



Community & Supportive Services (CSS) Program Newsletter

Lafayette Gardens & A. Harry Moore HOPE VI Revitalization Programs

1 A. HARRY MOORE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

What a winter this has been! We are sorry about the postponement of the Phase III groundbreaking - the weather just won't cooperate with us this year. We will send out new invitations when we have a "snow" date.

By the end of March Gloria Robinson Court Homes II will be completely leased up.

The asbestos abatement in the 3 highrises is proceeding on schedule now. Five JCHA residents are working throughout the remediation/demolition work. We expect to start seeing the first building come down by the 1st of May. The new Phase III townhouses will start to rise this summer.

We are still waiting to hear whether or not we will receive a HOPE VI grant for the rest of the A. Harry Moore revitalization.

Any A. Harry Moore relocated resident who is experiencing difficulties may still contact Trena Hinton for assistance. Trena is located at Booker T. Washington Apts., in the ROSS Office. Her office phone is 201.547.3832. This office also has computers that are available for resident use.

2 LAFAYETTE GARDENS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

All this snow and cold weather is not helping with the ground surcharging that you see at Glennview Townhouses I. With the hint of Spring we hope to complete the ground work by early summer then you'll see the townhouses start to rise.

Applicants have started moving into Ocean Pointe East & West. The buildings should be fully leased by early April and we're planning a Grand Opening for late in April. We'll keep you informed of the date and time.

We're finishing up the designs for 7 1-family for-sale homes that we plan to build where the A & S store used to be. These will be 3-bedroom homes and sell in the \$125,000 - \$150,000 range. If you're interested, come to the HOPE VI Task Force meetings on March 11 and April 8 to see the designs and get more information. You may also call Trena Hinton at 201.547.3832 to get a copy of the house designs. If you'd like to find out if you're financially ready to buy a home or want to find out how to become financially ready, please call Pat Price, Homeownership Officer at 201.547.6724.



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3 Rutgers Nutrition Program

Rutgers University is offering an Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) that helps limited-resource families and youth improve their eating behaviors and contributes to other personal development skills through behaviorally focused nutrition education.

The classes are open to adults, especially young families, to help them learn how to avoid too much fat, cholesterol, sugar and salt and to minimize childhood obesity.

Classes run for six weeks, last for one hour and participants who attend six sessions earn a certificate of completion.

For additional information or to register for the next workshop series, call Brenda Davis, ROSS Coordinator at 201.434.4387.

Source: <http://njaes.rutgers.edu/efnep/>

4 Job Postings

Customer Service/ Retail

P/T positions available at **Marshalls**. Responsible for assisting in the daily operations of the store. Must be able to work in areas of merchandise, presentation, and processing. Qualified applicants must be able to work flexible schedule, including nights & weekends and have good verbal skills.

Customer Service/Retail

P/T positions available at **Kmart Corporation** for Customer Service & Sale Associates. Responsibilities include cashiering, customer service and layaway. Greet, interacts with and thank customers on a regular basis. Maintain housekeeping standards of areas, including ongoing and recovery.

Warehouse

Immediate openings for **Warehouse Picker Packer/ Checker**. This leading distributor has two openings at the Jersey City warehouse. Experience preferred; must read and write English, ability to lift approximately 40-60 lbs.

Healthcare- Health Service

Hospital in Secaucus is seeking **F/T Cook** \$13.00- \$13.50/ hr. to help chef cook and assemble trays. Hospital experience a plus. Morning hours 6am-2pm, flexible person a plus. Maybe some weekends, temp – long term. You can take bus #2 from Journal Square to Secaucus. Applicant must be able to pass a drug and background check.

Automotive

Company seeks **Drivers** to join growing team on P/T basis. **One Gateway Center Newark, NJ** \$8.00- \$9.00/hr general labor & at least two years of experience. Candidates will deliver vehicles throughout the tri-state area safely and efficiently. Minimum requirements are 18 years of age (18-23 must be full time college student)

Banking

Receptionist for Global Financial Company is currently seeking individual for F/T employment. High School or GED graduate. Responsible for answering phones, greeting clients, accepting drop-offs, and providing low level administrative support to managers. Computer skills are a must.

Would you like to update your current resume or get started on a new one today? Stop by the CSS Office for more information or call 201.547.3721 or 201.547.8960.

5 Metro Scanning

Hudson County Community Enterprises is offering free training for adults who receive SSI or SS Disability to learn:

- Filing systems document technology
- Basic computer skills in Microsoft Word, Excel and data entry skills
- Scanning
- Indexing and warehousing which includes how to keep an accurate inventory and to properly store documents
- Must complete a 5-day diagnostic vocational evaluation
- Minimum of 6th grade reading comprehension
- Show an interest in working in an office environment

Evaluations are scheduled for February and March and training begins in April.

There is a maximum of 10 persons per class so apply now! Participants will receive a certificate of completion. Weekly salary upon completion that will not compromise benefits-may work from 20 to 25 hours

If interested, individuals can contact their ROSS Coordinators Kevin Burnett, Curlie Chapple or Brenda Davis for more information and for a referral.

Source: *Angel Espino, Recruitment Manager*

6 Computer Skills Training/Job Readiness



Are you interested in learning how to use computers in a friendly, non-threatening environment while learning job readiness skills to prepare you for this challenging and competitive job market? Come join us for the next Computer Training/Job Readiness

series. The program is ongoing. If you are interested in registering for the next cycle of classes, please call Brenda Davis at 201.434.4387. Space is limited.

7 Program Office Information

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8 Montgomery Gardens ROSS Office

The Montgomery Gardens ROSS Office is now open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The office is located at 563 Montgomery Street, Apt. 12-2, Jersey City, NJ.

