

President/CEO's Report

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Highlights From The Desk

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- PHADA Legislative Forum
Washington, D.C.
September 20-22, 2009
- Florida Housing Coalition's
Statewide Annual Conference
Orlando, FL
September 21-23, 2009
- NAHRO National Conference
Washington, D.C.
October 4-6, 2009
- PHADA Commissioner
Conference
Tampa, FL
January 10-13, 2010

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In the heat of August, it's always hard to imagine school starting. I know Northerners comment that it does not seem right to have school start before Labor Day! But the first day of school is around the corner and, for most of us, that means the end of summer.

We are grateful to our elected officials and various organizations who have sponsored fairs distributing school supplies and back packs for children. There have also been opportunities for immunizations and school physicals from sponsors. Additionally, some of OHA's resident associations have sponsored their own activities, so school children should be able to start out this school year with everything they need.

Still, more important than a new backpack and fresh supplies of pencils and notebook paper, is a supportive environment at home. It is especially important time for parents to take a few extra minutes to speak with children about the upcoming school year. To see if our kids are nervous about a new school, worried about keeping up with their work, or excited about moving ahead. I can remember my own school days, and being excited about meeting my teacher and seeing my old friends...and most important deciding what to wear!

As a parent, I know how important it is to be involved with the school and teachers. Of course, there are so many advances in teaching methods;

it can be scary for a parent to keep up with what their children are learning! For instance, many children have to write papers using a computer, or are learning math that I can only look at; I am clueless as to how to solve the math problem. At the same time, I can still work with my child's teacher, even if they/I cannot help to solve the math problem, we as parents may be helpful with other homework. Parents can participate in school activities if work hours permit. At the very least, parents can ask their child how he or she is doing every day, whether or not they had any problems or had a good day.

There are a number of after-school programs offered by the Orange County School Board. Please take advantage of them and see if your child is eligible. OHA is hoping to bring some activities to our sites and will keep you informed of anything we do along those lines. After all, what can be more important than making sure we have strong and healthy children?

Welcome back to school for all our young people. The Orlando Housing Authority is committed to working with community organizations and parents to help support what our kids need. As parents, we ask that you take a few extra moments and do the same. Together, those few moments we spend can make an enormous difference to our children. OHA looks forward to working with families to make sure this is a great school year!



Board of Commissioners' Meeting

The Orlando Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will hold its regular Board Meeting Thursday, August 20, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the OHA 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 Community Affairs and Communications Department at (407) 895-3300, extension 6006.

Carver Park HOPE VI Development Program HOPE VI UPDATE

Infrastructure And Soil Remediation

Infrastructure: Infrastructure is complete. The developer is finalizing punch list items.

Off-Site Homeownership

- ◆ Since December 2008, three (3) Homeownership Program participants have purchased their first homes. These families completed OHA's 2007-2008 Homeownership Training program. Although OHA did not provide HOPE VI subsidy to the families, Homeownership staff provided extensive pre-purchase counseling and support to guide the families through the purchase process.
- ◆ ROSS Financial Literacy Series: Fifteen (15) participants completed the Spring/Summer Financial Literacy Series from March to July. The Series featured topics including; *Managing Your Money in Tough Times*, *Consumer Credit Accounts*, *Deciding Which Bills to Pay First*, *Things You Can Do When Money is Short*, *Keeping a Roof Over Your*. Another workshop series is scheduled to begin September Fall 2009.

On-Site Homeownership

- ◆ The Homeownership Program has been on hold due to the economic downturn. This phase of Carver Park will re-start as the market improves.
- ◆ Homeownership Counseling: Homeownership staff continues to provide counseling and support to Homeownership Program participants.
- ◆ CWHIP: The Community Workforce Housing Initiative Program (CWHIP) through the Florida Housing Finance Corporation is presently "on hold" due to budget issues. The CWHIP provides a construction subsidy for "workforce housing" homeownership units. Finlay Development, as OHA's development partner, applied for and received approval for twenty-one (21) units to be subsidized under the program.
- ◆ Fencing: OHA is installing fencing around the vacant homeownership lots.

The Villas at Carver Park—Public Housing for Elderly

Admissions: The Villas at Carver Park is fully occupied! All residents moved in during a two-week period in April 2009.

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

- ◆ Occupancy: The Landings at Carver Park (56 units) is 100% leased and occupied! Lane Management is the property manager.
- ◆ Construction NNC: The Neighborhood Network Center is under construction and will be completed by August 31, 2009.
- ◆ Central Maintenance Facility: Construction is underway on the facade upgrade for the Central Maintenance Facility. Construction will be completed by mid September 2009.

Grantwide Administration and Community and Supportive Services

- ◆ Quarterly Report: The Quarterly Report was submitted to HUD July 8, 2009.
- ◆ Pathways to Parramore: The Mayor's "Pathways to Parramore" initiative celebration was held Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. The celebration included a tour of the Villas at Carver Park and the model home.



Tips for Residents

Be wise—Top Tips for Conserving Energy

Saving energy and reducing cost can be painless. You can conserve energy and save money by trying the following tips.

