

# Executive Director's Report

Housing Authority Of The City Of Orlando, Florida  
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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DESK

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

- PHADA Commissioners Conference  
San Diego, CA  
January 25-28, 2009
- NAHRO Legislative Conference  
Washington, DC  
March 16-18, 2009
- PHADA Annual Convention  
Atlanta, GA  
May 1-2, 2009
- FAHRO Executive Director Retreat  
St. Augustine, FL  
May 19-21, 2009



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am excited! In just a few days, I am heading off to Washington, DC for the celebrations and the inauguration of our 44<sup>th</sup> President, Barack Obama. No, I don't have tickets to the inauguration and I won't be attending any of the formal events. Still, I want to be in our nation's capital to feel the history and experience the atmosphere of such an occasion!

Whatever one's politics, there is no denying that this inauguration will make history. Change? Of course. But change, in and of itself, is meaningless. This is an opportunity for all of us to move forward and to advocate for our own visions for the country.

For many of us, the holiday season just past brought home the economic fears we are experiencing. Concerns about job stability continue, Wall Street troubles lead us to wonder how our own communities will be im-

pacted by the mortgage industry crisis. Americans have weathered many storms and come out stronger as a result. It is our ability to hope that is renewed at this time of year, as we start 2009. No matter what the difficulties, we will survive. Growth can be painful, but it brings out our strengths.

As we enter this new era, heading toward the end of the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, I feel a sense of renewal. Not just because it is January and a new year begins, but because I see and experience so much hope around me. We remain strongly blessed and hope is a gift for which I am most grateful. Let's share our strength, our hopes, our spirits.

I will take with me to Washington the excitement of newness and the hope that, as Americans, we will weather any storm with renewed commitment to our ideals. Happy 2009!



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### Board of Commissioners' Meeting

The Orlando Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will hold its regular Board Meeting Thursday, January 15, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the OHA's Administration Building, Board Room, 390 N. Bumby Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803.

Orlando Housing Authority residents interested in attending the meeting who need transportation, please call the Family Services Department at (407) 895-3300, extension 6001.

## Carver Park Development Program



The Villas at Carver Park

### The Villas at Carver Park

**Construction:** Construction is 80% complete. All exterior walls have been poured. Drywall has been installed and the first floor has been painted. Finish work is well underway with cabinets being installed in the community kitchen area. Wiring for security cameras is complete. All work is on schedule.

### Multi-family Rental (The Landings at Carver Park), Neighborhood Network Center and Central Maintenance Facility Rehabilitation

**Construction:** The permits for all of the rental units have been received. Construction on the quad units and rowhouses is underway and is about 60% complete. Drywall is installed and painting has started on the quads.

**Central Maintenance Facility:** Conceptual designs for rehabilitation of the OHA Central Maintenance facility have been prepared by OB Architects, the firm that designed the Villas at Carver Park Elderly Housing. They were approved by OHA and will be presented to the Downtown Development Board Design Review Committee at the January 17, 2009 meeting.

## MURCHISON TERRACE POTLUCK BINGO NIGHT



The Murchison Terrace Apartments Resident's Association held its first Potluck Bingo night Thursday, January 8, 2009. The residents enjoyed playing bingo and winning prizes while sharing a delicious potluck meal consisting of yellow rice, chicken drummetts, macaroni salad, deviled

eggs just to name a few. The Bingo Night will be held the second Thursday of each month from 5:30 p.m.—7:30p.m. in the Murchison Terrace Community Room.



## Reading Literacy Workshop



The Orlando Housing Authority hosted its first Youth Reading Literacy Workshop,

Tuesday, January 6, 2009 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The workshop was at the Ivey Lane Resident Association Center. The volunteer facilitators were two educators: Karen Streeter and Par-niece Crawford from Lockhart Middle School. Ten very smart and well behaved children participated in the workshop. At the end, each child received a book, eraser, pencil and piece of candy for participating. Ronisha Britten, the OHA Coordinator for this activity, presented "Thank you" cards on behalf of OHA. The next workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2009 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. . The topics will include the Juvenile Justice System and the consequences of juvenile crime.



