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GREAT FUTURES GAZETTE

The official e-newsletter of The Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County



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REPORTING LIVE WITH CORYNA, AGE 11

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

GREAT FUTURES START **HERE.**



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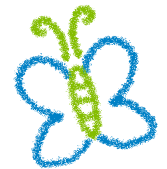
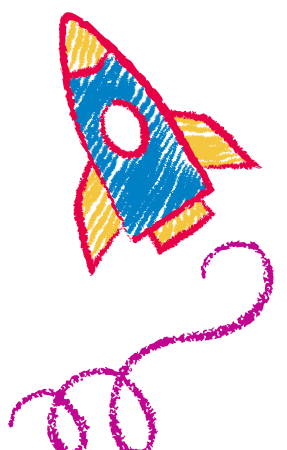
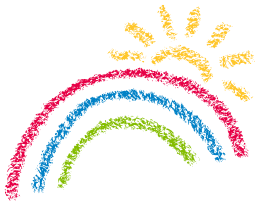
KIDS clubhouse

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SEPTEMBER AWARDEES!

Each month, Club members are recognized for embodying the Club's mission through outstanding behavior, personal growth, and academic achievement.

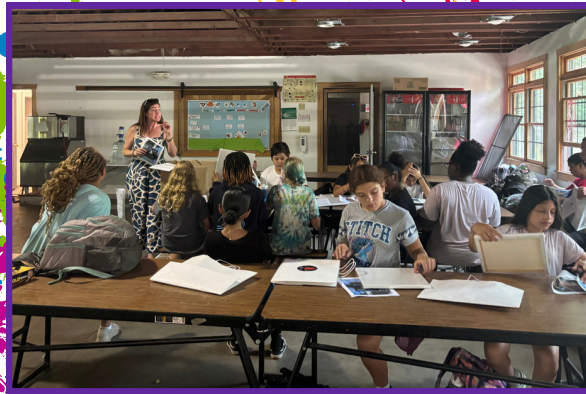
Join us in congratulating.....

***Emily Sofia, Eniyah, Adjani, Penelope,
Symphony, Jhoan, and Korbyn!***



CLUB ARTISTS' INSPIRED WORK ON PROUD DISPLAY

On September 11, 2025, the **Hammetts Hotel** in Newport, RI, partnered with the Club for a special exhibit in their **Sarah Langley Gallery**. Featuring the work of Club artists ages 9 to 13, the theme was the iconic **Hammett's bell**!



Our young artists enjoyed a private reception, where they were treated to tasty **Del's Lemonade**, cupcakes, and even the honor of ringing the Hammetts' bell! A special thank you to General Manager, **Randi Milewski**, for continuing this partnership, which encourages our members to explore their **creative** and **artistic** passions.





A VERY SPECIAL READ-ALONG

From crowns to creatures, our Clubhouse kids went on a wild adventure with *Where the Wild Things Are*!

On Tuesday, September 30th, new CEO, **Kelley Coen**, read *Where the Wild Things Are* by **Maurice Sendak** to our five- to eight-year-old KCH Members. The kids enjoyed joining Max on his forest adventure with wild creatures, and their **imagination** soared as they listened closely to the story of a lifetime!



CLUB UPDATES

CLUB WELCOMES KELLEY COEN AS NEW CEO

We are excited to report that Kelley Coen, the Club's former Chief Advancement Officer, has been appointed as **Chief Executive Officer**! She officially stepped into the role on September 25th.



"I am **honored** to be leading the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County. I look forward to guiding the organization and working with the **staff** and **board** on developing **innovative** ways to **impact** our strategic plan's goals of **growth**, **efficiency**, and **safety** – all with the intention of putting area **kids** and **teens** on the path to **Great Futures**."

-Kelley Coen





FIRST-EVER SWING FOR GREAT FUTURES GOLF TOURNAMENT AT THE AQUIDNECK CLUB WAS A HOLE-IN-ONE!



Foursomes hit the greens in support of the **Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County** and soaked up the sunshine on 300 stunning acres of waterfront views. A huge thanks to everyone who made it an **unforgettable** day! We're especially **grateful** to our amazing **tournament sponsors**:



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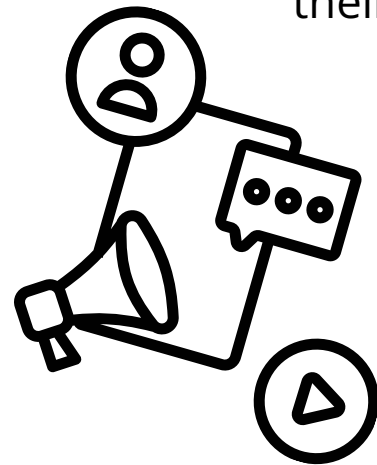
STAFF HIGHLIGHT

MEET KATELYN BUZZERIO, MARKETING OFFICER!



HOW DO THE KIDS IMPACT YOUR LIFE?

The biggest impact this group has had on me is being able to see them grow up from their KCH days to being teens now. It's a unique experience to see them grow into young adults with big ideas for their futures.



WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN 2025?

In the year ahead, I'm looking forward to growing into my role as Marketing Officer and getting to know all of the staff and kids better.

WHAT IS A FUN FACT ABOUT YOU?

