

# COMMUNITY & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

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## 1: A. Harry Moore Development Update

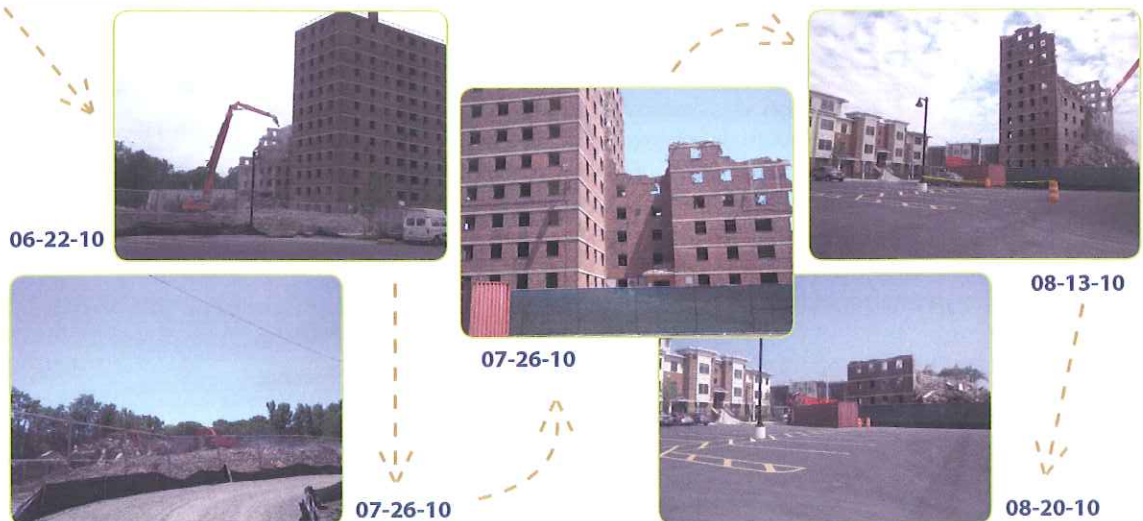
We had a very successful HUD HOPE VI site visit on August 5th at the A. Harry Moore site. The HUD representatives were very impressed with the first two phases of Gloria Robinson Court Homes and with our plans to complete the revitalization.

We will begin planning meetings with residents again in the Fall and we're looking to hold the meetings at the new community center on the site. We will notify everyone of dates in the next newsletter.

Our next big planning decision is to work with the Jersey City Board of Education to design Pre-K classes on site as part of the last phase of rental building.

Phase III construction is still on schedule to start in the fall. We anticipate mailing applications to former A. Harry Moore residents in the fall of 2011. Be sure to contact Trena Hinton if your address has changed.

### Demolition Progress



## 2: Lafayette Gardens Development Update

You will finally see some action again at Glennview Townhouses. The contractor is beginning to mobilize to continue site work. We anticipate beginning the application process at the end of 2011 and will once again, send applications to all former Lafayette residents who have not moved into a HOPE VI development yet. If you have moved, please let Trena Hinton know your new address. The phase will offer 14 1-bedroom apartments.

We are moving ahead with the homeownership development on the corner of Woodward & Grand St. Although it doesn't look like anything is happening, we are working through the environmental and land assembly issues and working on a site approval application for the City - all issues that must be resolved before you see construction.

Although we missed some meetings this summer, we are resuming **Task Force meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Barbara Place community center this fall.** All are welcome.

### 3: Job Postings

#### Shuttle Van Driver

Position in Bayonne. CDL-P. Full-time only. Call 201.455.8741 or email resume to: [shuttlevandriver@gmail.com](mailto:shuttlevandriver@gmail.com).

#### Youth Counselor

Social services agency is seeking an individual to work with at-risk adolescents in a residential setting. Duties include supervising adolescents including assistance with daily living skills and supportive counseling. Flexible hours may include weekends and nights. Requires High School Diploma or GED and one year experience working with adolescents. Valid driver's license is also required. Salary \$11 per hour. Apply online at <http://caunj.org/openpositions.html> or fax your resume to 908.354.0283.

#### Commercial Driver Class A or B

Full-time. Applications are available at: 20 Aquarium Drive, Secaucus, NJ. For more information call 718.399.8000.

#### Home Health Aide

Immediate openings for home health aides. Up to \$12 per hour. Flexible schedules. Applications available on Tuesdays from 2pm - 5pm and Wednesdays from 9am - 12pm at Always Caring, 418 Central Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07307. Ph: 701.706.2492.