Tips for Conserving Electricity:

- ◆ Reduce the frequency and the amount of time that the refrigerator is open
- ◆ For summer cool, keep your thermostat at the highest comfortable setting for cooling your home
- ◆ Turn your lights off when you leave a room
- ◆ Use your curtains to keep cool by closing them during the day
- ◆ Consider using a microwave for cooking instead of the oven or stove

Tips for Conserving Water:

- ◆ Turn the water off when brushing your teeth or shaving
- ◆ Fill the sink with water for rinsing when washing dishes by hand
- ◆ Scrape food off dishes into the garbage before washing them
- ◆ Take a 7-minute shower or less—this uses less hot water than a bath
- ◆ Teach your children to turn the faucets off tightly after each use

Source: ECOWISE

OHA'S HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM



Since the beginning of the Orlando Housing Authority's homeownership Program in 1999, OHA has assisted many families in purchasing their first home. In addition, hundreds of families have received homeownership counseling and information to help move them towards achieving the goal of self-sufficiency and homeownership. Iriz Diaz, Homeownership Counselor, recently received the following letter from a new homeowner...

Dear Miss Iriz Diaz:

I am pleased to communicate to you that through your careful guidelines from A-Z, I was able to obtain the low income assistance program. I was able to purchase a brand new home. My heart rejoices and I really want to reward you in return with a shout of thanks for your care and counseling in this process.

Blessings,

Emison Brewster

MURCHISON TERRACE FESTIVAL



On June 13, 2009, Murchison Terrace held a Community Festival from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The festival consisted of food, music, fun and bounce houses for the kids. It was free of charge and opened to the entire Murchison community. Some of the participants were: Mt. Olive AME Church, First Baptist Church, Neighborhood Watch and Commissioner Samuel Ings even stopped by. This festival gave residents the opportunity to fellowship and spend time with their children.



Commissioner Ings with Janet Bridges, OHA's HR Manager



Mariners Baseball Team



The Mariners Baseball Team was founded and coordinated by President Ricky D. Week. It was named after a Negro league to pay homage to African American baseball history. The team consists of children ages eleven and under. Mr. Week wanted to create a team that motivated and gave kids a positive outlook in their communities. The team consists of thirteen members. Out of the thirteen, eight are Ivey Lane residents and one is even a girl.



This team has done a phenomenal job this year in being undefeated. They played twenty games in the regular season and won all twenty. Their wins lead them to the championship. They are an extraordinary team and make their community proud.



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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 Security Screen Doors

Five (5) bids were received June 16, 2009 and a contract award notification was issued to the low bidder, RH Paradise Construction. A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued July 31, 2009.

Complex 4-6 Murchison Terrace Apartments – Supply and Install Light Fixtures

Five (5) bids were received August 4, 2009 and a contract award notification was issued to the successful bidder.

Complex 4-6 Murchison Terrace Apartments – Supply and Install Aluminum Gutters

Five (5) bids were received May 14, 2009 and a contract award notification has been issued to the low bidder, KP Construction Services. A pre-construction conference will be scheduled in September 2009.

Complex 4-6 Murchison Terrace Apartments – Interior Painting

A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued to the successful bidder, Paintsmart USA, Inc., July 30, 2009.

Complex 4-6 Murchison Terrace Apartments – PEX Re-Pipe

The Notice to Proceed was issued April 27, 2009 and the contractor completed all work June 30, 2009.

Complex 4-9 Ivey Lane Homes – Install Sewer Lines

Three (3) quotes were received August 5, 2009. A Purchase Order Contract notification has been issued to the low bidder, Camelot Development, Inc.

Complex 4-9 Ivey Lane Homes – Tub Re-finishing

A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued to the successful bidder, Spires Construction, Inc., July 31, 2009.

Complex 4-10 Lorna Doone Apartments – Individual Electric Metering

Two (2) bids were received May 4, 2009 and a contract Notification of Award has been issued to the low bidder, Air Ideal, Inc. A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to proceed was issued July 31, 2009.

Complex 4-12 Johnson Manor Apartments – Supply and Install PEX-Re-pipe and Water Heaters

Four (4) bids were received August 3, 2009 and a contract Notification of Award has been issued to the low bidder, Bryan Plumbing, Inc. A pre-

construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued August 6, 2009.

Complex 4-12A Citrus Square Apartments – Supply and Install Bathroom Exhaust Fans and Bathtub Finishing

A Notice to Proceed was issued July 8, 2009 and the work is 95% complete. The completion date is December 9, 2009.

Complex 4-12A Citrus Square Apartments – Supply and Install Aluminum Replacement Windows

A Notice to Proceed was issued February 9, 2009 and the work is 99% complete. The completion date was July 30, 2009. The completion date was exceeded due to rainy days.

Complex 4-13 Omega Apartments – Supply and Install Laminate Flooring

Three (3) bids were received May 21, 2009 and a contract Notification of Award has been issued to the low bidder, Spires Construction, Inc. A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued July 31, 2009.

Complex 4-13 Omega Apartments – Supply and Install Aluminum Replacement Windows

A Notice to Proceed was issued March 2, 2009 and the work is 95% complete. The completion date is August 17, 2009.

Complex 4-13 Omega Apartments – Supply and Install Interior PEX Re-Pipe

Four (4) bids were received August 3, 2009 and a contract Notification of Award has been issued to the low bidder, Bryan Plumbing, Inc. A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued August 6, 2009.

Complex 4-13 Omega Apartments – Supply and Install Water Closets (Toilet Bowls)

A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued July 31, 2009.

Complex 4-14 Marden Meadows Apartments – Supply and Install Aluminum Replacement Windows

A Notice to Proceed was issued June 4, 2009. The contract is 100% complete.

Complex 4-14 Marden Meadows Apartments – Supply and Install Water Closets (Toilet Bowls)

A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued July 30, 2009.