

THE ENCORE! VOICE

for the former residents and surrounding community of the former Central Park Village

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Ms. Mary Wright looks out onto the Ella's Courtyard and pool from the balcony of her new apartment



Tampa Housing President Jerome Ryans, Chairwoman Dr. Hazel Harvey, and Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn accept a \$30,000,000 check from HUD officials for the Central Park / Ybor Choice Neighborhood.

A NEW YEAR WITH MUCH TO CELEBRATE AND MORE TO LOOK FORWARD TO!

2013

2012 ended on a high note! The Ella opened in December of 2012, providing Tampa's seniors with a brand new affordable living option within the heart of Tampa's downtown. Among the first move-ins were former Central Park residents **Mary Wright, Erma Jackson** and **Mildred Allen**. The Tampa Housing Authority also broke ground on two new apartment buildings that will be finished in 2014, the Trio and the Reed. The Trio will be our first family residence to open on the Encore site. The Tampa Housing Authority and its partners were also pleased to hear the news that the Encore / Ybor Choice Neighborhood will be awarded a grant by the U.S. Department of HUD. More great things are on the horizon for 2013!



Ms. Erma Jackson opens the door to her new apartment at the Ella!



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CENTRAL PARK / YBOR CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD IS AWARDED A \$30 MILLION HUD CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT!

The Tampa Housing Authority is one of four agencies to be awarded a 2012 Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. HUD made the announcement on December 13, 2012 that it will be awarding the Tampa Housing Authority and its partners \$30 million dollars to help revitalize the Central Park Village and Ybor City neighborhoods. The funds will be used to build the Tempo, a new multi-family apartment building at the Encore, provide further supportive services to former Central Park residents, provide streetscape improvements along Scott Street, create an instructive urban farm on the Meacham School site, renovate Perry Harvey Park, and create a job training facility on land provided by GTE Federal Credit Union. The Grant will also extend case management services for families relocated from Central Park Village for another 5 years. For more information visit www.thafl.com/Choice-Neighborhoods.



The Trio construction is on schedule. A quick drive by shows the first level of the buildings under construction.



HUD officials pose under a picture of Ella Fitzgerald in the lobby of the Ella building during a recent tour of the Choice Neighborhood.

GROUND BROKEN ON TWO MORE AFFORDABLE RENTAL BUILDINGS AT THE ENCORE; THE TRIO AND THE REED

Hopefully many of you saw the news in December that Tampa Housing Authority and its partners broke ground on not one, but two new affordable rental buildings at the Encore. The groundbreaking for the Trio was held December 4th. It will be the first building at the Encore available for families. The Reed groundbreaking was held December 18th and it will provide another high-quality, affordable housing option for seniors.



Members of the Reed family along with Tampa Housing Authority, HUD and local officials break ground on the Reed building.



The audience watches a video greeting from Miss Essie Mae Reed, who was unable to attend the ceremony.

RESIDENT NEWS AND HIGHLIGHT



Veronica Long purchased a house with the help of the FSS program and the Center for Affordable Homeownership. (Left, Veronica signs a lot of papers during the closing and poses in front of the door to her house)

Mildred Allen celebrated her 91st birthday in February and the Tampa Housing Authority Central Park case management team helped her celebrate this special occasion. (Pictured with Mildred Allen are Central Park Case Managers Cheryl Joseph, Virginia Padgett and Barbara Thomas)



Three former CPV residents, **Veronica Long, Hope Terrible and Connie Wells**, were recognized in THA's first FSS Graduation on March 18, 2013. FSS stands for the Family and Self-Sufficiency program.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!!!

The Tampa Housing Authority Is Seeking Eligible Seniors To Apply For Its Housing Heroes Scholarship Opportunity!

REQUIREMENTS:

- THA public housing or Section 8 resident
- Graduating high school senior
- Minimum 3.0 grade point average

DEADLINE - MAY 03, 2013

INFORMATION:

Scholarship applications can be picked up at any THA property office or THA caseworker. The application can also be downloaded from our website at www.thafl.com under agency announcements.

For additional information call
LaToya Carter at 813-341-9101 x 3590

YOUTH CORNER

Our older former Central Park Youth are starting to think about their college choices. **Olglyne Thelusma** (age 17) and **Dayvonna Maydell** (age 18) participated in a tour to Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. There they visited some of the South's most prestigious colleges, like LSU, Tulane, Grambling State, Tuskegee University and Jackson State University. **Alfred Daymon III** (age 13) has started to preparing for college early. He participated in a college life skills tour to Washington DC and South Carolina visiting different Universities and Colleges.

FROM THE PRESIDENT / CEO

Dear former residents of Central Park Village:

This is a beautiful time of year and we have so many good things to share with you. The Ella officially opened its doors in December 2012 and so far has welcomed back several former Central Park Village residents among the first 50 residents to move in this far. Leasing will continue through June when we expect to be fully leased at Ella. Due to our tireless efforts we are very excited to announce that THA has been chosen as the recipient of a \$30 million HUD Choice Neighborhood Grant for use at Encore and the surrounding community! This grant will allow for the construction of our 4th building, Tempo at Encore, along with other exciting community improvements. The Choice Neighborhood Grant will also extend much needed Community and Supportive Services for former Central Park residents. We wrapped up December with our groundbreaking ceremonies at the Encore site for the Trio and Reed. 2012 was an extremely successful year and we look forward to keeping up the pace in 2013



Just a reminder, our Housing Heroes scholarship program is now accepting applications. If you know any eligible high school seniors please get an application to them before the deadline of May 3rd. See page 3 for application locations. Please do not miss this opportunity to help an eligible high school senior.

Thank you for your continued support!
 Jerome D. Ryans
 President / CEO

UPCOMING CLASSES & EVENTS

PARENTING CLASSES - every Thursday 10 a.m. at 1390 W. Green Street
ANGER MANAGEMENT CLASSES - every Thursday 11 a.m. at 1390 W. Green Street

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