

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 6

9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Ridley Family Investment Center, 600 Ridley Circle

Free Income Tax Preparation for low-income individuals and families. See p. 2 for details.



Your Choice

A Newsletter for the Marshall-Ridley Choice Neighborhood

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HUD Visit Complete, but Our Work Continues

Officials from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently visited Newport News to review our application for the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative implementation grant. Newport News was named one of four finalists for grant funding, which can potentially

total \$30 million. While there is no guarantee that we will receive funding this year, we are hopeful for good news. HUD is expected to make an announcement about award funding in late March or early April.

In the meantime, the Newport

News Redevelopment & Housing Authority, the City, HRCAP, and our community partners are committed to implementing the Transformation Plan for the Marshall-Ridley Choice Neighborhood no matter what. We will keep you updated on the latest news from HUD. Stay tuned!



The latest Neighborhood Leadership Series I class (NLS) started on March 11. The purpose of NLS is to build leadership capacity within the Marshall-Ridley Choice Neighborhood by exposing community members to a variety of leadership skills, resources, and strategies. Each session includes interactive teambuilding exercises as well as instructional learning. In the above photo, Latara Rouse leads NLS participants in an icebreaker activity.



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Community Bulletin Board

Coffee with a Cop

Tuesday, March 26, 8:30-10:30 a.m. at McDonald's, 6100 Jefferson Ave. Meet officers from the Newport News South Precinct, ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers working in your community.

Women's History Month Celebration

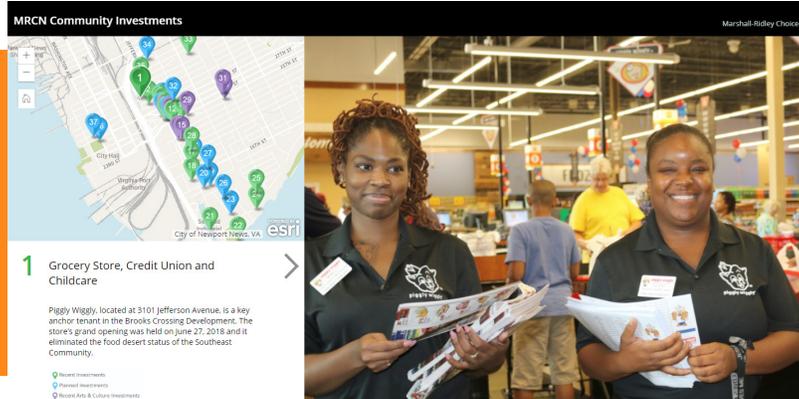
Saturday, March 30, noon at The Newsome House Museum & Cultural Center, 2803 Oak Ave. Free and open to the public. Traditional dress encouraged. Call 757-247-2360 for more information.

Free Tax Preparation

Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m.-2p.m., Family Investment Center, 600 Ridley Cir. NNRHA hosts free tax preparation for low income individuals and families. Call 757-928-3860 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also accepted.

New Tools to Tell Our Story

Are you new to the Marshall-Ridley Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI), or do you just want to learn more about the transformation process? We have two new resources to help you do just that.



The Marshall-Ridley Choice Neighborhood Initiative story map is an interactive web-based application that allows users to click on various locations within the neighborhood to learn more about recent community investments. The story map can be accessed at [newportnewschoice.com](https://www.newportnewschoice.com).



Our new video, This is Our Story: Marshall Ridley highlights the recent history of the area and our efforts to revitalize and transform the community into a neighborhood of choice. Learn what we have accomplished in the community over the last few years as we put the Marshall-Ridley Choice Neighborhood Initiative Transformation Plan into action.

See the video at [newportnewschoice.com](https://www.newportnewschoice.com).