#### Teachers Aide

Company Confidential. Hiring in Jersey City. Salary \$14 - 16/per hour. Apply online at <http://www.jobnab.com/signup/page1.cfm?id=138774>

### Unemployment Benefits Extended

On July 26, 2010, federal legislation was approved extending unemployment benefits for individuals whose 26 weeks of assistance has expired. The new legislation restores benefits retroactive to June 2, 2010 and extends the program through November 30, 2010. It does not provide any additional benefits to the current maximum of up to ninety-nine (99) weeks of unemployment benefits.

Source: [New Jersey Department of Labor](#)

### Program Offices

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**Computer Training** - Intro to Computers is available on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Please contact the Program Office for details.

**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 Kevin Burnett at 201.547.3721**

### 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 any information you would like to be included in the upcoming newsletter into the **Newsletter Boxes** located in the A. Harry Moore Management Office and the Lafayette ROSS Office at Booker T. Washington Apartments.

## 5: 6 JOB HUNTING TIPS YOU SHOULD KNOW!

- 1. Be prepared.** You should have a copy of your resume at all times. It is also a good idea to have fresh copies of your resume prepared in case you are called to an interview at the last minute.
- 2. Make a "to do" list every day.** This will help you organize your list of priorities and keep you focused on finding that perfect job.
- 3. Follow-up with leads immediately.** If you find out about a position late in the day, call right then. Don't wait until the next day.
- 4. Focus.** Your daily schedule must include a serious job search arrangement. Be organized. Treat looking for work like a job.
- 5. Manage your job search.** Be organized by using a system, whether it is an online tool or something offline, like a well-organized notepad.
- 6. Use job boards.** The CSS/ROSS Office regularly updates job posts from various fields. These job postings are a great source for recently advertised job openings and training opportunities.

**If you would like to enroll in Job Readiness workshops, please contact Kevin Burnett, ROSS Coordinator at Booker T. Washington, at 201.547.3721. Workshops are done on a monthly basis and may include series of formats as well as one time only workshops. Give them a try and learn something new.**

### 6: 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.

**Sept 9 | Oct 14 | Nov 19**

**The A. Harry Moore Revitalization Meetings** are scheduled the third Tuesday of every other month at 2:00 PM.

**Sept 21 | Nov 16 | Jan 18**

## 7: Adult High School Program

Are you a resident who is over 18 years of age and have not been in a traditional high school for at least one year? The Adult High School Diploma Program offered by the Jersey City Board of Education may be able to help you meet the requirements needed to earn your high school diploma! Requirements include earning the equivalent of 110 credits and preparing for and passing the New Jersey High School Proficiency Assessment test (HSPA) which demonstrates your command of reading, writing and mathematics.

The Adult Education staff will work with students to honor credits for previous studies and skills learned outside the classroom. Credits may be awarded based upon:

- *Transcript from an accredited high school or vocational school that shows credits already earned*
- *Work experience*
- *Military experience*
- *Examination (up to 5 credits for each exam taken)*

**Classes begin each fall, winter and spring. You may call the Board of Education at 201.915.6210 for registration dates. You must bring the following documents with you when you register:**

- *All previous high school transcripts, including any HSPA test scores*
- *Valid photo identification*
- *Proof of Jersey City residency*
- *Social security card*

Daytime classes are available Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 3:00pm at the Adult Education Center, 70 Bright Street. Ph: 201.915.6783.


Evening classes are available Monday - Thursday from 6:00pm - 9:00pm at Dickinson High School, 2 Palisade Avenue. Ph: 201.714.4440.

**All adult education programs are offered FREE of charge and FREE childcare is available.**

Source: [Jersey City Board of Education](#)

## 8: Low Cost Prescription Medication Programs

**How can you afford to pay for prescription medications without a prescription plan?** Did you know that you can participate in low cost generic prescription programs offered at *Walgreens*, *Pathmark*, and *Target*? Generic medications are less expensive copies of brand names. It is important to ask your doctor if you can take a generic equivalent for the brand name medication. The ROSS Coordinator can assist you to register for these programs or you may obtain information at:

**Pathmark**   
Rt. 440 and Kellogg Street - 201.434.1212  
\$3.99 for 30 day supply  
\$9.99 for 90 day supply  
\$10.00 to register and you receive a \$10.00 voucher to shop

**Walgreens**   
1531 John F. Kennedy Boulevard - 201.332.7871  
Some generic prescriptions are \$8.99

**Target**   
100 14th Street - 201.499.0017  
\$4.00 for 30 day supply  
\$10.00 for 90 day supply

## 9: Adult Basic Education Pre-GED Program

The Jersey City Board of Education offers a General Educational Development (GED) diploma. The program focuses on improving reading, writing, mathematics and problem-solving skills. Classes are available in English and Spanish, and are supported with a wide range of computer software, printed materials and audio-visual aids.

