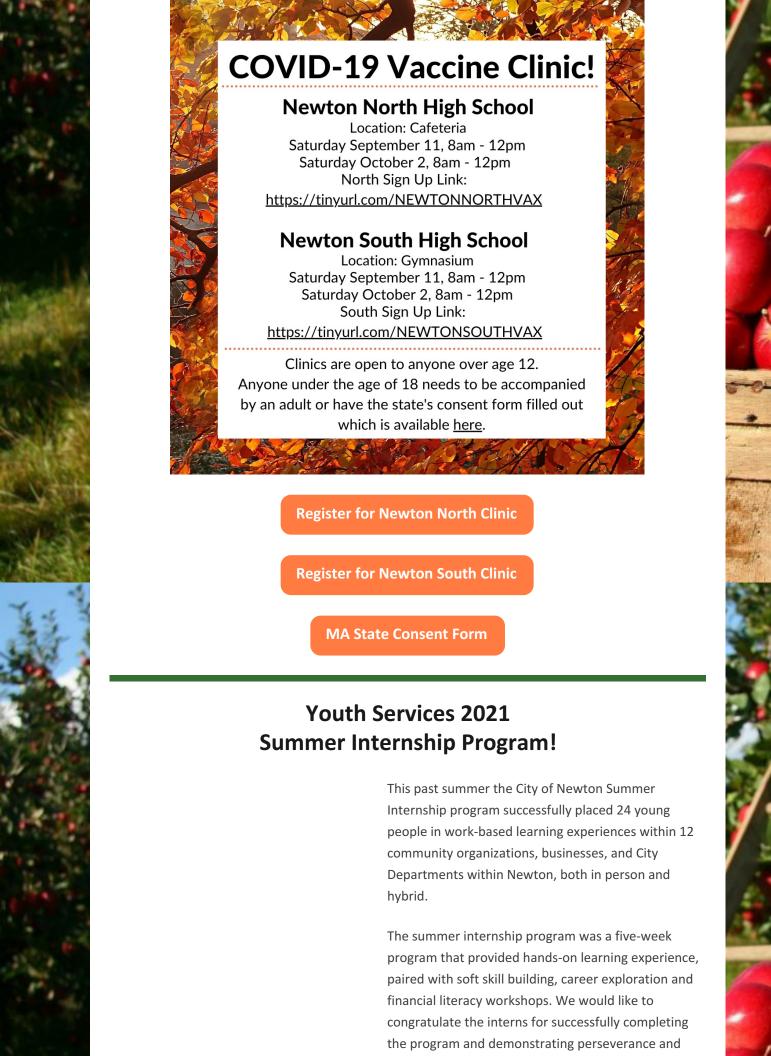


September News from HHS

COVID-19 Vaccines

As we approach the end of summer and the beginning of the school year, we urge everyone in the Newton community to do their part and get vaccinated if you over age 12. Vaccines remain our best tool in protecting ourselves and our community from COVID-19. If you are looking for a COVID-19 vaccination, please visit vaxfinder.mass.gov for a list of vaccination sites and to schedule an appointment.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics will be held at Newton North and Newton South High Schools. Clinics are open to anyone over the age of 12, however anyone under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult or have the state's consent form filled out.





commitment.

We would also like to thank our community partners and placement supervisors, MassHire Metro South/West, Newton Public Schools, Newton Community Development Foundation, West Suburban YMCA, New Art Center, City of Newton- Planning Department, Green Newton, Sandwich Works, Historic Newton, Newton Housing Authority, Health & Human Services, Newton Grab & Go Program, Newton Free Library, and Newton Wellesley Hospital.





Photos:

(Top) Lucy, HHS intern, adding a little fun to the Grab & Go program at Newton North.

(Right) Kayla & Jesse, Planning Department interns engaging with the community around village redesign.

(Left) Chelize & Sephora interns with NCDF Youth Coordinator India Arnold, playing games with the youth of NCDF's summer youth program.

