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

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REED ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

As the Reed nears completion, management has opened the site based wait list and is accepting applications from seniors interested in living at the Reed. The Reed is a 7 story, 158 unit residential development for active senior residents aged 62 and older. Amenities will include a swimming pool, community garden, fitness center, computer center, resident movie theater, exhibit space and secured entrances. A topping out for the Reed building was held on July 22nd, marking a major milestone in construction. The building is expected to be completed this by January 2015. The Reed was named in honor of Miss Essie Mae Reed, a long time community activist and former resident of Central Park Village. For more information on where to complete a pre-application, please call 813.229.8234 to set setup an appointment to apply in person at the temporary office, located at the Ella at Encore, 1210 Ray Charles Blvd., Tampa, FL 33602.



Above: Construction progresses at the Reed Senior Residences at Encore. Right: A rendering of the Reed building.





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Longtime community activist Ms. Essie Mae Reed passed away on September 12, 2014 at the age of 85. Ms. Reed was a longtime resident of Central Park Village and a outspoken activist for residents, even after she moved out of the development. Ms. Reed is the namesake of the Reed building, which is nearing compeltion at the Encore. We honor her for encourageing all to *GET INVOLVED*!

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE TRIO GRAND OPENING

The Trio grand opening was held Tuesday, July 15th. Several local dignitaries and guests were on hand to cut the ribbon on the Encore District's first multi-family housing development. Attendees braved the hot weather and rain showers to get a glimpse of the Encore District's newest multi-family property.



COAST BIKE SHARE COMING TO ENCORE AND YBOR CITY

We are excited to announce that the City of Tampa's Bike Share program will be available in the Encore and Ybor City area. Seven stations will be built in the area allowing residents and visitors to pick up or drop off a bike anywhere in the area. The Encore District station will be located in front of the Ella at Encore on Ray Charles Boulevard. The Ybor City stations will be located at the HCC Parking Garage on 13th Street, 9th Avenue and 14th Street, 7th Avenue and 18th Street, Palm and 19th Street, and the HCC Ybor City campus courtyard at 9th Avenue and 16th Street. Coast Bike Share will provide a much needed transportation alternative option within the Choice Neighborhood area and allows for easy access to Downtown Tampa and surrounding neighborhoods. The stations should be up and running in October 2014.

To find out more about the Tampa Coast Bike Share program visit <u>http://coast.socialbicycles.com/</u>.





Left: Tampa's Coast Bike Share has a trial run through Ybor City Right: A bike station will be located in front of the Ella at Encore.

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.



RESIDENT NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

HOPE TERRIBLE keeps receiving praise for her company Full of Hope Cleaning. She was recently featured in a Tampa Bay Times article for her perserverence in overcoming obstacles and working hard to run a successful business. Hope was also given a special recognition at a recent Tampa Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting where she was presented with a framed copy of the article! Keep up the good work, Hope!

(Pictured from left to right; Nannette White, Virginia Padgett, Hope Terrible, Rosa Hill and Carlease Clark)





STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Darrielle Hayes, daughter of Sarah Bivens graduated from Middleton High School this past year. She is currently attending Hillsborough Community College majoring in Psychology and she is working at The Tampa Tribune.

Daphne Narcisse, daughter of Liliane Saintelmy graduated from Brooks Debartolo Collegiate High School this past year. She is also attending HCC.

Congratulations to all recent high school graduates! We commend you on your accomplishments and encourage you to continue working hard to achieve your goals!



A few of the smiling Boys and Girls Club attendees from left to right: Tramella Wilson, Jeremiah Pope, Teiona Mills, Germaine Murphy Jr, and LaShavna Mills

Many of the children of our former Central Park Village residents and children from the Choice Neighborhood community are enjoying access to local Boys and Girls Clubs through the Central Park / Ybor Choice Neighborhood Grant. To find out how your children can attend and the location of the nearest club please contact a Tampa Housing Authority case manager, placement is on a first come first serve basis.

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

As we close out the summer season, I would like to personally thank all of those who attended our TRIO Grand Opening. The event was very well attended as the community gathered to celebrate the addition of a new mid-rise building at the Encore District. For our interested senior population, the Reed at Encore is now accepting applications. This is your best chance to apply to live in a beautiful, senior residential development with top-notch amenities. Please join me in congratulating Hope Terrible in recognition for her business achievements. Hope is truly



an inspiration and a positive example of the possibilities that can be achieved. The THA's case management team work tirelessly to assist our residents in achieving their goals in the areas of education, vocational training, business development and even homeownership. As I bring my remarks to a close, I would like to extend my condolences to the family of Ms. Essie Mae Reed who is remembered for her community activism and resident empowerment. In honor of Ms. Reed's distinguished achievements, very soon the Reed at Encore will be opened and dedicated in her honor.

Have a wonderful fall season!

Jerome D. Ryans President / CEO

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