

COMMUNITY & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (CSS)



PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

1: A. Harry Moore Development Update

Have you been by the site recently? The last three high rises are almost ready for the demolition to begin. In the next few weeks you'll start to see Building #1 come down. Once demolition is complete we will start construction on the 60 Phase III units immediately.

All former A. Harry Moore residents who have not moved to a new HOPE VI unit will receive an application for Phase III when construction is almost done.

We expect to receive two funding announcements in the next couple of weeks - one about our HOPE VI application and one about our tax credit application for the Phase IV apartments. Of course, we would like to get funding from both but even if we don't receive the funding we will keep moving forward with the Revitalization...just not as quickly.

One big change for spring, we will now hold Revitalization Planning meetings EVERY OTHER MONTH. So there will be no meetings held in April. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 18th at 2:00 PM, at 400 US Highway #1.** All are welcome!

Finally, look at the flyer inside. **We're holding another JOB FAIR!**

2: Lafayette Gardens Development Update

Yes, we know. Site work is not the most exciting thing to watch, but it continues at Glennview Townhouses on schedule. In the meantime, we are working on finalizing the architectural and engineering documents for the 7 for-sale homes.

They will each be 3 bedroom homes with on-site parking, a backyard with a patio, a full appliance package and 2 ½ baths. The homes will be sold through a public housing homeownership program and eligible buyers will have a minimum of three persons in their household, have income below 80% of the median income (i.e. \$56,900 for a family of four), have completed the JCHA's homeownership education program (contact Pat Price at 201.547.6724 for more information), have good credit and sufficient savings to buy the home. The JCHA will refer buyers to affordable mortgage and grant programs to help with the closing on the home.

Some very nice news this month: The JCHA, along with The Michaels Development Company and Wallace Roberts Todd won a New Jersey Smart Growth award for the Lafayette Gardens revitalization so far. The award was given for creatively providing affordable housing in a mixed income community with distinguished architecture.

There's a lot going on at Ocean Pointe. The last construction touches are being completed. The last applicants are being selected for move-in. On Tuesday, April 21, the television show, "Mercy", filmed an episode using the Ocean Pointe East building. The episode will probably be aired in mid to late May...keep tuned. And, we are hosting a **Grand Opening on Tuesday, May 25th at 10:00 AM.** HOPE VI Task Force members will be receiving an invitation.

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3: Job Postings

Customer Service

Conway in Newark, NJ is seeking full-time Customer Service Reps. Must be available to work a variety of shifts including days, evenings, nights and weekends. Responsibilities include performing general clerical duties as assigned, but not limited to answering and directing phone calls, filing, data entry and billing. Candidates should possess excellent time management, organizational and multi-tasking skills.

Clerical

Busy Hoboken office is looking for an individual for an entry level clerical position. Previous experience is a plus. Must have strong computer skills (Microsoft Excel and Word) and typing skills. Company offers flexible hours and excellent benefits. Position is Monday through Friday.

Receptionist

Immediate opening for experienced, full-time Receptionist who can maintain schedules for established Administrative Aide, i.e. email, data entry, receiving/making phone calls, etc. Starting salary \$14.00 per hour. A minimum of one year experience; High School Diploma or GED.

Housekeeping

Marriott International is rapidly trying to fill positions for Housekeeping Aides. This position demands good physical and mental health. The Housekeeper will be required to lift, carry, walk, sit, push, pull and work a flexible schedule, must be able to move continuously during work hours and able to lift and/or carry 50 to 75 pounds.

Security Guard

Full-time and part-time positions open for armed and unarmed Security Guards. No experience needed; will train. Basic duties include frequent patrol of designated site, opening building for authorized entries, investigate malfunctions observed or reported and prepares a report of daily activities. Salary is competitive with excellent benefits.

Maintenance

Several different postings available for Maintenance in Jersey City/Newark area. Responsibilities include maintaining building accessibility and appearance, keep cleaning equipment operational by following manufacture's operating and care guidelines. Applicant must complete a background check and drug screening. Wages and salary will be discussed during interview.

Would you like to update your current resume or get started on a new one today? Stop by the ROSS Program Office for information and/or applications or call 201.547.3720.

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4: Dear HOPE VI Resident

Something new! We want to hear from you!

The CSS Newsletter is adding a new column in the next issue: Resident Point of View. We invite Lafayette Gardens and A. Harry Moore residents to submit information to be printed in the newsletter. Residents can submit updates, questions, concerns, suggestions, etc.

