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

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REED OPENING SOON, TEMPO CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

As the Reed nears completion, management has opened the site based wait list and has been 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. The Reed also features solar panels on the roof that will help lower energy costs for the building. 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 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 setup an appointment to apply in person at the temporary office, located at the Ella at Encore, 1210 Ray Charles Blvd., Tampa, FL 33602.

(for *Tempo* information see Pg. 2)



Above: Construction progresses at the Reed Senior Residences at Encore.

Right: A rendering of the Reed building.



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CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE

TEMPO

Construction officially started on the Tempo at Encore in November. The Tempo is the fourth residential building to be constructed at the Encore and will be the second multi-family building on site. The general contractor building the Tempo is Siltek, who also built the Reed. The architect that designed the building is the Bessolo Design Group based in St. Petersburg. Set to open in the spring of 2016, The Tempo, is a 7-story building containing 203 units of 1, 2, 3 and 4-bedroom floor plans. Below are renderings of the Tempo exterior and community room.



HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

On Wednesday, December 10th residents of the Ella and Trio, community leaders and neighbors gathered in the Encore town square to celebrate Encore's first holiday lighting celebration (*pictured below left*). Ybor City has also been celebrating the holidays with several festivities including a tree lighting ceremony on November 19th in Centro Ybor with special guests Mayor Buckhorn, Santa and Mrs. Claus (*pictured below right*). And the 3rd Annual Snow on 7th Holiday Parade was held on Saturday, December 13th.



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
FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM - enrollment is now open for all Public Housing and Section 8 residents - contact your case manager for more details.

ONGOING CLASSES

RESIDENT NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

JAVON AND TAMARA KITCHEN are the recipients of the December 2014 Geraldine Barne's Resident Award For Success Without Boundaries. Mr. Kitchen was recently promoted to supervisor at the Mister Shine Carwash where he has worked since 2001 and Mrs. Kitchen has worked with the Department of Health since 2010. The couple has six children and has remained committed to the stability of their household, completing a First Time Homebuyers class this year. The family recently graduated from the Tampa Housing Authority's FSS program (Family Self Sufficiency) and hope to become homeowners within the next year.

Carlease Clark is the newest member of the Choice Neighborhood Case Management team. He is the Youth Services Case Manager for the Central Park / Ybor Choice Neighborhood Grant. You may recognize Carlease from his time working at the Oaks at Riverview Community Center. If you have any questions regarding the available youth services you can reach him at (813) 341-9101 x. 2221



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Isaiah Bates (*pictured right*) is a former Central Park Resident who currently holds the highest GPA at Franklin Middle School. Isaiah is a member of the chess club and is involved at the Rogers Park Golf Course working and volunteering his time.



Tyrell Moore is a senior at Freedom High School and recently started working at McDonalds. Tyrell was determined to work and visited CareerSource Tampa Bay, completed a resume, filled out applications and was hired by McDonalds. He is the oldest of five boys to a one Davina Moore, and is certainly setting a good example for his brothers. (*Pictured left: Tyrell and three of his brothers, Tyrell is the second from the left.*)

SPORTS FEST

The Tampa Housing Authority hosted a local sports festival for youth who were former residents of Central Park Village, living within the Choice Neighborhood or living in public housing. The event was held at the Oaks at Riverview Community Center. The children and teens had a wonderful time despite a storm that blew through the area, preventing them from enjoying more time outdoors. (*Pictured right: the children of Sally Lacount attended Sports Fest from left to right; Christiney, Chrishanti, and Torry*)



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

It's hard to believe that a New Year is on the horizon already! 2014 has certainly been a busy and productive year. We have so much to be thankful for. With the opening of the Trio at Encore and the active construction of two more residential buildings (Reed and Tempo), the Encore District is really turning into an incredible community. Our partnerships throughout the neighborhood have resulted in some wonderful events and opportunities for you, our residents and neighbors. A great 2014 means we have a lot to look forward to in 2015, and a lot of hard work ahead of us. The Tampa Housing Authority and its Choice Neighborhood partners are working on the designs for a job training center on the GTE Financial campus, an early childhood center to be built in the Trio at Encore, an Urban Farm on Scott Street and improvements to Perry Harvey Park. So, while we pause to celebrate with our families and loved ones, I encourage all of us to set personal goals for the new year, whether it be learning a new skill, improving your health or saving for something big! Please remember that the Tampa Housing Authority Choice Neighborhood staff can help you reach that goal.



I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Joyous and safe New Year!

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