Upcoming Program



How to Help & Be Helped:

Recognizing Unhealthy
Relationships and
Finding Support

REACH will run a

CONFIDENTIAL LIVE CHAT

during the program to answer any questions and provide immediate support.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness
Month. Join Mayor Fuller, REACH, The
Second Step, Newton-Wellesley Hospital,
and Jewish Families & Children Services
to learn about different kinds of abuse,
how to safely assist someone in a
controlling relationship, and where to
find support resources in Newton.



Thursday, September 30th, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Register for this webinar at: www.newtonma.gov/socialservices

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COVID-19 Housing Assistance

Whether you are a tenant, homeowner, or landlord there are resources to help you. Please see below for a list of housing assistance programs and our Social Services team is available to help you apply - call 617-796-1420 or go online to www.newtonma.gov/socialservices.

COVID-19 EMERGENCY SERVICES RESOURCE GUIDE

COVID-19 HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Assistance for Tenants, Homeowners, and Landlords

Social Services staff is available to help you apply to these programs.

METRO HOUSING BOSTON

Rent Relief, Mortgage Assistance, Utility Arrears, and Eviction Prevention:

- RAFT (Residential Assistance for Families in Transition)
- ERMA (Emergency Rent and Mortgage Assistance)
- ERAP (Emergency Rental Assistance Program)

These programs help low-income renters and owners achieve housing stability.

www.metrohousingboston.org
617-859-0400

MASSACHUSETTS COVID EVICTION LEGAL HELP PROJECT (TENANTS & LANDLORDS)

The Massachusetts COVID Eviction Legal Help Project gives free legal help to low-income tenants and to low-income owner occupants of 2 or 3-family homes.

www.evictionlegalhelp.org www.gbls.org/get-legal-help 617-603-1807



The Brookline Center supports individuals and families who are experiencing or at-risk of becoming homeless through short-term and medium-term rental assistance, security deposit, moving costs, utility payments, application fees, and case management.

www.brooklinecenter.org
617-277-8107

THE HORACE INDUSTRIAL COUSENS FUND Provides emergency utility and rental payments to low- and moderate- income Newton residents who are at-risk of becoming

residents who are at-risk of becoming homeless and / or experiencing utility shut-off. cousendsfundenewtonma.gov 617-796-1324

*For more resources visit: www.newtonma.gov/housinghelp

Click here for more housing resources

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

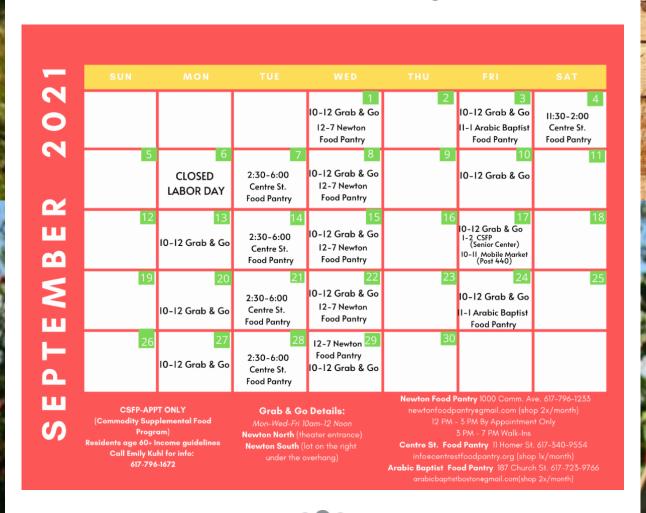




September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. While suicide prevention is important year-round, this time provides the opportunity to shine a light on the many resources and support available to anyone struggling. You are never alone.

- If you or someone you know is in an emergency, call 911 immediately.
- If you are in crisis or are experiencing difficult or suicidal thoughts, call the National Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273 TALK (8255)
- If you're uncomfortable talking on the phone, you can also text NAMI to 741-741 to be connected to a free, trained crisis counselor on the Crisis Text Line.

Grab & Go Will Continue Through the Fall



Questions or Feedback? E-mail health@newtonma.gov or call (617) 796-1420

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