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NEW BERN HOUSING AUTHORITY

New Bern, North Carolina

*Housing People. Changing Lives*

Executive Director: Martin Blaney

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



## National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The first Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM) was observed in the United States in 1985.

Breast cancer is a disease which begins in the breast cancer tissue; it is the second most common type of cancer and mainly affects women (breast cancer is rare in men).

BCAM is intended to heighten awareness of breast cancer and to encourage the prevention and early detection.

The color pink has been used to striking effect in raising breast cancer awareness. The pink ribbon was chosen as the symbol for breast cancer awareness.

Events and activities are often held throughout the month of October to promote awareness and gather support.

## Summary of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

- ◆ Coverage-Worldwide
- ◆ Month-October
- ◆ Duration-1 Month
- ◆ Date-October 2015



Same Month Each Year

## Breast Cancer

Thanks to the **American Cancer Society** and dramatic improvements in cancer research, treatment and early detection, millions of women are surviving breast cancer today. Every 2 minutes, there is a new breast cancer diagnosis.

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## Breast Cancer Awareness and Tips

- \* Every 14 minutes, a life is lost to the disease.
- \* Over 40,000 people will die this year; about 400 of them will be men.
- \* 85% of all diagnoses have no family history.
- \* 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.
- \* Breast cancer is the leading cause of death in women between ages 40 and 55.
- \* Get regular breast screening.
- \* Don't smoke or drink alcohol.





Beth Fairchild of New Bern is featured in an article in the September, 2015 issue of Glamour magazine. The article was written by Concepcion De Leon and published by Glamour magazine. If you would like to hear the live interview Ms. Fairchild had with WCTI TV 12 News on September 14, 2015, you can hear it if you log in to: [www.wcti12.com/news](http://www.wcti12.com/news)

### New Hope for Breast Cancer Cases



**NEW BERN**-Beth Fairchild, 36, of New Bern was first diagnosed roughly 17 months ago with stage IV breast cancer, or Metastatic Breast Cancer.

Stage IV means the cancer has spread to other parts of the body like the liver, brain, etc. An estimated 155,000 Americans are currently living with metastatic breast cancer. Metastatic breast cancer accounts for approximately 40,000 deaths annually in the U.S., according to the Metastatic Breast Cancer Network.

From the start, Fairchild says her case has always been unique. She's referred to in the medical world as a "zebra," meaning very rare in everyday appearance. Current scans show no evidence of disease but doctors know it's there. *"As long as it's not spreading I remain stable,"* Fairchild said.

Within the last few months her strength and courage led her to a great opportunity. She crossed paths with freelance photographer Christine Benjamin, who recruited Fairchild for a photo shoot in "Glamour" magazine's October issue.

*"The magazine title, "Glamour", says it all! It was the 24th floor of the new One World Trade Center,"* said Fairchild. The issue was to hit store shelves Sept. 15.

The article, **"New Hope for Breast Cancer Cases"** was written by Concepcion De Leon. The article states, ***The rate of patients under 40 with an initial diagnosis of metastatic breast cancer has almost doubled in the last three decades."***

*"It really set in, in NYC, being photographed and interviewed, that the work in advocacy I've been doing has really made a difference,"* Fairchild said.

Fairchild said she believes that she is living on *"borrowed time"* because she is 17 months into her projected 24 month life expectancy. *"If we don't voice our opinions and we don't talk about it then we're going to continue to lose 40,000 women per year."* Fairchild said.





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## Let's Talk

**"Strong Communities Raise Strong Children"**

**What:** Parents Discussing Parental Challenges

**When:** October 13, 2015

**Where:** Stanley White Recreation Center, 901 Chapman Street

**Time:** 5:30 PM-8:00 PM

(You must register by October 8th by calling or emailing: 252-636-6472 or [essie.maillison@cravencountync.gov](mailto:essie.maillison@cravencountync.gov))

Sponsored by: Community Coalition for Craven County Children [www.coalition4children.com](http://www.coalition4children.com)



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## Celebrating 50 years of Opportunity/HEAD START/ 1965-2015



Please Join Coastal Community Action on October 15, 2015 at the New Bern Mall from 6:00 PM-7:00 PM to Celebrate 50 years with Head Start Alumni, Children, Parents, Staff and Community. If you any questions you can contact:: Sandi Ruger @ (252) 223-1674



Preschoolers and their parents are invited to participate in weekly Play & Learn Kindermusik sessions led by Craven Smart Start! There is no cost to attend, but you and your child must register with the office in your development to participate.

The Kindermusik sessions will be held at the Trent Court Housing Authority weekly on Wednesdays from 9:00-10:00 AM until November 4, 2015.

There will be fun while learning with music, crafts, and snacks.



### *From the Desk of the Executive Director: Martin Blaney*

We are progressing in our plans to redevelop Craven Terrace through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program.

I had the opportunity to meet with the developer, his regional manager and contractor. I left our meeting feeling quite optimistic that the developer's team is committed to providing a top-notch quality apartment and treating you with sensitivity and respect. In fact, once the first apartment is completed it will be used as a model for everyone to see.

### **Remember:**

- \* No residents will lose their housing.
- \* You will not be re-screened for occupancy. You will need to complete new forms-it is a different program. But the eligibility requirements are the same as for public housing.
- \* Rent will remain at 30% of adjusted household income just as it is now.

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS Friendly Reminders!

## OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

October is Breast Awareness Month-Wear a PINK Ribbon



- October 2-4, 2015 - North Carolina Seafood Festival (Morehead City)
- October 5, 2015 -Trent Court Resident Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- October 10-11, 2015-MUM FEST (Downtown New Bern)
- \* October 16, 2015-New Bern Towers Resident Council Meeting at 4:00 pm
- October 19, 2015-Board of Commissioners Meeting at 4:30 pm in Trent Court
- October 21, 2015-Craven Terrace Resident Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Board of Alderman Meetings– 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at City Hall on Second Floor



### Employment Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD)

We anticipate that the contractor on the Craven Terrace rehabilitation job will need construction laborers. To be prepared, we will accept applications through the month of October. Applications are available at our management offices and should be returned there.

### Craven Community College HRD Career Readiness Lab

If you are unemployed, underemployed, or laid off from a job, these services are available at no cost. For more information, to register for CRC exams, appointment for one-on-one: call Sharon Marion @ 252-638-7224, or e-mail at marions@cravencc.edu.

### SECURITY DEPOSITS and FLAT RENTS



If your account is delinquent with security deposit balances, any monies paid will be applied to oldest bill first (any unpaid security deposit). Therefore, if you do not pay your **SECURITY DEPOSIT** balance that is due, the rent for that month will be late and there will be a \$15.00 late charge applied to your account. Also, remember the **FLAT RENT** change will be effective beginning **NOVEMBER, 2015**.

(Contact office in your development if you have any concerns)

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# Community Relations & Recognition Day

Join the IBPOEW Elks Zeno Lodge, Duffyfield  
Resident Council & your Choice Neighborhoods Team

**Saturday, Oct. 3**  
**11 am - 4 pm**  
**Stanley White Rec Center**



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Rain or shine!



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