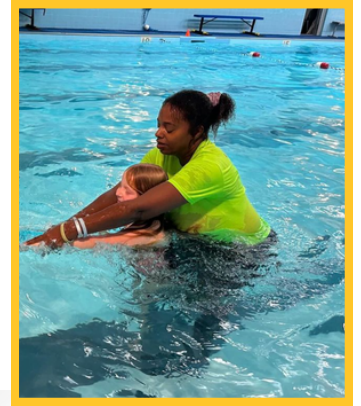


A fun fact about me is that I was born on leap day, February 29th, so I only get a birthday once every 4 years.



AQUATICS

REGISTRATION IS LIVE! FALL AQUATICS PROGRAMS RETURN



While construction is underway at our Central Clubhouse at 95 Church Street, active aquatics programs will be held at the Wellington Resort (indoor pool) located at 551 Thames Street, Newport, RI 02840

Community Swim Lessons (Preschool Levels, Youth Levels I-III)

Our group swim lessons help kids build confidence, water safety skills, and strong swimming fundamentals. Whether your child is just beginning or ready to refine their technique, our certified instructors provide a supportive and encouraging environment for every skill level.

Fall Sessions: October 21st- December 4th

NEW! Barracuda Swim Club (Ages 7-13)

This program introduces youth to new water-based activities, helps build swimming skills, and encourages confidence, friendship, and teamwork- all while keeping kids active and engaged. Whether trying out a new sport or inventing a brand-new pool game, the Swim Club is the place where fun and growth meet in the water!

Please note: this is not the Barracudas Swim Team.

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ESTUDIANTES DE SECUNDARIA**

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**OPORTUNIDADES DE EMPLEO PARA LA
FUERZA LABORAL**

**PROGRAMAS DE CALIDAD: DANZA/ARTE,
VIDEOJUEGOS/ESPORTE, AYUDA CON LOS
DEBERES, EXCURSIONES, BALONCESTO,
NATACIÓN, ESTUDIO DE MÚSICA Y MÁS.**

¡HAY TRANSPORTE DISPONIBLE! CONTÁCTENOS PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN.



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DONATION & VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Shoutout to **Newport's Landings Real Estate Group** for assembling and decorating skateboards and helmets for Club kids and teens! Landings employees put their hearts and **creativity** into their work, and the end products will allow Club members to continue **skateboarding** at the **Newport Skate Park** as part of our after-school programming. Thank you, Team Landings, for giving our kids and teens the tools to enjoy this outdoor sport and skate to **Great Futures!**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Amica

NM

NEWPORT
MARATHON

Sunday 10/12

10:30 am to 1:30 pm

Please contact Rose Bottari at rbottari@bgcnewport.org for more information!



VOLUNTEERS & RUNNERS NEEDED

Citizens
PELL BRIDGE RUN

Sunday 10/19

6:45 am to 9:30 am

Please contact Rose Bottari at rbottari@bgcnewport.org for more information!

ATTENTION: NEW SNAP INCOME GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2025

The Club encourages all individuals (18+) and families to reach out about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and to find out if you are eligible.

Contact our Family Services Coordinator, Charlene Traynum
ctraynum@bgcnewport.org or 401-847-6927, Ext. 156 today!



Rhode Island Department of Human Services SNAP Monthly Income Guidelines

October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

The federal poverty level is changing on October 1, 2025, resulting in an increase to the income eligibility standards. Below is a comparison of last year's and this year's gross income limits. SNAP has two income levels: one for households without an older adult (someone age 60 or older) or someone with a disability (185 percent), and one for households with an older adult or someone with a disability (200 percent).

	October 2024- September 2025	*NEW* October 2025- September 2026	October 2024- September 2025	*NEW* October 2025- September 2026
Household size	Maximum monthly gross income (185%) (Households without an older adult or someone with a disability)		Maximum monthly gross income (200%) (Households with an older adult or someone with a disability)	
1	\$2,322	\$2,414	\$2,510	\$2,610
2	\$3,152	\$3,262	\$3,408	\$3,526
3	\$3,981	\$4,109	\$4,304	\$4,442
4	\$4,810	\$4,958	\$5,200	\$5,360
5	\$5,641	\$5,805	\$6,098	\$6,276
6	\$6,469	\$6,653	\$6,994	\$7,192
Additional	Approx. \$831	Approx. \$849	Approx. \$898	Approx. \$918

In order to receive SNAP benefits, most households will also have to meet a net income test of 100 percent FPL. That income guideline also increased on October 1, 2025. Households with a member who is elderly or disabled may have higher gross incomes as long as they meet the net. Households of one or two people may be eligible by meeting the gross and not the net.

Have More Questions?

Visit our website: www.dhs.ri.gov

Call: 1-855-MY-RIDHS (1-855-697-4347) Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri – except holidays, from 8:30AM-3:00PM

Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Customer Service: 1-888-979-9939

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Join Us For Our First Meeting Of The Year!
Monday, October 6th, 4:30 pm-6:00 pm at the
Florence Gray Center



From left to right Shana Saunders, Charlene Traynum, Monica Rogers, New member Kristina Kelly, New member Kasia Joyner, Marisa Portillo, COO Lauren Utschig

The **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)** is a group that consists of Club parents and guardians who share ideas on how the Club can continue to build **#GreatFutures** for our current members and for **generations** to come. The group meets once a month, and PAC members have the opportunity to help plan **cultural, family-friendly** events as well as offer ideas on how to improve **programming** for Club kids and teens.

Interested in learning more about the PAC?

If interested in joining, please contact our Family Services Coordinator, Charlene Traynum ctraynum@bgcnewport.org or 401-847-6927, Ext. 156 today!



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