

NOVEMBER 2025

GREAT FUTURES GAZETTE

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



New month, same good vibes . . . let's roll!

REPORTING LIVE WITH JAJUAN, AGE 15

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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Our teen and Kids Clubhouse members enjoyed painting and carving pumpkins to get into the Halloween spirit. Thank you to Brigid Finn Fine Gardening for the donated pumpkins!



TEEN LEADERS IN ACTION - RAIN OR SHINE!

Keystone Club members staffed a water station at the Amica Newport Marathon on October, 12th. The Keystone Club is a teen leadership program within the Boys & Girls Club Movement, open to members ages 14 to 18. Through a focus on academic success, career readiness, and community service, Keystone empowers teens to grow as leaders, give back to their communities, and prepare for their futures. The race was the first of many community projects planned for the school year.



EXPLORING LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



A record number of students showed up at Middletown High School expressing interest in our Anchor Academy Program. This training program began at Middletown High School in 2018 and in it, the Club trains a cohort of freshmen to provide peer mentoring and leadership during their sophomore year for incoming students.

AQUATICS IS BACK!

Swim programs resumed on October 21st, and both Club and community kids were excited to get back in the water! In addition to our school-based programs, we offer community swim lessons for ages 3-6, swim clubs for ages 7-13, and Kids Clubhouse Learn-2-Swim programs throughout the week. Each session is 6 weeks long and will continue through the spring. We have partnered with the Wellington Resort to use their pool facilities while the construction at our Church Street location continues, and we sincerely appreciate their support.



STAFF HIGHLIGHT

MEET CHARLENE TRAYNUM, FAMILY ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH COORDINATOR!



WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN 2025?

I am looking forward to returning to 95 Church Street, in our newly renovated building and office space. I can't wait to engage further with families from the BGC and community partners in our new space!

WHAT IS A FUN FACT ABOUT YOU?

A fun fact about me is that I am a foodie, I love sumo wrestling, and I am a lifelong learner.

**LEARNING
EVERYDAY**



HOW DO THE KIDS IMPACT YOUR LIFE?



The kids impact my life because they bring energy, creativity, and a fresh perspective that can inspire changes in the community.

SNAP UPDATES

During this current impact on SNAP benefits, please know that we continue to offer meals and snacks to our after-school members.

Our own Family & Outreach Coordinator Charlene Traynum is available to answer questions and provide guidance for food resources; she can be reached at ctraynum@bgcnewport.org or (401) 847-6927 ext. 156. Below are other resources that anyone in need can access.

Are Your SNAP Benefits Now Frozen? Here are Some Tips and Resources

CHECK YOUR EBT BALANCE AND MAIL

- Call to check at 1-888-979-9939 or visit ebtedge.com
- Emergency payments from the RI Government may be sent to you on Nov. 1 and Nov. 16
- Open all mail from DHS and submit requested documents



GO TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS



- Community Baptist Church (Sat. 4-4:45pm)
- East Bay Community Action (Mon. 12-4pm, Thu. 9am-2pm)
- Martin Luther King Center Meal Site (Mon.-Fri. 7:30-8:30am)
- Martin Luther King Center Pantry (Mon., Wed., Fri. 10am-2pm, Wed. 4-6pm, Tues. 12-3pm, Thu. 12-3pm)
- Salvation Army Newport Corps' Food (Wed., Fri. 9am-1pm)
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Mon. 11:30am-12:30pm, Tues., Wed. 10am-12pm)
- Visit rifoodbank.org for more information

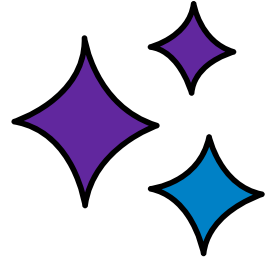
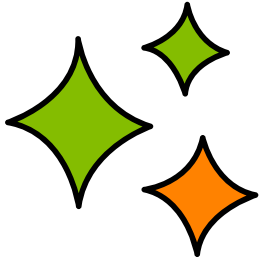
OTHER RESOURCES

- Call 211 to find food resources
- Use the RI Community Food Bank Find Food App at RIFoundation.org/food

REMINDERS

- You can still use your EBT card benefits from October in November, even if SNAP benefits are not issued on Nov. 1
- You can still submit documents and contact DHS through regular channels

MEET OLIVIA!



As the new Wellness and Resilience Manager at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County, Olivia will be supporting the well-being of our members by developing positive behavioral programs that will help them thrive. She will also lead staff training on mental health, trauma-informed care, and wellness practices to promote a supportive and nurturing environment. Passionate about collaboration and growth, she looks forward to learning from her colleagues, sharing creative ideas, and working together to help our Club kids grow, learn, and succeed.

Olivia recently conducted her first training with the Clubhouse staff on de-escalation, including how to implement safe behavior, helping kids use coping strategies, and strategies for how staff can provide validation and support.

We are grateful to the van Beuren Charitable Foundation's support of Olivia's position and the Club's behavioral health initiatives.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

NEWPORT INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW



We extend our sincere thanks to the Newport International Boat Show for generously providing us with space to host our silent auction and share our mission with attendees. We are proud to be the only nonprofit given this unique opportunity.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED OUR FALL MAILER?