You may submit information you want included in the newsletter in the Newsletter Boxes located in the A. Harry Moore Management Office and the Lafayette CSS Office at Booker T. Washington Apts.

5: Holistic Job Fair

The Shield of Faith Ministries and Vine Community Development, Inc. is sponsoring a Holistic Job Fair on Tuesday, May 11, 2010. The event will be held at the Hank Gallo Hall in Lincoln Park, Jersey City.

There will be between 20 and 30 traditional booths at the Job Fair beginning at 10:00 AM. There will also be an evening session beginning at 4:00 PM with 10 to 20 booths specializing in those looking for evening employment.

Workshops will be offered covering such topics as Starting a New Business, Bartering Today and Emotional Support and Inspiration. Also offered will be support services including Resumes Critique Corner, Online Job Search, Dress for Success/Suit for Success and Hygiene and Grooming.

For additional information, contact Brenda Davis at 201.434.4387

6: Receive Assistance on your Energy Bills!

New Jersey Citizen Action (NJCA) is the state's largest consumer watchdog organization. New Jersey Citizen Action Oil Group, a project of NJCA, is dedicated to providing information and savings on how to save money on heating oil. Below is just another way that we are constantly on the lookout for YOU!

The soaring price of home heating oil is a huge burden on many limited-income families. **Don't worry - if you're struggling to pay your energy bills, there is help.**

LIHEAP helps low-income people pay their heating bills. The deadline to apply for winter heating bill assistance through LIHEAP is **April 30th, 2010**. LIHEAP is open to residents who are responsible for home heating or cooling costs and have gross income at or below 175% of the federal poverty level. You may even qualify if heat is included in your rent. For more information, call **800.510.3102**, or visit online at www.energyassistance.nj.gov

Act now - this deadline ends April 30, 2010!

For more information on additional energy assistance programs through the state's Board of Public Utilities, please visit online at <http://www.state.nj.us/bpu/> or call 800.624.0241.

Source: [New Jersey Citizens Action Oil Group](#)

7: Why is the Census Important?

The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like:

- Hospitals
- Schools
- Bridges, Tunnels and Other Public Works Projects
- Job Training Centers
- Senior Centers
- Emergency Services

The data collected by the census also help determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives. When you fill out the census form, you're making a statement about what resources your community needs.

Participation isn't just important - *it's mandatory*. Fill out your census and return it today!

For more information on the Census, visit www.2010.census.gov.

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IT'S IN OUR HANDS

8: Resident Scholarship Program

It is **not** too late to apply for the Housing Authority Insurance, Inc. Resident Scholarship Program. You must be a public housing resident or Section 8 participant for at least 6 months. The Housing Authority Insurance Group is offering 40 scholarships worth \$2,500. The deadline is April 30, 2010.

For more information or to download an application, visit the website at, www.housingcenter.com, or you may contact the Marketing Coordinator, Lori Luponi, at 800.873.0242 ext. 639.

9: Healthy Residents are Happy Residents

The ROSS program at Booker T. Washington Apartments is hosting a one day Health Fair with Horizon Health Center of Jersey City. All residents are invited to attend and receive free screenings for diabetes, high blood pressure, cholesterol and HIV. Residents can also get information about various health ailments and referrals to the center for additional screenings or to meet with a physician.

The health event will take place on April 29, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Booker T. Washington Apartments.

For additional information, contact Kevin Burnett, ROSS Coordinator, at 201.547.3721.

10: Senior's Corner

Did you know that there is a program out there for senior citizens who are over the age of 67 and cannot afford dental care? Well, if you are a senior and have been suffering in pain from dental problems, the Hudson County Dental (HCD) program may be what the doctor ordered.

The dentists involved with the HCD are board certified and licensed through the state of New Jersey. The program has specialists including Periodontists, Endodontists, Pedodontists, Oral Surgeons and Orthodontists. Seniors who are at least 67 years of age, reside in Jersey City and earn less than \$1,500 a month in total income are eligible.

Their dentist handles all oral problems and prevention matters. There is no waiting period and seniors who have dental problems can go immediately - in most cases. Extractions (pulling of the teeth) cost \$10, as well as fillings and cleanings. Patients interested in partials, pay \$50 and any medicines needed for dental pain or infection is usually covered by Medicare or Medicaid.

For those seniors without Medicare or Medicaid, enrollment in Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged & Disabled (PAAD) will cover all prescription costs. There are no monthly fees associated with the program; you simply pay (at a reduced rate) as you go.

