



# Community & Supportive Services (CSS) Program Newsletter

Lafayette Gardens & A. Harry Moore HOPE VI Revitalization Programs

## 1 A. Harry Moore Development Update

There's a lot of activity to report on this month.

The last residents moved out of the 3 high-rises in early April. The buildings are boarded up and the Fire Department is using the buildings for training exercises.

The JCHA Board of Commissioners approved the use of \$3 million in economic stimulus money that the JCHA received, for demolition of the 3 high-rises. They also approved the JCHA entering into a contract with Pennrose Properties, the Phase III and IV developer, for the demolition. Demolition should be completed by December.

The 78 units of Gloria Robinson Phase II are ahead of schedule! We expect the first of the three new buildings to be ready for occupancy by late summer. We will begin the application process in June. Former A. Harry Moore residents still have preference for placement at this second phase of development. We will send a letter to all former residents detailing the application process.

The JCHA and Pennrose received planning board approval and a City tax abatement for a third phase of rental development – 60 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom units. We submitted a tax credit funding proposal in April and expect to hear by June if our proposal was successful. If successful, construction will begin immediately following demolition.

We would like to invite any interested resident to attend our HOPE VI staff/resident meetings, held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is May 19 at 2:00 pm at 400 US Highway #1, 3rd floor Board Room.

## 2 Lafayette Gardens Development Update

All of the apartments at Barbara Place Terrace are ready for occupancy. Sheila Rios is the manager. Her office is currently at Lafayette Senior Center. We expect the main management office in the new community center to be ready by the end of May. Lisa Smith is the new Supportive Services Coordinator for all of Lafayette HOPE VI phases. She is developing a full-service program for residents which will begin when the community center officially opens. Lisa works for Interstate Realty Management Co. and she is working closely with Kevin to coordinate services for HOPE VI residents.

The JCHA and Michaels Development Co. have submitted a tax credit funding proposal in April for the 62-unit Glenview Townhouses. We will find out by June if funding is awarded. There are 14 1-bedroom apartments planned for this phase.

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## 8 Nutritional Workshop

Community and Supportive Services in conjunction with Rutgers University are presently offering Nutritional Workshops for housing residents. The workshops begin June 8, 2009. If you or someone you know is in need of nutritional classes, then you won't want to miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension and its staff will be conducting workshops on how to eat healthy and ways for you to make sure that everyone in your family is eating healthy as well, including the baby.

Classes are only one hour per week and last for six consecutive weeks. Nutritional food will be included as a part of the workshop, so you will need to bring your appetite. Completion of the workshops will earn participants a certificate in nutritional training, valid for those looking to obtain food service jobs.

Space is limited so prospective residents should sign up early and be prepared to attend six workshops. Nutrition is a big part of staying healthy and living healthy. Dieting techniques and other ways to eat healthy are important in maintaining active lifestyle.

The nutritional workshops will include instructions on how to prevent the spread of germs. Some areas to be discussed include: touching raw meat, fish, poultry and eggs. Other areas covered in the workshop will go over keeping your baby's formula germ-free.

To register for the workshop, you need to contact Kevin Burnett at (201) 547-3721 or Brenda Davis at (201) 547-8960. Class space is limited so call soon. If you don't get in the first workshop you may be placed on the waiting list for future nutritional workshops.

## 9 Irene Carson Remembered



A "Celebration of Life" for Irene Jacqueline Carson took place on Friday, April 17th at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Family, friends, JCHA Commissioners, staff and residents gathered to remember a woman, short in stature, but tall in spirit. Her spirit was also celebrated in a City Council resolution sponsored by Councilwoman Viola Richardson. Ms. Carson served as the Chair of the Lafayette Gardens Resident Council, and as JCHA Commissioner for many years and was the recipient of numerous civic awards. Most of the personal testimonies centered on Ms. Carson's devotion to the children of public housing. Her work "raised the self-esteem and self-worth of a generation of young people"; and her quiet dignity and generosity will be long remembered.

Sunrise March 30th, 1936  
Sunset April 10th, 2009

## 10 Senior's Corner

### Cunningham Branch Library In celebration of Older Americans Month

*Presents*

### «WELLNESS WEDNESDAY»

## Community Resource Fair

*Focusing on:*

*Social, Financial, and Health issues*

*for Seniors*

**Wednesday, May 27, 2009**

**12:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

*Light refreshments*

Glenn D. Cunningham Branch Library  
275 Martin Luther King Drive  
Jersey City, NJ 07305  
201-547-4555  
[www.jclibrary.org](http://www.jclibrary.org)

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## 11 Did You Know?

*A financial crisis can happen to anyone.*

These challenges are often due to unforeseen circumstances, such as a job loss or illness. New Jersey SHARES provides relief to people who are not eligible for other types of assistance.

New Jersey SHARES is the only statewide, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization which provides grants to pay the utility bills of households in need through a statewide network of more than 213 community-based social service agencies operating out of 238 sites.

NJ SHARES is a non-profit corporation that provides assistance to individuals and families living in New Jersey who are in need of temporary help in paying their energy bills. To qualify for NJ SHARES, a person or family must be facing a financial crisis and not be eligible for welfare or other income-based energy assistance programs. Recipients must also have a history of good-faith payments of their utility bills. Applications for NJ SHARES grants can be made at any of the more than 150 participating social service agencies throughout the state. Upon approval, recipients may receive a one-time grant of up to \$700 for gas and up to \$300 for electric (or up to \$700 for an all-electric home).

Please call NJSHARES at 1-866-657-4273  
or visit them at [www.njshares.org](http://www.njshares.org)