

# THE VOICE OF CHOICE

for the former Central Park Village residents and the Central Park / Ybor Choice Neighborhood

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## TEMPO GROUNDBREAKING

Ground was broken for the fourth building to be constructed on the Encore site, The Tempo, on February 13, 2014. Local officials including U.S. Representative Kathy Castor and City of Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn celebrated the start of construction on the Tempo building. The Tempo at Encore (Lot 2) is the second family housing development to be constructed. It is scheduled to go vertical by May 2014. The Tempo is designed as a seven story structure with 203 units of mixed-income, mixed-use development. The team selected the A/E firm of Bessolo Design Group, for the design of The Tempo. The design documents for the Tempo are 100% complete. The development team is actively soliciting for a general contractor. The estimated schedule for the project closing is anticipated to occur no later than April 2014. The Tempo will be built using green construction practices to achieve at least LEED® Silver certification.



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## CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE

The construction crews are putting the final touches on the beautiful new units inside the Trio multi-family residential building at the Encore. Construction on the Reed building has reached the 4th floor with pool deck. The Reed is scheduled to open in December 2014.



*Progress on the Trio building*



*Construction on the Reed's 4th floor pool deck*

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## CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD JOB SEEKING WORKSHOPS

Do you need assistance with job placement? Tampa Housing Authority will be hosting a series of workshops featuring; employment assistance, resume writing assistance, interview techniques, and job leads for employment.

Mondays at 1pm to 4pm @ North Boulevard Homes Community Center, 1390 W. Green Street, Tampa, FL

Tuesdays 10am to 12 noon at The Arbors, 4728 Trask Street, Tampa, FL

Wednesday at 10am to 12 noon @ Robles Park Resource Center, 3814 Central Avenue, Tampa, FL

Thursday at 10am to 12 noon @ C. Blythe Andrews, 2201 E. Osborne Avenue, Tampa, FL

Friday at 10am to 12 noon @ Tampa Housing Authority Corporate Office, 5301 W Cypress Street, Tampa, FL

To sign up contact a Tampa Housing Authority Case Manager at 813-341-9101:

Barbara Lee-Thomas Ext. 2070

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## ONGOING CLASSES

**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



# PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS

Central Park / Ybor Choice Neighborhood partner organizations, GTE Financial and Hillsborough Community College have partnered to open the first truly student powered full-service credit union financial center in Ybor City. This will specifically support with financial education and special products and services, the low-income and student populations in the Tampa Heights and Ybor City area. The new branch will open in April of 2014.



## RESIDENT NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS



*Hope Terrible and one of her employees cleaning up a new unit at Cedar Point*

**Full of Hope Cleaning** is a Section 3 registered business owned by former Central Park Village resident, **Hope Terrible**. Hope's company submitted a successful bid to perform the final cleaning of the new Cedar Point Apartment community.



*Case Manager, Barbara Thomas and Kearston Hardy*

**Kearston Hardy** completed the FSS Program. Kearston is a relocated resident from CPV and has been working hard to complete her goal while enrolled in the program. Her goals were to get her GED, stable employment and improve her credit rating. Kearston has also expressed moving back to the Encore and is looking



*Stuart Adams*

forward to her next adventure at HCC. Kearston is the mother of 3 children and has worked very hard to complete her goal.

**Mr. Stuart Adams** received his High School Diploma on November 4th, 2013.

**Mildred Allen**, a former Central Park resident, and **Martha Stratford**, are both residents of the Ella and both celebrated their birthdays on the same day as the Tempo groundbreaking ceremony. Ms. Allen turned 92 years and Ms. Martha is celebrating 102 years. Ms. Allen also celebrated with a party in the Ella's community room.



*Mildred Allen*



*Leroy Moore, Mayor Bob Buckhorn, Ms. Martha Stratford and Jerome Ryans*

*Dear former Central Park Village residents and Central Park / Ybor neighbors:*

*As we welcome spring we also welcome new changes and new opportunities. Spring is the time to create new goals in life and spring ahead to new challenges.*

*THA is having several job seeker workshops at our different property sites for anyone looking for employment. I urge you to take advantage of this great opportunity. Contact our PPS Department or your case manager for more information on dates, time and location.*



*I am very proud of our residents who, consistently strive to achieve self-sufficiency and I am also proud to recognize two very special residents who celebrated a special milestone. Happy Birthday to Mildred Allen who turned 92 years young and Ms. Martha Stratford who turned 102 years young. Ms. Allen is a former Central Park Village resident and both ladies reside at Ella at Encore.*

*Happy spring!*

*Jerome D. Ryans  
President / CEO*

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