**You may register any time from September through June. You must bring the following with you:**

- *Valid photo identification*
- *Proof of Jersey City residency*
- *Social security card*

**To qualify for the GED test, you must:**

- *Be at least 16 years old. If you are 16-17 years old, you must have your parent or guardian sign and submit a Certificate of Consent to Participate (if legal guardian, must bring a copy of the Court document)*
- *Not have graduated from an accredited high school or received a high school equivalency certificate or diploma*
- *Not be currently enrolled in a regular high school*

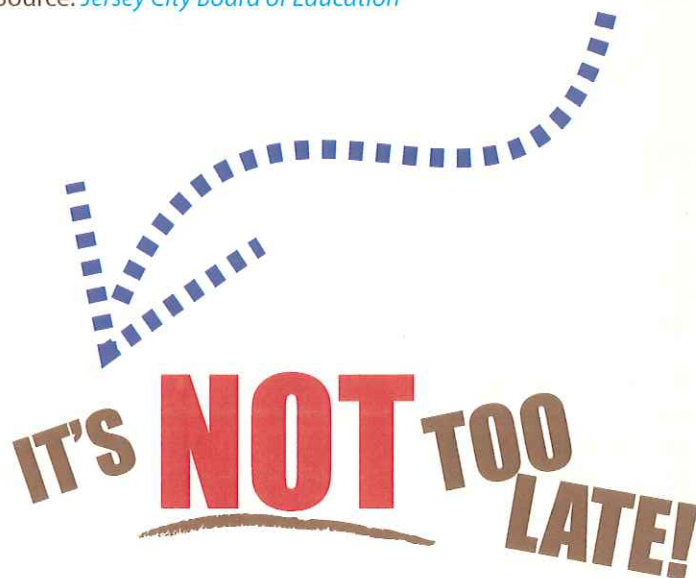
The official GED test is given in English and Spanish every month. Students are encouraged to stay in the GED program until their diplomas arrive.

Daytime Pre-GED classes are available Monday - Friday at the Adult Education Center, 70 Bright Street. Ph: 201.915.6783 or 201.915.6615.

Evening Pre-GED classes are available Monday - Thursday from 6:00pm - 9:00pm at:

- P.S. #8, 96 Franklin Street. Ph: 201.714.4320
- P.S. #11, 883 Bergen Avenue. Ph: 201.915.6521
- The Adult Education Center (Monday - Wednesday) 70 Bright Street. Ph: 201.915.6783 or 201.915.6615.

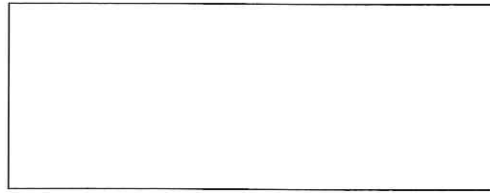
Source: [Jersey City Board of Education](#)



**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

**Register for college courses today! For further information and assistance, please contact ROSS Coordinator Brenda Davis at 201.434.4387.**

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## 10: StreetWise Partners

Founded in 1997, the mission of **StreetWise Partners (SWP)** is to work with top-notch corporations to build mentoring relationships between low-income individuals and volunteer business professionals to develop workplace skills and employment networks as the bridge to a successful career. StreetWise Partner's vision is that one day all citizens will have the skills and opportunities to become economically self-sufficient and achieve their full potential.



In this unique program, business professionals volunteer to mentor participants in 3-hour sessions conducted in donated corporate spaces over a 14-week period on Saturdays. The training sessions include computer skills instruction (*MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint*) and periodic skills assessments, as well as goal setting, resume and cover letter writing, interview preparation, developing an elevator pitch, informational interviews, workplace etiquette and public speaking.

The Fall 2010 programs and interview schedule is now available. You may attend an open house at one of their offices to meet staff and alumni to discuss the program, or you may call program staff for more details and to sign up for an informational interview with a business mentor to work out if this program is the best next step for you.

Please visit [www.streetwisepartners.org](http://www.streetwisepartners.org) or call Brenda Davis, Program Coordinator, for more information at 201.434.4387.

Source: [StreetWise Partners](#)

## 11: Hey, did you know?

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, call Kevin Burnett, ROSS Coordinator, at 201. 547.3721.