

THE VOICE OF CHOICE

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

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TRIO HAS ARRIVED!



The finishing touches are being added to the Trio at Encore and the first residents are moving in to their brand new homes, including former Central Park Village residents! The Trio features one, two, three, and four bedroom residences. Residents will enjoy a state-of-the-art fitness center, media theater, internet café, and clubhouse with a full-size kitchen for entertaining, a lobby gallery, and poolside lounge area. Artistic elements representing the rich musical heritage of the Encore neighborhood are present throughout the building and on the exterior of the building. Even the logo reflects the musical theme, with a horn and drum set used in the lettering. For more information check out the website listed below.



<http://trioatencore.com/>



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CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE

ENCORE

The Trio is set to open this June and the Reed is now topped out. Soon crews will start placing exterior finishes on the Reed and then will move on to finishing out the interior spaces. You will also notice artistic elements being placed around the Encore, including a beautiful tile mural along Central Avenue at the Trio. This mural, created by Natalie Blake studios, depicts the history of the Scrub and the Central Avenue business district. Metal musical elements are also being installed along the exterior of the Ella building. This summer rehabilitation work will start on the historic St. James Episcopal Church that sits on Ray Charles Boulevard. Crews specialized in historic restoration and engineering will begin removing part of the damaged roof and rotted wood and restoring the roof structure.

ROBERT W. SAUNDERS, SR. LIBRARY

The Robert Saunders library held a groundbreaking ceremony on March 7th to celebrate the demolition of the current Robert Saunders building and groundbreaking for the new building. Several children from the adjacent Booker T. Washington elementary and members of the Robert Saunders board were on hand for the ceremony. The new 2-story, 26,244 square-foot library will provide additional program space to meet the needs of the Ybor City area. The new library will include a children's library on the first floor with special programming, circulating materials and a walkway connecting to the nearby Booker T. Washington Elementary School. In addition, there will be display spaces for African-American art, an African-American Library and a community room seating up to 350 persons. The new building is scheduled to open in early 2015. In the meantime local residents are encouraged to visit the following libraries nearby:

C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Library, 2607 E. Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Blvd.

John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive

West Tampa Branch Library, 2312 W. Union St.

TOP: Artist Natalie Blake's tile mural is installed along Central Avenue at the Trio by her partner, Nick.

MIDDLE: The Reed is now topped out and is as tall as the Ella building which sits to the West.

BOTTOM: school children and library board members on hand for the demolition ceremony at the Robert Saunders library.



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

BASIC COMPUTING CLASSES - Ella residents only - every Wednesday and Friday, contact the leasing office for more information.

JOB DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS JOB FAIR

WHEN: June 24, 2014, 10:00am- 2:00pm

WHERE: Tampa Housing Authority, 5301 W. Cypress St., Tampa, FL. 33607
1st Floor Training Room

For information contact:
Chris Ward, Job Developer
Phone: 813.347.2234

RESIDENT NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS



Sadrack Renard (pictured left) graduated from Tampa Housing Authority's Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program. Mr. Renard has been employed full time as a security officer for the past 10 years. Mr. Renard also completed budget, credit and homeownership counseling. He wishes to one day be a sports coach and plans to go school to accomplish this goal.

Bethany Robinson was recently hired by Hillsborough County

Tyrone House and Victoria Thompson (pictured right) were the first residents to move in to the new Trio building at the Encore. Tyrone and Victoria are former Central Park Village residents and have stayed committed to the area and the redevelopment through the relocation process. Welcome to the ENCORE!



HART is currently offering their Summer Blast Pass for \$30. This includes unlimited rides on HART for 3 months, from May 12 through August 31.

For more information contact the HARTinfo line:
(813) 254-4278



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

IYANA DONALD, daughter of Brenda Donald, made the high honor roll at Young Middle Magnet School.

TRAMELLA WILSON, daughter of Janice Pope, received the Citizenship Award and the Honor Roll Award at Graham Elementary.

VPK ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN

Parents, the ELC of Hillsborough is now accepting enrollments for the 2014-2015 VPK School Year Program. There may also still be slots left in the VPK summer program. The VPK program is FREE to families and does not have any income requirements or restrictions. You can register online at <http://www.elchc.org> or at one of the following locations:

Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County
1002 E. Palm Avenue, Suite 100
(813) 515-2340

Early Childhood School Readiness Programs - North Tampa
9309 North Florida Avenue, Suite 104
(813) 915-3200

For more information about available summer camps and programs please contact a THA case manager at (813) 341-9101

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

The hottest months upon us and much is happening. The Tampa Housing Authority just celebrated the grand opening of Cedar Pointe, our brand new Smart Living Community located on Sligh near 56th Street. Final touches are being added to the Trio at Encore that has state of the art amenities with a beautiful outside mural to add to the décor, and the Trio just welcomed its first returning family from Central Park Village, Tyrone House and Victoria Thompson. We have kept our promise to rebuild this neighborhood, making it better than ever and giving former residents the option of returning. Tyrone and Victoria join the former Central Park Village residents now living in the Ella, but more importantly, they are now part of Tampa's next GREAT community of diverse, active, engaged neighbors calling Encore Tampa home.



I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer!

*Jerome D. Ryans
President / CEO*

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