Our fall mailer is out now, highlighting the inspiring success stories of Club alumni and the powerful role that the Club played in their lives. Together, we can create a generation of empowered and prepared leaders of tomorrow.

If you would like a copy, please email events@bgcnewport.org.

Ready to donate? Click here:

[**DONATE TODAY**](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV 11	Veterans Day - Club Closed
NOV 21	Thanksgiving Dinner for Families at the Lobster Bar
NOV 22	Stop & Shop Turkey Distribution
NOV 22	Newport BoxFit Fall Fury
NOV 27	Thanksgiving - Club Closed
NOV 28	Club Closed

Contact the Club at (401) 847-6927 ext. 112 for more information

TIME TO VOTE!

Newport Life Magazine is holding its annual Best of Newport County awards, which is an opportunity to recognize the people, places, and businesses in our community. This year, the Boys & Girls Clubs is nominated in four categories: Fundraising Event, Child Care, Nonprofit, and Summer Camp.

Please vote for the Boys & Girls Clubs!

Voting ends on December 1st, and you can vote using the below link:

<https://www.newportlifemagazine.com/nlm-best-of-newport-county/>



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Kids Clubhouse

*Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County is
Aquidneck Island's only year-round childcare
center for all school-aged youth to receive the
five-star, BrightStars rating!*



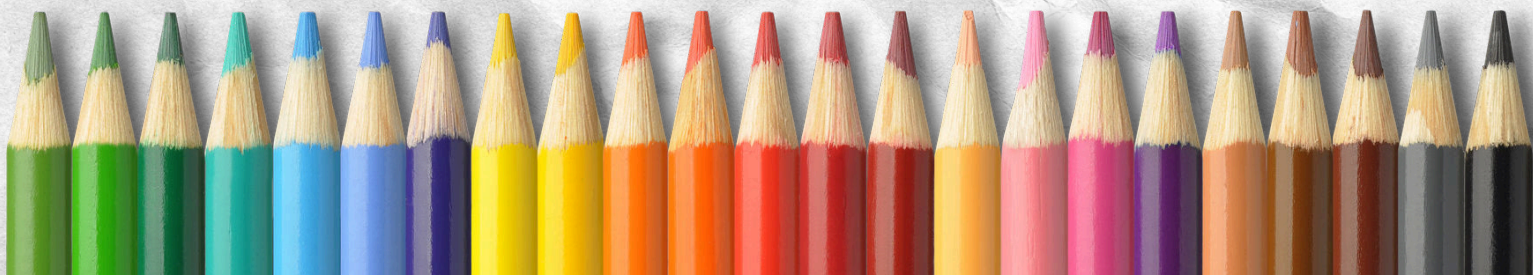
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Scan the QR code below:



or visit our website:

<https://bgcnewport.org/what-we-do/licensed-childcare/>





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Club Infantil

¡Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County es el único centro de cuidado infantil durante todo el año en la isla Aquidneck donde todos los jóvenes en edad escolar pueden recibir la calificación de cinco estrellas, BrightStars!



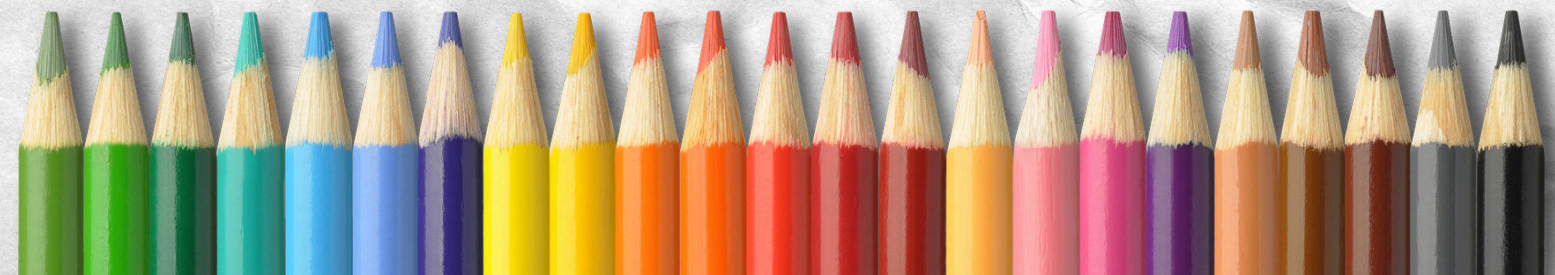
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o visite nuestro sitio web:

<https://bgcnewport.org/what-we-do/licensed-childcare/>





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the
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TEEN CENTER
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RM. 116

NOW OPEN — MONDAY — FRIDAY
2:30PM — 6:30PM

**A PRODUCTIVE SAFE SPACE
FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

****DINNER PROVIDED DAILY****

WORKFORCE JOB OPPORTUNITIES
QUALITY PROGRAMS: DANCE/ART, VIDEO
GAMES/ESPORTS, HOMEWORK HELP,
FIELD TRIPS, BASKETBALL, SWIM, MUSIC
STUDIO, & MORE

TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE !! CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION



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AHORA ABIERTO - LUNES - VIERNES
2:30PM - 6:30PM

**UN ESPACIO SEGURO Y
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ESTUDIANTES DE SECUNDARIA**

****CENA INCLUIDA TODOS LOS DÍAS****

**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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