

## HOW TO DEAL WITH FORECLOSURE PROBLEMS

As we experience a downturn in both the economy and the housing market the number of foreclosures throughout the Tampa Bay Area and the Nation continue to rise. How does this effect you, the Housing Choice Voucher recipient? As soon as you receive a notice from either your landlord or their bank / lender you should immediately bring it to the attention of both your Case manager and your Section 8 counselor. Once it is confirmed that foreclosure proceedings are in place at your current residence you will be issued a new voucher so you may move to a new unit.



Case managers attend a special meeting with THA COO, Leroy Moore, and the director of assisted housing, Margeret Jones, to discuss foreclosure issues affecting former Central Park residents.

## CENTRAL PARK INFORMATION FAIR JULY 10, 2008



The Summer Information Fair was a great success with a high turnout and plenty of activities. Local Historian Fred Hearn's tour of historical Tampa was so popular that we are chartering a larger bus for the upcoming Fall Information Fair so more people can take the tour. Several employers, health care providers and local service providers came to talk with former Central Park residents.

Please welcome our new CSS Case Managers: Ellie Goodley and Kima Morales. Many of you will be reassigned to one of them.



**Ellie Goodley**



**Kima Morales**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- FALL INFORMATION FAIR** - Thursday, Oct. 2, 2008 10-2 @ THA Learning Center, 1800 N. Rome Ave.
- DRESS FOR SUCCESS** - Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008 10am-12pm @ THA Learning Center, 1800 N. Rome Ave.
- GENESIS FINANCIAL CLASSES** - Tuesdays 10am - 12pm, Sept. 17 - Oct. 26, 2008 @ THA Learning Center, 1800 N. Rome Ave.

## Resident Highlights



**SEKOU SANGARE** (pictured left w/ case manager Cheryl Joseph) recently received the Tampa Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners' Geraldine Barnes Achievement award. He and his family came to the U.S. in 2004 as refugees fleeing the war in Liberia. He has been working at St. Joseph's hospital since 2004. He will overcome any obstacle to make sure the needs of his family are met.

**MS. BELLAMY** is enrolled in culinary school at Erwin Technical Center

**DEMECA FREEMAN** recently received her CNA certification and is working in a nursing school.

**CONNIE WELLS** received her Certificate of Achievement for Security Officer "D" License Forty Hour Training Course - Hillsborough Community College

**FELICIA MARCUS** made the Dean's List at Concorde Career Institute where she is enrolled in the Medical Assistance Program



## RESIDENT BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

### Bethany Robinson's *THE XO FACTOR*

Bethany Robinson is a former Central Park resident. She realized that many residents, including herself, were having trouble finding housing, jobs or other opportunities due to criminal history on their own or on a family members records. Through research and advice she discovered the legal steps that one can take to restore their rights. She has also compiled a list of employers willing to help ex-offenders obtain employment and stay on the path to success.

## Kid's Corner



### HONOR ROLL

**Terante George**, son of Felicia Marcus - James Elementary

**Miracle Hester**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Henry - BT Washington Elementary

**Mariah Winbush**, daughter of Lisa Torres - Sulphur Springs Elementary

### ACHIEVEMENTS



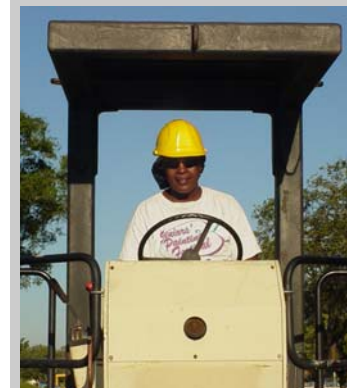
**Mia Torres** - daughter of Lisa Torres - Perfect Attendance 4th Nine Weeks - Sulphur Springs Elementary

Don't forget  
**ELECTION DAY is Tuesday,  
November 4, 2008!**  
Register or update your address  
today and have your voice  
heard!

