She is also a board member of the Connecticut Housing Coalition.

•Naomi Wallace is President of the Riverside Tenant Association in Ansonia.

•Annie Walton is the President of the Westbrook Village Tenant Association in Hartford.



Newsletter

"LET'S TALK!"

The Public Housing Resident Network's Statewide Meeting
Saturday, May 14, 2005
11 am to 2 pm
Katherine Brennan School Auditorium - New Haven

The Public Housing Resident Network (PHRN) will hold its first statewide meeting and training on Saturday, May 14, 2005 in New Haven, Connecticut. This meeting will be the first time residents will get a chance to meet the official CT/PHRN Resident Board. The meeting will take place from 11 am to 2 pm.

"This is a great time for public housing residents to come together in one location and learn from one another about how to deal with the struggles we face as residents," said Patricia Johnson, President of the CT/PHRN and also a public housing resident in Stamford. "Sometimes we are in our cities, fighting to improve the quality of our lives and we think we are alone and no one else understands," said Johnson. "This is a chance to listen, learn and get strength from knowing that you are not alone and other residents throughout Connecticut are going through the exact same thing you are going through. People should leave this meeting with a sense of hope and a renewed energy."

Admission to "Let's Talk!" is free and open to the public. Advance registration is required to get a count and make sure adequate refreshments are available. Look inside this newsletter for more information.

"Let's Talk" Contacts

If you are interested in attending "Let's Talk" and are from the following towns, please contact the person listed below at your agency to discuss transportation:

- NEW HAVEN:** Edith Rawls, 203-498-8800
- STAMFORD:** Max Thaxton, 203-977-1400
- BRIDGEPORT:** Emma Jefferson, 203-337-8935
- HARTFORD:** Victor Rush, 860-723-8400

All others contact COURTNEY ANDERSON, PHRN COORDINATOR, toll free at: 1-888-415-2564.

About the Connecticut Housing Coalition

The Connecticut Housing Coalition represents the broad vibrant network of community-based affordable housing activity across the state. Our more than 250 member organizations include nonprofit developers, human service agencies, resident associations and diverse other housing practitioners and advocates.

Founded in 1981, the Coalition works to expand housing opportunity and to increase the quantity and quality of affordable housing in Connecticut through advocacy, education and collaboration. Our activities include conferences, training workshops, technical assistance services, action alerts and newsletters. The Coalition stands as Connecticut's foremost membership organization for affordable housing.