## NAACP ACT-SO PROGRAM—COME JOIN!!!!

ACT-SO is an acronym for Academic, Cultural, Technological, and Scientific Olympics. ACT-SO is a yearlong enrichment program designed to recruit, stimulate, improve and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African- American students. There are 26 categories of competition in the Sciences, Humanities, Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Entrepreneurship.

ACT-SO is sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), which is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. ACT-SO receives support from schools, community, organizations, churches, foundations, private corporations and individuals.

ACT-SO is structured to be a year-long enrichment program. The 2008-2009 Orange County (FL) Branch ACT-SO Program began in December with mentoring, coaching and teaching. The Orange County (FL) ACT-SO competition takes place in March of 2009. Contestants, who win gold medals on the Orange County (FL) level, qualify to attend the National ACT-SO competition, which will take place at the 100<sup>th</sup> NAACP National Convention in New York City, New York July 11- 16, 2009. Public Housing youths in grades 9-12 that are interested in participating in this dynamite program please contact Roneisha Randall-Britton at (407) 895-3300 ext 6009.

# The Season of Giving

**Orlando City Commissioner Patty Sheehan and Urban Life Management** gave new bicycles to sixty-three (63) children of the Reeves Terrace public housing community. The bicycles were given to each child on Monday, December 22, 2007 at Howard Middle School. Commissioner Sheehan partnered with Condo HQ, Baker Barrios Architects, MPB Communications, Olde Town Brokers, Inc., CitiSpace Orlando, Massey Communications, Orlando Fire Department-Station 1, Historic Creations, Toys R Us Store #8725, Orlando Police Department and Workscapes, Inc.

Santa arrived at the Howard Middle School with escorts of the Orlando Fire Department and the Orlando Police Department (OPD) Mounted officers. Commissioner Sheehan was joined by representatives of the sponsoring businesses to distribute the bicycles and helmets

to the kids. The Orlando Police Department also gave safety instruction to the kids through a bicycle safety-training course. The OPD Bicycle Patrol then escorted the youths back to Reeves Terrace on their spanking-



brand new bicycles. The children and the parents of Reeves Terrace Apartments appreciate Commissioner Sheehan, the Orlando Fire Department and the Police Department for their benevolence.

**Orlando City Commissioner Sam Ings and Orlando Foodservice Partners** donated twenty (20) holiday food bags to elderly residents each in the Lake Mann Homes and Murchison Terrace public housing communities. Commissioner Ings graciously provided a Ham to accompany the bag donated by the partner. Each bag that contained green beans, corn, peas, beef stew, a box of mash potatoes, two boxes of macaroni and cheese, one can of fruit, cookies, chips and crackers.

**The Orlando Chapter of the Links, Inc.** sponsored dinners for twenty (20) residents age 74 and older at the Jackson Court Apartments; the oldest resident present was 89. The Links President, Hellen W. Dennis presented the residents with the dinners and other gifts, Tuesday, December 23, 2008. The dinner included a fully-cooked turkey from Honey Baked Ham and their choice of two side dishes. The residents also had an opportunity to fellowship with The Links members who joined them in singing carols.



**Three (3) Stars Media** held a "Month of Miracles" Toy Drive for the residents of the Ivey Lane Homes public housing community. The presentation of gifts to the residents was held Wednesday, December 24, 2008. With over 25 volunteers, over 700 unwrapped toys, a horse and carriage and a Santa, every household at Ivey Lane was presented with three toys per child and the elderly residents were presented with a holiday food basket.





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**Orlando Housing Authority Mission Statement:** To offer a choice of safe and affordable housing options and opportunities for economic independence for residents of Orlando and Orange County.



## Capital Improvements Report



### Complex 4-1 Griffin Park Apartments

- ◆ Supply and Install Aluminum Replacement Windows at Griffin Park Apartments: Breen Construction began work May 26, 2008 and completed work December 7, 2008
- ◆ Supply and Install Kitchen Cabinets: Camelot Development, Inc. begin work December 1, 2008. The estimated completion date is June 2, 2009.
- ◆ Supply and Install Security Screen Doors: Ovation Construction will begin work January 19, 2009. The estimated completion date is July 2, 2009.