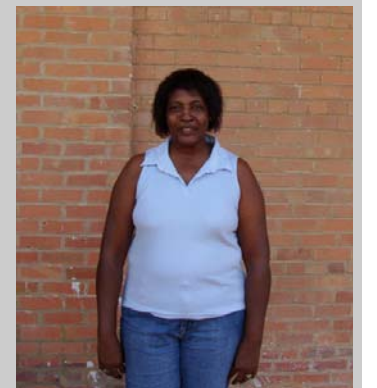


### PAST RELOCATION SUCCESSES:

**Lorraine Wright** was involved in the relocation from the former Riverview Terrace public housing development. Seizing the opportunities produced by the redevelopment of Riverview Terrace into the Oaks at Riverview, Ms. Wright was employed as a construction worker. When the time came to demolish Central Park Village another opportunity opened up and Ms. Wright put on her hard hat and went to work! She currently lives in Robles Park Village and is heavily involved in that community. We hope to see Ms. Wright and *maybe you* when we begin to construct the new Encore District.



*Then*



*Now*

**from the president/CEO**



Dear Former Residents of Central Park Village,

It is my pleasure to announce to you that the long-awaited Strand Decision by the State Supreme Court has finally been reversed. You will get more information on this very important legal decision in the next Newsletter but in a nutshell it means we can now proceed with the issuance of tax exempt bonds to enable the construction of needed infrastructure (roads, water and sewer lines, electric, street lighting, park and public space improvements, etc) at the site. As we resume meetings with the City to finalize infrastructure needs and other matters related to master development activities, we will soon be able to publish a revised schedule of activities which will include infrastructure and site work activities, finalization of design on the Ella and Tempo buildings and hopefully start of construction activities on the site sometime in the first part of 2009.

So I encourage you to again stay in touch through your CSS Case Manager so that you will know what's going on at Encore. As construction activities get underway we expect to have several job opportunities available with the various contractors. So if you are seeking employment be sure to let your Case Manager know about your interest.

Sincerely,

Jerome D. Ryans

President / CEO

**CLASSES & SERVICES**

**GED Classes**  
M - Th 8 am - 11:30 am  
and 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm  
1800 N. Rome

**Job and Career Services**  
offered daily 8 am-5 pm  
contact your Case Manager

**Genesis Financial Classes**  
Learning Center - 1800 N. Rome  
Tuesdays: Sept. 17th - Oct. 26th

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

CPV Information Fair  
October 2nd, 10am - 2pm  
@ 1800 N. Rome Ave.

**JOBS**

Contact 813-253-0551 ext.364

Continue to check the website below for openings.

[www.thajobs.com](http://www.thajobs.com)

Housing Authority of the City of Tampa  
**Office of Real Estate Development**  
1529 W. Main Street  
Tampa, Florida 33607

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let us know if you would like to receive the CPV newsletter by email... contact: **Amanda Brown** at 813-253-0551 ext. 239 or amandab@thafi.com

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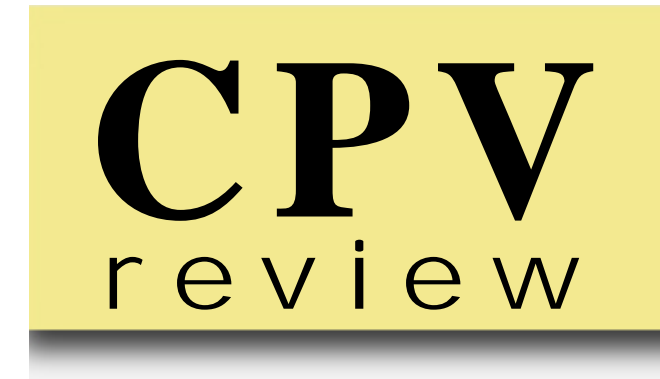
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for the former residents and surrounding community of central park

**UPCOMING - CENTRAL PARK VILLAGE INFORMATION FAIR - October 2nd from 10am-2pm**

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**SUMMER INFORMATION FAIR**

(pictures top l to r) Martha Leathers poses with her granddaughter; Quality of Life again provides health and diabetes screenings and information; THA employees hand out chips and hot dogs during the fair; A little girl enjoys a snow cone; Door prizes were raffled off throughout the day.

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