Seniors need not to worry about filling out complicated claim forms because the assistants at HCD are able to get medical histories while they wait. The Bergen Avenue dental program is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM. In many cases, emergencies are welcomed, but appointments can be made over the telephone. Any seniors interested in finding out more about the Hudson County Dental program can call their office, Monday - Thursday, at 201.653.7886.

If you need additional information, contact Kevin Burnett, at 201.547.3721

11: 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.

May 13 | June 10 | July 8

So that you can plan ahead, the A. Harry Moore Revitalization meetings are scheduled the third Tuesday of every other month at 2:00 PM.

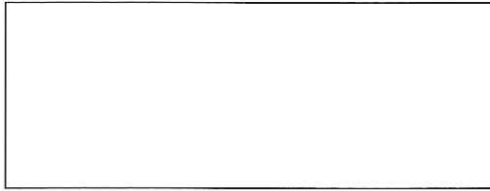
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12: Free Teens U.S.A.

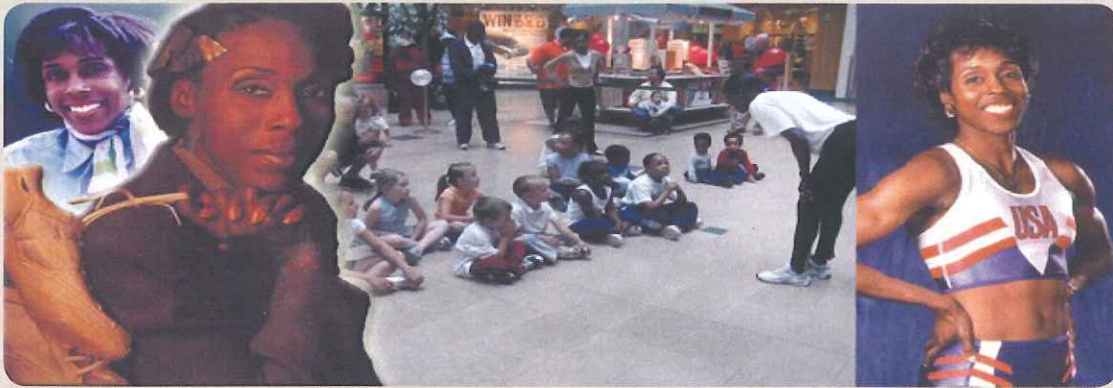
Free Teens U.S.A., a project of the Center for Educational Media, reaches more than 10,000 teens annually in urban and suburban areas of New York and New Jersey with messages of healthy relationships, self-leadership and character development. Free Teens U.S.A. aims to help youth achieve their life dreams and goals including that of preparing for a committed love relationship that can last a lifetime.

Free Teens U.S.A. will be hosting their 12th year Annual Banquet honoring teenagers. The event will take place at Casino in the Park on Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. For more information about Free Teens U.S.A., visit them online at www.freeteensyouth.com.

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13: The Joetta Geniuses Scholarship Awards

Presented At
The 5th Annual JCD Sports Extravaganza

New Jersey's 1988, 1992, 1996 and 2000 Olympian, Joetta Clark Diggs and JCS Sports Foundation will select and present five (5) \$800.00 scholarships to **student athletes from New Jersey graduating in 2011**. The Foundation will select the student/athletes through an open nomination process. **All applicants must be Juniors in 2010**, have documentation of a 3.0 GPA, participate in varsity track & field and show themselves as positive role models in their families, schools and communities.

Please forward this message to other coaches, parents, athletes, guidance counselors and athletic directors that you know. To obtain more information about the nomination process, please visit us online at: www.joettasportsandbeyond.com and click onto **Nomination Process** at the top of the page.

How To Apply:

Juniors, those graduating in 2011, write a letter of at least 300 words as to why you should receive the scholarship. Please include the following information: name, address, phone number, email address, parent's names, coach's name, guidance counselor's names, documentation of GPA, school, events, event highlights and community services or involvement.

The Deadline for Applications April 26, 2010.

All winners and a guest will be invited to The Clark Diggs 5th Annual Sports Extravaganza Dinner, where over 20 Track & Field Olympians and Sports Icons will be in attendance. The Extravaganza is scheduled for Friday, September 24, 2010, at the Marriott Hotel in Bridgewater, NJ, from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM. **All winners must be present at the Extravaganza.**

Mail Applications To:

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NO FAXES or EMAILS WILL BE ACCEPTED