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# Community & Supportive Services (CSS) Program Newsletter

Lafayette Gardens & A. Harry Moore HOPE VI Revitalization Programs

## 1 A. Harry Moore Development Update

As we reported in the last newsletter, we are working on a HOPE VI Grant application for the last two development phases at A. Harry Moore. Our plan is to include early childhood education classes in the development. In order to design educational services that meet resident needs, Trena Hinton and Tish Jackson will be contacting former residents who have young children to conduct a survey of resident needs.

Good news for A. Harry Moore Phase III – we received tax credit funding! We will close on the financing for these 60 new rental units in December, then you will see construction start immediately following demolition.

Although we have experienced a number of delays with the demolition of the last three high-rises, utilities are now being disconnected and asbestos removal will begin within a few weeks.

HOPE VI Planning meetings are starting up again. We will hold our first meeting on Tuesday, September 29 at 6:00 pm at the JCHA administrative building, 400 US Highway #1.

Please come to discuss the latest plans. ALL ARE WELCOME!

## 2 Lafayette Gardens Development Update

With tax credit funding under our belts for Glennview Townhouses, we're celebrating with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, October 28 at 10:00 am. State Senator Sandra Cunningham is expected to attend as this phase is named after our late Mayor Glenn Cunningham. For those who have been very patiently waiting for a new one-bedroom apartment, this phase features 14 one-bedroom units. Construction should last about 14 months.

Lease-up for Ocean Pointe East & West will begin toward the end of the year. Lafayette Gardens seniors who are interested in this development have first preference.

The next Lafayette Gardens HOPE VI Task Force meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8 at 6:00 pm in the Barbara Place Community Room. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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## 8 Nutritional Workshop Series

Curries Woods, Booker T. Washington and Montgomery Gardens are offering an ongoing eight week nutrition education workshop series. The series is open to adults of all ages who are interested in learning how to make healthier food choices using their current meal options. The workshops are fun, interactive and include trying tasty snacks. We are currently taking names for the next workshop.

If you are interested and can make a weekly one hour commitment, contact Brenda Davis at (201) 547-3844, Kevin Burnett at (201) 547-3721 or Curlie Chapple at (201) 547-8960.

## 9 SafeLink Lifeline

Lifeline Assistance is a program that was created by the government to provide discounted or free telephone service to income-eligible consumers. To help bring you this important benefit, SafeLink Wireless is proud to offer Lifeline Service. Through our Lifeline Service you will receive FREE cellular service, a FREE cell phone, and FREE Minutes every month! SafeLink Wireless Service does not cost anything – there are no contracts, no recurring fees and no monthly charges. You qualify for Lifeline Service if...

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- Food Stamps
- General Assistance
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
- Lifeline Utility Credit/Tenants Lifeline Assistance
- Medicaid
- Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled ("PMD")
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) or Work First New Jersey("TANF/WFNJ")

OR

- Your total household income is at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG). The table below provides the maximum income you can have to be eligible for service.

Number Persons in Household	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	\$16,245	\$1,354
2	\$21,855	\$1,822
3	\$27,465	\$2,289
4	\$33,075	\$2,757
5	\$38,685	\$3,224
6	\$44,295	\$3,692
7	\$49,905	\$4,159
8	\$55,515	\$4,627
For ea. additional person, add	\$5,610	\$468

AND

- No one in your household currently receives Lifeline Assistance through another phone carrier. If someone in your household is receiving Lifeline Assistance you must cancel the service before applying for Lifeline Service through SafeLink Wireless.
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## 10 Senior's Corner

If you don't qualify for Medicaid because of income guidelines, you may still be eligible for another program that can assist you or a family member with medical costs and nursing care.

The Community Care Program for the Elderly and Disabled (CCPED) is available to individuals 65 and over or anyone who is disabled. Seniors must be eligible for Medicare or have other health insurance, which includes hospital and physician coverage, while those under 65 must be determined disabled by the Social Security Administration and be eligible for Medicare.

Some of the benefits offered by CCPED include homemaker services, home health, medical day care, transportation to doctor's appointments, prescription drugs, respite care and social day care. Clients can also receive assistance in filling out the CCPED application.

For more information about the program mentioned, contact Kevin Burnett, Program Coordinator, at (201) 547-3721.

### Jersey City Senior Health Fair

The Department of Health & Human Resources will hold its Annual Senior Health Fair at Hudson Mall on Wednesday, October 4, from 10am to 2pm. The Health Fair will not have flu shots but will have screening for blood pressure, cholesterol and many other screenings.

## 11 Tish Jackson Honored



Patricia (Tish) Jackson, JCHA Director of Social Services, was the guest of honor at Appreciation Day sponsored by the Curries Woods Senior Association held on August 15, 2009. Ms. Jackson was honored on that day for her many years of dedication and commitment to the Curries Woods community.  
Congratulations Ms. Jackson!

## 12 Customer Service Training

The Jersey City Episcopal Community Development Corporation, through its Customer Service Skills Center, is recruiting, training and placing individuals in long term retail and customer service careers. It is a free six week course with class hours Mon-Fri (12:30pm to 4:30pm). Contact Kevin Burnett (201) 547-3721, Curlie Chapple (201) 547-8960 or Brenda Davis (201) 547-3844 for information about the next training.