### Complex 4-2/5 Reeves Terrace Apartments

- ◆ Supply and Install Security Screen Doors: Spires Construction will begin work January 19, 2009. The estimated completion date is July 2, 2009.
- ◆ Supply and Install New Windows, Kitchen Cabinets, Bathtub Refinishing, Electrical Upgrade from 100 amps to 125 amps, Interior Plumbing, 220 Volt Electric Circuit for Washer/Dryer, Electric Stove and Electric Water Heater, Exterior Stucco and Exterior Painting at Reeves Terrace Apartments: Britt Construction, Inc. began work July 16, 2008. Work is 60% complete. The estimated completion date is April 26, 2010.

### Complex 4-6 Murchison Terrace Apartments

- ◆ Refinish 190 Bathtubs: Permaglaze of Central Florida began work July 21, 2008. Work is 60% complete. The estimated completion date is January 6, 2009.

### Complex 4-9 Ivey Lane Homes

- ◆ Remove and Replace Central Air Conditioning Units: Wilson 5 Corporation will begin work January 12, 2009. The estimated completion date is June 25, 2009.
- ◆ Supply and Install Interior and Exterior Doors, Windows, Ceramic Floor Tile and Interior Painting: Breen Construction began work April 28, 2008. Work is 99% complete. The estimated completion date is November 25, 2009. This project is ahead of schedule. Contractor is missing 22 security window screens
- ◆ Supply and Install 220 Volt Electrical Circuit for Dryer and Install Dryer Vent: Faith Electric began work November 3, 2008. Work is 38% complete. The estimated completion date is April 24, 2009.

### Complex 4-10 Lorna Doone Apartments

- ◆ Supply and Install New Packaged Terminal Cooling HVAC Units: Gary Munson Heating & AC began work December 18, 2008 and completed work December 20, 2008.

### Complex 4-10 Lorna Doone Apartments-continued

- ◆ Supply and Install Exterior Doors: MVB & Associates, Inc. will begin work January 12, 2009. The estimated completion date is June 3, 2009.

### Complex 4-11 Meadow Lake Apartments

- ◆ Stucco and Exterior Painting at Meadow Lake Apartments: Picasso Painting will begin work January 12, 2009. The estimated completion date is July 3, 2009.
- ◆ Supply and Install Exterior Entry Doors: JF VII Corporation will begin work January 26, 2009. The estimated completion date is July 14, 2009.

### Complex 4-12 Johnson Manor Apartments

- ◆ Supply and Install Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners: AireTronics, Inc. will begin work February 23, 2009. The estimated completion date is August 11, 2009.

### Complex 4-12A Citrus Square Apartments

- ◆ Supply and Install Ceramic Tile on Entire Floor of all Apartments: Gomez Ceramic Tiles will begin work January 12, 2009. The estimated completion date is June 25, 2009.
- ◆ Supply and Install Aluminum Replacement Windows: RH Paradise Construction, LLC will begin work January 29, 2009. The estimated completion is July 30, 2009.
- ◆ Supply and Install Electric Water Heaters: Bryan Plumbing began work December 29, 2008 and completed work January 7, 2009.

### Complex 4-13 Omega Apartments

- ◆ Supply and Install Aluminum Replacement Windows: RH Paradise Construction will begin work January 29, 2009. The estimated completion date is July 30, 2009.
- ◆ Supply and Install Ceramic Tile Around Bathtub, New Tub Fixtures, Exhaust Fan and Refinish Bathtubs: Total Ceramic Tile Inc. will begin work January 19, 2009. The estimated completion date is July 2, 2009.
- ◆ Supply and Install Exterior Doors: Ovation Construction began work September 18, 2008 and completed work December 4, 2008.

### Complex 4-17 The Villas at Hampton Park

- ◆ Interior and Exterior Painting of the Villas at Hampton Park Apartments: Picasso Painting began work December 4, 2008. The work is 46% complete. The estimated completion date is June 1, 2009.