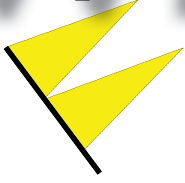


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*For the residents
of North Boulevard
Homes, Mary McLeod
Bethune Homes,
and the surrounding
community*

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YOUR WEST RIVER



A transformation in the making... What is now an aging development of 820 apartments will soon become a diverse and exciting mixed-income/mixed-use community of over 1600 residential units along with retail, commercial and recreational spaces. Currently dubbed the West River, this new community will not only entice residents who once lived here to move back, but will appeal to anyone looking for more urban living accommodations close to downtown and within walking distance to dozens of cultural and educational amenities. That is the vision for the redevelopment of what is now North Boulevard Homes/Mary Bethune and its surrounding 100+ acres of mostly publicly owned land into a new highly desirable place to live, work and place. Welcome to the future of West Tampa!



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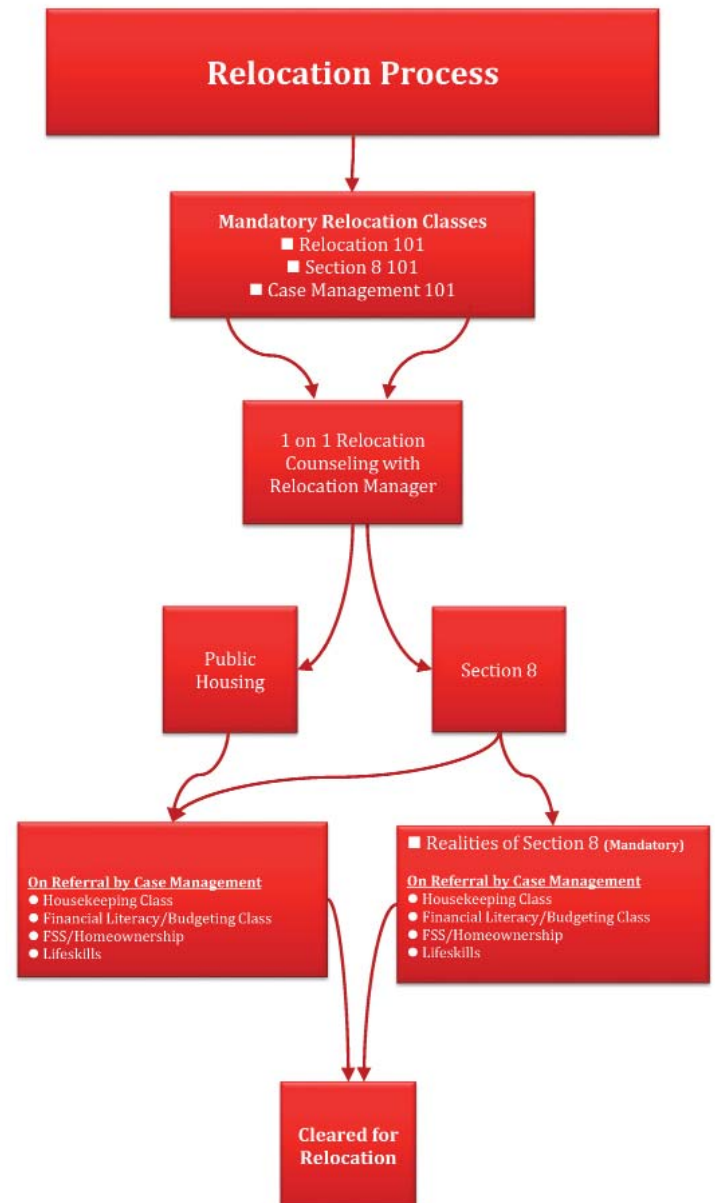
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RESIDENT MEETINGS

We are pleased to make available to every resident this newsletter as an additional vehicle to keep you informed and to keep rumors from taking on a life of their own. As you all have been notified previously, weekly on-site relocation meetings started in November 2014. The purpose for these meetings have been to keep the channels of information and two-way communications between residents and management flowing. Oftentimes when a mass relocation of this scale is undertaken there are a lot of rumors and misinformation polluting the community and these meetings are your opportunity to get the facts direct from the source. So we have continued to encourage residents to take advantage of these weekly meetings to stay informed. This newsletter will further be a source for you of factual information.

Two weeks ago, in addition to the weekly informational meetings, we started allowing residents attending these meetings to begin signing up for the mandatory relocation classes which will be offered. Every resident will have to complete a minimum of **three mandatory classes (Relocation 101, Case Management 101, and Section 8 101)** before being cleared for your one-on-one relocation counseling session with the Relocation Manager. If you choose the Section 8 program as your relocation preference then you will have an additional class to take (**Realities of Section 8**). Additionally, depending on your individual case management plan and needs of your family additional classes may be required by the Case Management staff before you are cleared for relocation off-site. Once you complete your three mandatory “101” classes your Case Manager will compile a summary and either refer you for additional classes or schedule you for your one-on-one counseling session with the Relocation Manager. Only after your one-on-one relocation counseling session with the Relocation Manager will you then be cleared for Relocation.

To sign up for a class of your choice you will be able to go by your property manager’s office any day of the week and select a class date/time that is convenient for you. You will be able to sign up during the weekly relocation information meetings as well but you do not need to wait for the weekly on-site meetings to sign up, although you will still be able to.



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CALENDAR OF RELOCATION WORKSHOPS 2015 - 2016

PROJECT/EVENT	NORTH BOULEVARD HOMES/MARY BETHUNE RELOCATION & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
ORGANIZER	TAMPA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Calendar of mandatory relocation workshops available to residents of North Boulevard Homes and Mary Bethune Hi-rise intended to prepare them for knowing their rights and responsibilities as well as how to take full advantage of the programs and services available throughout this process.

WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE	TIME	LOCATION
RELOCATION 101 - RELOCATION BASICS, KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES	9:00am & 2:00pm	Bethune Community Rm. 1515 W. Union St.
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES 101 - TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS	9:00am & 2:00pm	Neighborhood Network Cntr 1800 N. Rome
SECTION 8 101 - BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM	9:00am & 2:00pm	Education Portable unit 1390 W. Greet St.
REALITIES OF SECTION 8 - REQUIRED FOR ALL CHOOSING THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM	9:00am & 2:00pm	Education Portable unit 1390 W. Green St.
HOUSING FAMILIARIZATION TOURS - OPEN TO ALL. A CITY-WIDE TOUR OF PROPERTIES	9:00am until 4:00pm	Meet in front of Bethune 1515 W. Union St.
SATURDAY WORKSHOPS - INTENSE ALL DAY WORKSHOPS FOR WORKING FAMILIES	9am, 12pm, & 3pm	Bethune Community Rm. 1515 W. Union St.

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Dear residents of North Boulevard Homes and Mary Bethune:

It's hard to believe that we are well into 2015 already! 2014 was a busy year and as you prepare yourselves and your family for the myriad of decisions concerning relocation I am pleased to debut this newsletter as another tool for keeping you informed while relocation gets underway, and eventually as a way of keeping the whole community connected through updates celebrating special events and accomplishments. It is my hope that each family will approach this relocation as a tremendous opportunity to make well-formed, positive life-changing decisions that will set your family on a new path to greater self-sufficiency and more prosperous wellbeing. This is a "Choice-Based" relocation process. So become aware of your rights, your responsibilities, and exercise your "choices" well. Our relocation staff will be at your disposal for the next 18 months to help with your housing transition, and our case management staff will be by your side for the next 5 years. So USE them WELL, and GET ALL that is AVAILABLE while these opportunities last.



Sincerely,

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