

We're All in This Together

Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven plans important projects for NeighborWorks Week 2020

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Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven (NHS) has rallied behind the anthem we have been hearing often during this crisis, “We are all in this together.” Building on that theme, Community Building & Organizing has planned five projects over this year’s NeighborWorks Week. Each June, NeighborWorks America and its network of local organizations mobilize thousands of volunteers, businesspeople, neighbors, friends, and local and national elected and civic leaders in a week of neighborhood change and awareness.

One project is a Lighting Initiative on Ella T. Grasso Blvd. In the past, NHS has spearheaded larger-scale projects to restore street lighting to areas and rekindle a level a safety afforded by the increased visibility. After a neighbor reached out and requested help with a broken lamppost, NHS enlisted the help of St. Johns Electric who helped during last year’s NeighborWorks Week to install motion detector lights near the intersection of Huntington and Butler. It is part of their continued effort to utilize Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.

Another project will plant victory gardens in Newhallville. A local community leader has been working on installing the gardens and NHS will assist. The vegetable, fruit, and herb gardens are planted at private residences and public parks with easy-to-grow crops to provide fresh produce to the community. NHS has committed to providing soil, compost, and other garden essentials for the project and will help pay for stipends for two high school students, who went through the Youth Resident Leadership program earlier this year and live in Newhallville, to help work with this project.

The small but important projects reflect NHS of New Haven’s commitment to the people and places in the areas to which they have shown long term commitment. In spite of restrictions set in place to ensure everyone’s safety, they continue to coordinate residents and utilize available resources to the best of their ability, with remarkable success.

About NHS New Haven:

Founded in 1979 as Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven, NHS New Haven is empowering families and revitalizing New Haven via social, economic, and environmental health. Their holistic approach to development includes creating affordable housing, building community, providing financial education and resident leadership training, and fostering environmental stewardship. Learn more at www.nhsofnewhaven.org



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