The services available to residents include:

- Resume writing and job search
- Mental health/drug counseling
- Food Pantry information
- GED/College Enrollment Assistance
- Dress for Success referrals
- Budget Counseling referrals

Please contact Curlie Chapple, ROSS Coordinator, at 201.547.8960.

Thank you to our ROSS Partners who made the grand opening of this office successful:

- St. Peter's College
- Dress for Success
- Girl Scouts
- Easter Seals
- Customer Service Skills Center, JCCSSC
- JCHA Section 3 Office
- JCHA Relocation Office

All Montgomery Gardens residents are encouraged to take advantage of these services.

9 Resident Scholarship Program

Are you a public housing resident or Section 8 participant for at least six months who is attending or planning on attending college? If so, you may be eligible to apply for a scholarship sponsored by the Housing Authority Insurance Group, Inc.

To be eligible, participants must be a U.S. citizen, be a graduating high school senior or already have a high school diploma or GED, be currently attending or plan to attend a college, university, or technical school, have a cumulative GPA or 2.5 or greater or GED. Awards are \$2,500 each and are issued before the fall semester of the current year. A total of 40 scholarships will be awarded.

To find out more information and to download an application, go to www.housingcenter.com and click on the Resident Scholarship Program link. Deadlines for applications is April 30, 2010.

Source: Housing Authority Insurance Group

10 Girl Scouts Hearts of New Jersey

On January 30, 2010, 17 girls and their parents attended The Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey "Uniquely Girls" — a two-hour event in which girls between the ages of 5 to 17 registered and participated in such activities as:

- Jump roping
- Running an obstacle course
- Learning about nutrition
- Practicing yoga

Membership is still open. Please contact Brenda Davis at 201.434.4387 or Barbara Wilson (Girl Scout Representative) at 973.746.8200, Ext. 126 to find out about joining.

Adult volunteers are also needed to act as Unit Leaders. Please contact Brenda Davis or Barbara Wilson if you are interested.

11 Senior's Corner



Partners in Prevention is offering the W.I.S.E. (Wellness Initiative for Senior Education) Program to our senior residents again. The WISE

Program is a wellness and prevention program targeting older adults, which is designed to help them celebrate healthy aging, make healthy lifestyle choices and avoid substance abuse. It provides valuable educational services to older adults on topics including nutrition and exercise, medication use, stress management, depression and substance abuse.

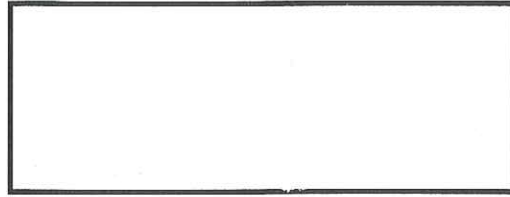
Please contact Brenda Davis at 201.434.4387 for more information.

Source: New Jersey Prevention Network



- Census 2010 is still accepting applications for positions that pay up to \$18.75 per hour. To qualify, you must first take a 30-minute general test with 28 questions. You may take the test as many times as needed. Call 201.285.0150 to call for test locations.

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12 Resident Highlight

Tiffany Perry, a Curries Woods resident was featured on Channel 12 Sunday February 7, 2010. Ms. Perry talked about her graduation from the Rising Tide Capital programs and her business—Body Café.

Rising Tide Capital is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in Jersey City, New Jersey whose mission is to “assist entrepreneurs build strong businesses that transform lives, strengthen families and create vibrant sustainable neighborhoods.”

Ms. Perry is the CEO of Body Café, an All-Nature body care line. Ms. Perry produces body care scrubs, milk baths, massage oils, lip balms, and foot soaks. Body Café does not use any synthetic fragrances. The products are naturally scented using pure essential oils. Body Café does it best to be an eco-friendly business by using recyclable packaging materials.

Ms. Perry stated that Body Café is a business that supports local and global artisans and Fair Trade Organizations. “We intend a globally recognized, spiritually advised, emotionally fulfilling and physical natural body care line.”

In addition, “Tiffany Perry is a Massage Therapist trained in different modalities of Western Bodywork. A member of ABMP, she stays abreast of the new and groundbreaking information that affects the industry. She also studies the benefit of aromatherapy and has found a way to incorporate it into her daily living.”

Ms. Perry’s website is www.bodycafe.org and Rising Tide Capital Inc.’s website is www.risingtide.capital.org.

Congratulations to Tiffany Perry and we wish her continued success!

13 Development Meetings

So that you can plan ahead, the Lafayette Gardens HOPE VI Task Force Meetings are scheduled every second Thursday of the month at the Barbara Place Community Center AT 6:00 pm.

APRIL 8 | MAY 13

So that you can plan ahead, the A. Harry Moore Revitalization meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm.

MARCH 23 | APRIL 15

14 Strengthening Families

Partners in Prevention is sponsoring a 7-week program called Strengthening Families. This free program will start on April 12th and there will be a graduation at the last session. It is geared for families who have at least one child in the household between the ages of 10 and 14. This comprehensive, primary prevention program focuses on building and sustaining “healthy families.” Working in collaboration with a number of community organizations, it combines prevention education with strategies for behavioral and community change. The program addresses risk factors that face youth and families throughout Hudson County. Strengthening Families will be held at the Curries Woods site. Contact Brenda Davis to register.

Are you 18 years and would like a summer job at Liberty State Park? Applications may be obtained from 438 Summit Avenue, 2nd Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Types of positions available include Maintenance, Historical Educators, Office Work and Visitor Services.